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Scott erred on train

Why would Gov. Rick Scott just say no to \$2 billion in federal funding for a bullet train already approved by that the GOP-led Legislature -- a project that would create thousands of jobs for Florida?

Many people are asking that question after the governor canceled plans for a high-speed train line between Tampa and Orlando, which eventually would extend to Miami's inter-modal center near the airport. Many of those caught by surprise, in fact, are from the governor's own party.

It was imprudent for the governor to unilaterally turn down an initial \$300 million in federal stimulus dollars already appropriated by the Legislature -- in fact, he has no constitutional authority to do so.

This is a case of the governor putting his ideology before common sense -- even if it means turning down 14,000 jobs and eventually as many as 25,000 by the time the Miami leg would be completed.

Sen. Bill Nelson and others in Congress will try to save the train for Florida -- even without the governor's nod.

How unfortunate that one man's political tunnel vision has sought to bury a project that just a few months ago won bipartisan support and would get Floridians to work.

-- *The Miami Herald*