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[Why Haven CSX project may wait](#)

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Winter Haven Mayor Jeff Potter is fretting over another [delay](#) in the city's hoped-for economic stimulus via the construction of the first phase of a giant industrial warehouse complex on the city's south side along the State Road 60 corridor on the outskirts of Alturas.

The problem this time is Gov. Rick Scott's decision to delay deciding whether to allow the SunRail commuter rail project in the Orlando area, which includes \$23 million for the Winter Haven CSX facility, to go ahead.

Potter's concerns are not misplaced, according to an article in the [St. Petersburg Times](#) detailing the influence of conservative think tanks on Scott's thinking on public policy issues.

One of them, the [Cato Institute](#), last year issued a paper critical of commuter rail projects, arguing they're too expensive to operate and the economic development impacts are overstated.