

Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)

CUTR Boardroom and via Teams

November 18, 2025 – 1:00 – 3:00PM

§334.065, Florida Statutes – Center for Urban Transportation Research

- 1) *There is established at the University of South Florida the Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research. The responsibilities of the center include, but are not limited to, conducting and facilitating research on issues related to urban transportation problems in this state and serving as an information exchange and depository for the most current information pertaining to urban transportation and related issues.*
- 2) *The center shall be a continuing resource for the Legislature, the Department of Transportation, local governments, the nation's metropolitan regions, and the private sector in the area of urban transportation research.*
- 3) *An advisory board shall be created to periodically review and advise the center concerning its research program.*

Board Members:

- Ron Howse, CUTR Advisory Board Chair and Chairman, Florida Transportation Commission
- Thornton J. Williams, CUTR Advisory Board Vice Chair and Managing Partner, Williams Law Group, P.A.
- Kimberlee DeBosier, Vice President, Transportation Division, WGI, Inc.
- J. Alex Kelly, Secretary, Florida Department of Commerce / Scott Rogers
- Ram Kancharla, Vice President Planning and Development, Port Tampa Bay
- Ysela Llort, Principal, Renaissance Planning Group, Inc.
- LK Nandam, Senior Vice President, GFT (Senate President Appointee)
- Jared Perdue, P.E., Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation / Justin Hall, Secretary, FDOT District 7

Ex Officio Members:

- Lisa Bacot, Executive Director, Florida Public Transportation Association
- Ralph Yoder, Executive Director, FTC

CUTR Leadership:

- Fred Mannering, Ph.D., CUTR Executive Director
- Lisa Staes, CUTR Associate Director
- CUTR Program Directors

Agenda:

Welcome and Roll Call/Introductions

(5 minutes)

- Chair, Ron Howse
- Advisory Board Members
- Participants

Topic #1: Approval of Minutes CUTR (Appendix A)

(5 minutes)

- Ron Howse
- Advisory Board Members

Topic #2: Dean Welcome and Introductory Remarks

(10 minutes)

Topic #3: FDOT Update

(10 minutes)

- Justin Hall, Secretary, FDOT District 7

Topic #4: CUTR Advisory Board Updates/Business

(10 minutes)

- Members

Topic #5: CUTR Updates

- Executive Director
- CUTR Budget Brief
- Florida Legislative Changes
- Florida's Transportation Hall of Fame/CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards Event Recap
- Florida's Transportation Hall of Fame Selection Committee (2026)

(15 minutes)

- Fred Mannering, Executive Director
- Lisa Staes, CUTR Associate Director

Topic #6: CUTR Internal Grant Award / Other Project Presentations

- Microtransit in Florida: Strategic Considerations and Research Needs
- Optimizing Access to Interoperability Resources in Mobility through Context-Aware Large Language Models (LLMs)
- FDOT Florida Substance Abuse Management Oversight and Technical Assistance Program

(50 minutes)

- Vicky Perk, Ph.D.
- Jennifer Flynn, Sr. Research Associate
- Vishal Kummetha, Ph.D.

- Diana Byrnes, C-SAPA

Meeting Adjourn (Approximately 3:00PM)