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Amtrak Considers Adding Stops Along Space Coast

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BREVARD COUNTY, Fla. -- Amtrak is looking at the possibility of adding stops in Central Florida to an existing line that runs from Miami to Jacksonville.

Stops in Central Florida would include: Melbourne, Cocoa, Titusville, and Daytona Beach.

Leaders want to use federal stimulus money for the project. They say the new stops will create jobs.

"Opportunity for a couple thousand, I think, long term jobs, and people employed both at the stations and in communities," said Democratic Congresswoman Suzanne Kosmas.

But significant obstacles remain. The plan would require the support of local governments already strapped for cash, and a deal between the Florida East Coast railway who owns the tracks and Amtrak which would provide the trains, and then there's this.

The new stops come as Central Florida will soon its own high speed rail lines. Once finished, SunRails commuter lines will link DeLand to Poinciana and its high-speed rail lines will link Orlando to Tampa.

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