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SUNRAIL'S SUMMER GROWTH SPURT



Pictured are SunRail CEO, Nicola Liquori and DeBary Mayor, Bob Garcia

Volusia County residents received a mid-summer gift in the form of 211 new parking spaces at SunRail's DeBary station, normally the train system's busiest station. By opening up the additional parking area, SunRail riders and park & riders are now able to choose from almost 500 spaces, making this parking lot the largest of SunRail's Phase 1 stations.

On Tuesday, July 11, City of DeBary Mayor, Bob Garcia welcomed FDOT Director of Operations, Alan Hyman and SunRail CEO, Nicola Liquori to the official ribbon cutting. Public comments and conversations between the more than 50 attendees centered around opportunities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and growth in the immediate surrounding area.

"The usage at the DeBary station has been surpassing original phase 1 expectations for the entire three years of SunRail operations. Almost immediately after launch, we noted that this parking lot was going to need to be expanded," said Steve Olson, Communications Manager for the East-Central Florida Region / District 5 of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). "We are excited to see what TOD develops here to draw more people into DeBary on SunRail."

Just south in Seminole County, the City of Lake Mary has added way-finding signage to help passengers from SunRail more easily navigate to the city's downtown shops and restaurants.

"As SunRail runs through our growing downtown, we felt it was crucial to aid the train travelers in finding their way once disembarked," said Bryan Nipe, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Lake Mary. "When SunRail riders leave the platform, they are met with one of the large map kiosks, which outlines the entire downtown and its shopping district."

The directional signs have been very positively received, according to Nipe. Way-finding signs guide riders along the entire short walk into downtown.



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