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Orlando, FL ([PRWEB](#)) August 9, 2004 -- With today's official opening of the Orange County Regional History Center's newest exhibit, Are We There Yet? The History of Transportation in Florida, 32 major transportation-related businesses and professional organizations showed their support in a very tangible fashion through substantial donations that made the exhibit possible. This exhibit marks the first time the History Center has partnered with more than four corporate entities at the same time.

The exhibit cost the History Center over \$100,000 to design and produce, states Eric Gray, Director of Development for the History Center. In addition to the \$34,850 we received from the State of Florida's history exhibit grant program, we raised a significant portion from corporate contributors. Mears Transportation Group, Hubbard Construction, PBS&J, HNTB and Glatting- Jackson- Kercher- Anglin- Lopez-Rinehart, Inc. are but a few names included in an impressive list of participating corporations, many of which are highly ranked in the Orlando Business Journal's Book of Lists.

This chronological exhibit contains unique artifacts and interactive programs showing how the advancements of travel via land, sea, and air allowed Florida to evolve from isolated villages to booming metropolises in mere decades. We're excited to have this opportunity to participate in a public program of this nature, declares Jean-Marc Allard, Chairman at Hubbard Construction Company. It isn't often that someone addresses the transportation issue in a positive and creative manner. Are We There Yet? does just that.

Executive director Sara Van Arsdel notes, We as a community need to recognize transportation's impact on Central Florida by defining its past and present conditions while planning for the growing transportation needs of tourists and residents alike. I believe our exhibit thoroughly explores these aspects of our transportation concerns today.

With regular museum admission, visitors at the History Center can enjoy this exhibit during its run now through October 17. In addition to the exhibit itself, the History Center will also host a series of public programs to address the local issues of transportation. Evening events are held as part of the Downtown Orlando Third Thursday series and include presentations on August 19, September 16 and October 21. Every event features dynamic industry experts who will discuss the future of transportation and its effect on the community.

Housed in the restored 1927 Orange County Courthouse, the Orange County Regional History Center combines the charm of Florida's rich history with the grandeur of the changing metropolis in downtown Orlando. Voted Best Museum three years in a row, the History Center has become one of Central Florida's premier cultural attractions with interactive children's programs, evening receptions and events for the entire family.

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