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More SunRail Testing on the Corridor

Saturday and Sunday as part of Positive Train Control (PTC) Data Gathering

Seminole County – This upcoming weekend, SunRail is conducting further testing related to the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC). Drivers and passersby can expect to see SunRail train activity on the railroad tracks between Sanford and the northern end of Winter Park. The trains will be operating on either track over a 17-mile section. The testing is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7. The testing time is anticipated to occur from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

The testing includes uphill and downhill brake tests at defined speeds and grades to verify braking performance. The PTC test train is a different configuration from what the public usually sees in the corridor (see attached). The test train consists of two locomotives, four coaches, and one cab car to simulate a fully-weighted SunRail train.

The data obtained will be programmed into the PTC system, which will be implemented on a 13-mile section by the end of this year. Full implementation on the entire 61.5-mile Central Florida Rail Corridor is expected by the later part of 2019. PTC computer technology prevents trains from going too fast and prevents collisions between trains that are on the same track. SunRail just received a nearly \$15 million grant for PTC implementation.

Please be careful around trains, railroad crossings, and while at station platforms. Be smart. Be safe. For more information about SunRail, including fares, schedule and station locations, please visit www.sunrail.com.