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Jax-Miami Passenger Rail On Track

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The push to bring back passenger service from Jacksonville to Miami via the Florida East Coast Railway line is gaining steam.

The requested \$268 million to allow 90 mph Amtrak passengers on the line didn't get federal stimulus funding, but a lot of political hee-hawing could translate into funding through U.S. rail investment and improvement grants or another source entirely.

Gov. Charlie Crist took the line for a test run earlier this month. His display of interest no doubt coincides with the Obama Administration's heralding of high-speed rail. Click [here](#) for more on Crist's rail trip.

Now it appears St. Augustine has a proposed station location. The 2,500-square-foot facility at Carrera Street at U.S. 1 would be designed to fit comfortably with the area's historic charm. [MetroJacksonville](#) has more and sketches of the proposed station.

Click [here](#) for my past story on what the passenger railroad would be mean for Florida's economy.

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