



Financial Project ID No.: 412994-2-22-01

Project Overview

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is proposing to introduce commuter rail service to the Orlando Metropolitan Region. The Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit (CFCRT) North/South Corridor project is being proposed as an alternative mode of travel to improve mobility for commuters along I-4 and other major roadways throughout the region.

The Central Florida Commuter Rail is proposed to travel along the existing CSX Transportation line for 61 miles through Volusia, Seminole, Orange and Osceola Counties. FDOT is conducting engineering and environmental analyses to best understand the benefits and impacts of the proposed project, which are summarized in an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Project Description

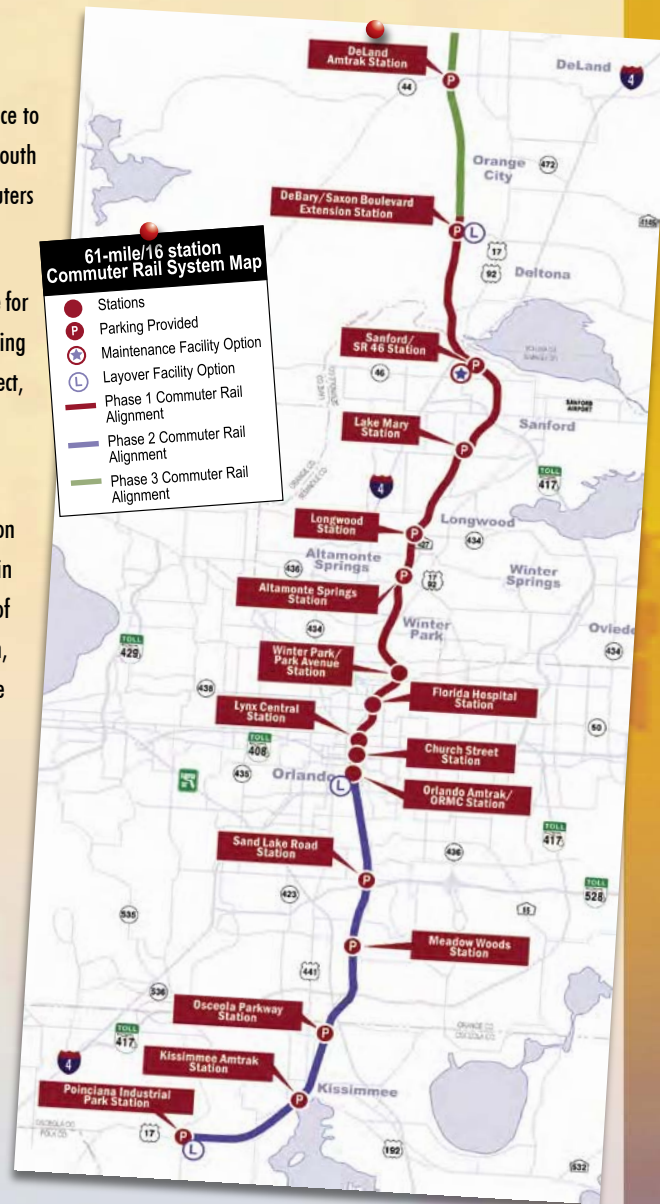
The project study limits extend from north to south, along the existing CSX Transportation Line beginning at the DeLand Amtrak Station in Volusia County to Poinciana Industrial Park in Osceola County. The total project length is approximately 61 miles. The proposed project consists of the addition of a second railroad track through specific areas, an improved signalization system, commuter rail stations, at-grade crossing improvements, and vehicle and maintenance storage facilities.

Project Need

As the Orlando Metropolitan Region continues to experience substantial population and employment growth, we continue to experience increases in congestion and decreases in mobility along our existing transportation network.

The purpose of the project is to:

- Meet identified transportation demand
- Expand access and mobility choices
- Support environmentally sound land use and economic development
- Provide an alternative to highway travel on I-4
- Provide mobility options in an efficient and effective manner





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Public Hearing Notification

December 20, 2006

Subject: Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit (CFCRT) North/South Corridor Project
From DeLand Amtrak Station to Poinciana Industrial Park
Financial Project ID: 412994-2-22-01
Volusia, Seminole, Orange and Osceola Counties, Florida

Dear Property Owner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) invites you to participate in the upcoming public hearing for the proposed Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit (CFCRT) North/South Corridor Project.

