

New apartments to rise near Meadow Woods SunRail station

An apartment project is in the works near one of Orlando's SunRail stations, which continue to attract new development throughout Central Florida and are a boon for riders on the commuter rail.

Altamonte Springs-based LeCesse
Development Corp. wants to build 280
apartments at South Orange Avenue and
West Wetherbee Road on 14.5 acres,
according to Orange County records.
West Pine LLC is the property owner,
and Orlando-based applicant Florida
Engineering Group Inc. is the project
applicant.



Construction may begin in 2022. "We are motivated to bring a high-quality, transit-oriented housing option to an undersupplied submarket in alignment with our strategy to explore more opportunities throughout Central Florida," LeCesse Development Manager Matt Gourlay told OBJ.

The project may cost \$53.2 million to build, based on industry standards. New apartment construction is important as it creates jobs and opportunities for subcontractors and vendors, as well as offering new homes to Orlando's fast-growing population.

Meanwhile, Miami-based intercity rail company Brightline is studying the potential to share an airport corridor with SunRail to Meadow Woods, making nearby development even more attractive. That said, nothing has been finalized.

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