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## **FDOT Secretary Prasad: SunRail Moves Forward**

*Will hold local governments and private sector to their commitments*

**Tallahassee** – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Ananth Prasad announced today that Governor Rick Scott has authorized the Department on behalf of the State of Florida to sign the pending Full Funding Grant Agreement for the SunRail project in Central Florida.

On Tuesday, Secretary Prasad spent the day meeting with citizens across Central Florida and the SunRail funding partners to discuss the framework of the SunRail project.

**“The local officials told me they strongly support SunRail and will work with the State and businesses to ensure its success. Furthermore, they clearly understand that the local governments will cover cost overruns,”** said Secretary Prasad. **“Be assured, I will hold the local officials and the private businesses to their commitments to make SunRail succeed.”**

SunRail is a commuter rail transit project that will run along a 61-mile stretch of existing rail freight tracks in Central Florida. The major funding partners for the project are FDOT, the Federal Transit Administration, Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Osceola counties and the city of Orlando.

The 31-mile first phase of SunRail will serve 12 stations, linking DeBary to Orlando. Phase II will serve 5 additional stations, north to DeLand and south to Poinciana. Service is expected to begin service in late 2013- early 2014.

For all the SunRail materials, please visit our website at [www.dot.state.fl.us](http://www.dot.state.fl.us) and click “Secretary Prasad announces SunRail decision.”

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