January 16, 2007 6:00 PM	January 18, 2007 6:00 PM
Volusia County City of DeBary Florence K. Little Town Hall 12 Colomba Road DeBary, FL 32713	Orange County Sheraton Orlando – Downtown Hotel 60 South Ivanhoe Boulevard Orlando, FL 32804
Seminole County Eastmonte Civic Center 830 Magnolia Drive Altamonte Springs, FL 32701	Osceola County Kissimmee Civic Center Magnolia Room 201 E. Dakin Avenue Kissimmee, FL 34741

Informal project information will be displayed from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, followed by the formal portion which will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The formal portion of the public hearing will consist of a project presentation followed by an opportunity for citizens to make formal statements.

The FDOT is required by Section 339.155(6), Florida Statutes, to give notice to those whose property lies, in whole or in part, within 300 feet on either side of the centerline of any alternative for the proposed improvement (even though they may not be directly affected).

Ms. Marianne Gurnee, Public Liaison, may be contacted by anyone needing project or public hearing information or requesting special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Ms. Gurnee can be reached by telephone at (407) 492-0836 or by email at mgurnee@cfl.rr.com. Special accommodation requests under the American with Disabilities Act should be made at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

Sincerely,
Florida Department of Transportation – District 5

Tawny Olore

Tawny Olore, P.E.
Rail Transit Project Manager

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This public hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 770, 23 CFR 771, Section 339.1555, Florida Statutes, and Executive Orders 11988, 11990, and 12898. The project is being developed to comply with Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, or family status.

Public Inspection Site Addresses

FDOT, District 5

719 South Woodland Blvd
DeLand, FL 32720

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

FDOT, Orlando Urban Office

133 South Semoran Blvd
Orlando, FL 32807

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Wayne Matthews Branch Library (Volusia Co.)

200 North Charles R. Beall Blvd
DeBary, FL 32713

Hours: Monday and Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Central Branch Library (Seminole Co.)

215 North Oxford Rd
Casselberry, FL 32707

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00pm
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Orlando Public Library (Orange Co.)

101 East Central Blvd
Orlando, FL 32801

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00pm
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Hart Memorial Central Library (Osceola Co.)

21 East Dakin Ave
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00pm
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Public Inspection Sites

A hearing is being conducted to afford persons the opportunity of expressing their view concerning the location, conceptual design and social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project.

Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information will be available for public inspection from December 22, 2006 to January 29, 2007 at the following locations and at the public hearing.

How to Submit Comments

Members of our staff will also be available to assist you. Persons who wish to submit written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to oral statements may do so at the hearing or by sending them to the address provided below **no later than January 29, 2007**. All exhibits received by the Department prior to January 29, 2007 will become part of the public hearing record.

Sandra Gutierrez

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Title VI and Title VIII Compliance

This hearing is being held to afford all citizens the right to understand the project and to comment on concerns to the Department. The hearing is being held to comply with Title VI and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. Public participation is encouraged and solicited without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status.

Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program

The Florida Department of Transportation will carry out a Right-of-Way and Relocation Program in accordance with Section 339.09, Florida Statutes and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646 as amended by Public Law 100-17).

Brochures, describing in detail the Department's Relocation Assistance Program and Right-of-Way Acquisition Program, will be made available at the hearing and representatives from the Right-of-Way Office will be there to assist you with any questions you may have.

Public Involvement

FDOT remains committed to working with all project stakeholders and the general public on the CFCRT project. Representatives of the Study Team have made several presentations to local elected officials, municipalities, business groups, and other interested parties. The Study Team is available to meet and provide additional information on the proposed CFCRT project. Public input, along with technical evaluations, will provide the basis for final recommendations.



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Change Service Requested



Project Status

The PD&E Study was initiated in November 2004 and is expected to be completed by early 2007. Pending federal approval, Preliminary Engineering and Final Design is expected to begin early 2007 and take approximately 15 months to complete. Right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to commence in early 2007 followed by Construction in 2008. Phase I of the CFCRT project is expected to be operational by late 2009.

Project Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like to provide comments concerning this project, please contact Marianne Gurnee, Public Liaison, by phone at (407) 492-0836 or by email at:

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For additional project information, please visit us online at:

www.CFRail.com

What's Next?

