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## **SunRail to End Service Earlier than Normal Friday**

**Orlando** –Due to Hurricane Irma, the Florida Department of Transportation is ending SunRail commuter rail service at an earlier time than normal Friday night, September 8. The last trains of the night will be the 6 p.m. southbound train from DeBary (Train 333) and the 7:30 p.m. northbound train from Sand Lake Road (Train 334). This means there will be no 8 p.m. southbound and no 9:15 p.m. northbound trains running.

This is being done to allow staff time to prepare the corridor and render it safe prior to the impending storm.

Hurricane Irma preparations include:

- Securing railroad gates at more than 130 railroad crossings on the 61.5 mile corridor, including removal of longer railroad gates
- Inspecting and storing the SunRail train fleet
- Securing railroad equipment throughout the corridor.

After the storm, and when conditions stabilize, a complete inspection of the 61.5 mile corridor is necessary to assess the storm's impact and to prepare the corridor to reinstate rail service for SunRail, as well as freight and Amtrak operations. It is unclear, at this time, when SunRail will resume normal operations.

Please remember that even though railroad crossings will be taken out of service, drivers should still exercise caution. After the storm, and before gates are re-installed, there could be special vehicles and slow moving trains on the rail. Please be careful around trains, railroad crossings, and while at station platforms. Be smart. Be safe.

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