

Ax the Commuter Rail Tax

The Facts are in – Commuter Rail

IS a Taxpayer Boondoggle...

- **8 trains an hour** (Abstract page 1) every 7.5 minutes – 56 trips per day (ES page 4)
- **No purchase from CSX** – rental – CSX gets the tracks from 11 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
- **Two new tracks to be built** – 42 miles of NEW double tracks (ES page 4) – 130 acres of private property (98 parcels) seized in Winter Park/Maitland/Orlando.
- **Cost** – over \$1.1 billion and climbing (ES page 1)
- **Growth** – each station to have an additional 10,000 NEW housing units (Charlotte Plan)
- **Noise pollution** – 54 locations exceed “severe impact” “Most are residential locations” Winter Park/Maitland. 96 decibel horn blasts every 7.5 minutes. (ES page 5)
- **Private property seizures up** – over \$672,000 in loss of taxable value (residential mostly) (ES page 6)
- **Air pollution up** – “additional amounts of total annual emissions of Nitrogen Oxides and particulate matter.” (ES page 8).
- **Contamination up** – 11 station locations have a “Medium or High Contamination Risk Potential Rating (CRPR)” (ES page 11)
- **Water pollution up** – “The most significant water quality issues and regulation for the proposed project involve point source pollution.” (ES page 11).
- **Ridership down** – 2025 projection – 13,760 “boardings” = 6,880 actual riders – roundtrip. Compare that figure with 135,000 DAILY commutes on I-4.
- **Operating & Maintenance cost up** - \$180.84 million PER YEAR DEFICIT for rail and Lynx – not covered by Federal dollars – local tax increase for Orange County, Winter Park, Maitland and Orlando.

Why haven't the elected officials of Orange County; Winter Park; Maitland and Orlando been given a copy of the Environmental Assessment Study?

Why hasn't the Orlando Sentinel printed anything contained in the report?

Why haven't the taxpayers been told the truth?

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