

# RightTrackFlorida

Weekly Newsletter Update – April 16, 2009

**SPECIAL EDITION!**

## *Things Are Moving Fast*

We're now on the "home stretch" of the Legislative Session in Tallahassee. To keep you properly informed; on a regular basis, the [Central Florida Partnership](#) will be providing this Weekly Electronic Newsletter on *SunRail*.

We invite you to "bookmark" the web site for Right Track Florida at [www.RightTrackFlorida.org](http://www.RightTrackFlorida.org) and "check back" frequently for "daily postings" and "breaking news" between now and the end of the Legislative Session.

## *It's "Do or Die" for SunRail*

As you know, yesterday morning, after a series of proposed amendments combined with cantankerous debate, the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Committee "Temporarily Passed" *SunRail* (SB 1212). So, *SunRail* "will live to fight another day."

It's "Do or Die" for *SunRail* at the next meeting of the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Committee has been scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2009, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in Room 309 of The Capitol, in Tallahassee.

**"Committee Meeting"**  
**Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations**  
**(TED)**  
**Monday, April 20, 2009**  
**1:30 to 3:30 p.m.,**  
**Room 309, The Capitol**  
**Tallahassee, FL**

Between now and then, I urge you to pick up the phone and call or email each of the members of the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Committee and ask for their support of *SunRail* (SB 1212). All Legislative Offices "count their calls" and, too, "count their emails." So, right now, please call each Senator on the Committee; please call their District Office; and please call their Capitol Office. Plus, a short email from you would go a long way if it were to be received by these Florida Senators.

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You may also go to [www.RightTrackFlorida.org](http://www.RightTrackFlorida.org) to send your personal email message to all members of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Governor and Cabinet. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request. We can't get this done without your active support.

*Here's Something New to Help*

To make it easy on you, I've attached a flyer that you can print on your computer so you can distribute to your neighbors, friends, colleagues, family and associates; encouraging them to get involved. By supporting *SunRail*; we're working for a better future for everyone. Take a look; please let me know what you think regarding this "new tool" designed to help you "spread the word."

[Click here](#) to download the flyer.

*Here Are Some Ideas About What to Say*

"*SunRail* will provide jobs, jobs and more jobs."

"*SunRail* will provide exciting new business opportunities for thousands of hard-working families."

"More than 13,000 jobs will be created, generating hundreds and hundreds of millions in household earnings."

"We cannot let this opportunity pass us by. We must prepare for public transit options today to keep up with the demands of tomorrow."

"Please support *SunRail* (SB 1212); so we can put our citizens to work!"

### ***Get the Word Out About SunRail***

Everything you need to help "get the word out" is at [www.RightTrackFlorida.org](http://www.RightTrackFlorida.org). Sample Resolutions of Support, important "Talking Points," recent News Articles, significant Letters of Support to Legislators, and most importantly, a place where you can reach out to the Governor, Cabinet, Members of the Florida House of Representatives and Members of the Florida Senate. With just "one click," you can let them know your feelings about ***SunRail***.

### ***Don't Forget!***

Please go to our comprehensive web site, [www.RightTrackFlorida.org](http://www.RightTrackFlorida.org) to find recent reports, talking points, and articles of interest. In addition, please utilize the "Email Your Elected Officials" page to let Governor Crist, Florida's Cabinet Members, and the Legislature that you support commuter rail!

### ***So You Will Know***

As our Governor and Legislative Leaders continue their work in Tallahassee, I will continue to represent the ***Central Florida Partnership*** "on the ground;" advancing ***SunRail*** and other key issues that will positively impact the Central Florida Region.

### ***Need More Information?***

Please let us know please if there is any information we may provide to you and your organization as we work enthusiastically toward successfully advancing ***SunRail***.