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## **SunRail Service Suspension Next Week**

Orlando, Fla –Due to Hurricane Dorian, the Florida Department of Transportation is suspending SunRail service all next week.

As matters stand currently, SunRail is closed Monday, Sept. 2 for the Labor Day holiday. This Saturday, crews will begin work to prepare the corridor and render it safe prior to the impending storm. Hurricane Dorian preparations include:

- Securing railroad gates at 127 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. Restoration of service includes reinstalling gates, safety inspections and removal of any obstructions on the railroad tracks.

## As a result, SunRail service is suspended Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 3-6, 2019.

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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