

An Introduction to **Transit Operations Planning**

MARCH 30 - APRIL 2, 2009
Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)
University of South Florida (USF)
Tampa, Florida



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Presented by the Institute for Transit Operations Planning

In partnership with the
Florida Department of Transportation

Introduction to Transit Operations Planning

Dates: MARCH 30 – APRIL 2, 2009

Location: Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at USF, Tampa, Florida

Instructors from the Institute for Transit Operations Planning, in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, will conduct a 3.5-day training seminar entitled “An Introduction to Transit Operations Planning.” The seminar will run from March 30 - April 2, 2009 at the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) located at the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa.

This course will cover the following topics:

1. Service Area and Route Characteristics
2. Measures and Standards
3. Data Collection
4. Service Analysis
5. Service Improvement Concepts
6. Headway Development and Blocking
7. Scheduling
8. Run Cutting and Rostering
9. Cost Estimation
10. Demand and Revenue Estimation
11. Service Change Implementation
12. Transit Level of Service

Purpose of the Course

This course is a solid introduction and refresher to Transit Operations Planning. It is designed as an introductory or refresher course for professionals in planning, marketing, scheduling and operations. It is taught by “hands-on” instructors with over 60 years of combined transit experience. It has attracted in attendance more than 3,000 transit professionals from over 200 transit systems, MPOs, federal agencies, state DOTs, and local governments.

Transit operations planning is broadly defined as a collection of activities which together assure that transit services are cost-effectively provided to meet the short-term mobility needs of a community. The specific objectives of this course are as follows:

- To introduce a service planning and evaluation framework; and,
- To teach the concepts and analytical techniques needs for service planning.

The course was developed with guidance from an Advisory Panel of experts. Its members represent transit operators, planning agencies and professional organizations. The course was formerly sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration.

General Information

Dates: March 30 – April 2, 2009

Course Times: March 30 - April 1, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.;
April 2, 8:30 a.m. until noon

Course Location: Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)
University of South Florida (USF)
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Program Information: The attendees must be affiliated with a Florida public agency because FDOT is sponsoring the training session. Anyone else who is interested in attending but is *not* associated with a Florida agency can ask to be wait-listed. If all of the available spots are not filled one week prior to the course, we will check with FDOT to see if they will give permission for you to attend.

Costs: There is no course fee; the course is paid for by FDOT through CUTR. Attendees are responsible for all other expenses (travel to/from USF, lodging, all meals [including lunches], etc.).

How to Register: If you are interested in registering for this course, please contact Lisa Ravenscroft at lravensc@cutr.usf.edu or 813-974-6423.

Deadline: Registration deadline is March 23, 2009 (Note the hotel deadline is February 27). Class is limited to 20 people and is expected to be filled; register early if you wish to attend.

There will be no registration at the door.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved for \$129 (plus tax) per night at the Embassy Suites Hotel located on the USF campus near CUTR. Individual reservations must be received by the Embassy Suites no later than February 27, 2009.

Embassy Suites Hotel Tampa-USF
3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612
813-977-7066 or 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)

Group Name: "UCE"

Rate: \$129 plus tax

Last date to reserve a room at the group rate: February 27, 2009

Note: Please advise us at registration if you require special accommodations. Requests will be kept confidential. We reserve the right to cancel the workshop due to insufficient enrollment. Before making nonrefundable airline ticket purchases, please contact our office.

Contact Information:

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