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St. Aug Passenger Rail Station Coming

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I've been out of the country for the last week and half so apologies if this isn't news to you.

The push to bring passenger rail access from Jacksonville to Miami got a little further after the St. Augustine City Commission late last month selected the site for a proposed Amtrak station, according to the St. Augustine Record. The full story is available [here](#).

Using the former Florida East Coast Railway station between U.S. 1 and San Marco Avenue will help save on construction costs. The 351-mile railway line built by 19th-century tycoon Henry Flagler ended passenger service in the mid-1960s.

For the project to go forward, Melbourne, Titusville, Daytona Beach, Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Cocoa and Stuart need to designate their passenger stations.

For an outlook on how the state plans to secure the needed \$268 million for rail upgrades, click [here](#).

GRAND PASSENGER RAIL PLANS

Florida is asking for about \$268 million to allow Amtrak passenger trains to travel up to 80 mph on the Florida East Coast Railway track. It is also asking for about \$2.6 billion to build a high-speed railway along Interstate 4 between Orlando and Tampa. Florida is also requesting \$30 million to complete advance planning for a proposed high-speed railway between Orlando and Miami.



SOURCE: Florida Department of Transportation

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