

# Orlando Regional Realtor Association

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**From:** Frankie Elliott

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**Subject:** Great American Realtor Days and the upcoming vote on Commuter Rail

If you are receiving this email it is for one of two reasons: your association falls within the SunRail line or your area has a State Senator that has indicated they do not support Sun Rail. For those of you who are unaware of what SunRail is, it is the first leg of a commuter/light rail system in Central Florida that will eventually have connectivity to Tampa, Jacksonville and Miami.

## Background:

We are mere days away from a potential final vote in the state legislature which will decide the future of SunRail and whether or not Central Florida will build its first commuter rail line. While a majority of our Central Florida legislators stand “on the record” in support of SunRail, the project still needs the backing of State Senators and Representatives **from around Florida** in order to ensure that the bill (SB1212) which will allow SunRail to happen, passes. Make no mistake about it – SunRail isn’t just critical for Central Florida. SunRail is critical to the future of our entire state:

- SunRail is the first-step in a future statewide rail network that that will one day connect communities across the state.
- SunRail will make it easier for Tampa, Jacksonville, south Florida and other parts of the state to create or expand their rail lines.
- During this time of economic crisis, a large-scale transportation infrastructure projects like SunRail will leverage federal money to jump-start our ailing state economy.
- SunRail will create verifiable statewide economic impact and job creation to the tune of 260-thousand jobs and nearly 9 billion dollars in economic benefit.
- At a time when Florida is hemorrhaging construction jobs, SunRail puts people to work almost immediately, within four months of passage.

Right now, we are focused on ensuring the “yes” votes from a majority of State Senators. We need your help. We need you to write your State Senator and tell them a vote for SunRail is a vote for Florida’s future. We need your help to carry the important messages above to your colleagues and friends both inside and outside Central Florida – and encourage them to write or call their State Senators as well. We would also like for you to join us at the next Committee meeting on SunRail which is currently scheduled during Great American Realtor Days -

Senate Transportation/Economic Development meeting on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. The meeting will be held in C309.

Thanks for your support!

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