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CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
June 21, 1999
CUTR Board Room, University of South Florida

MINUTES

The year-end meeting of the CUTR Advisory Board was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Advisory Board Chairman Jack Wilson. In attendance were the following:

Advisory Board Members

Jack Wilson, The Wilson Company
Danny Alvarez, Miami-Dade Transit Agency (via conference call)
Dale Eacker, Florida Dept. of Community Affairs (for Secy. Seibert)
Art Kennedy, Floridians for Better Transportation
Ysela Llorca, Florida Dept. of Transportation (for Secy. Barry)
Dr. Thomas Tighe, University of South Florida
Steve McGucken, URS Greiner Woodward Kline (for Wallace Hawkes)

Others

Gary Brosch, CUTR
Patricia Henderson, CUTR
Ed Mierzejewski, CUTR
Joel Volinski, CUTR

Guests

Senator Jim Sebesta

Attendees were provided with copies of the meeting agenda, minutes from the December 9, 1998, meeting, and assorted other materials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 9, 1998, meeting were approved.

99/00 FUNDING UPDATE: Mr. Brosch provided information on CUTR's current funding situation. For seven years, CUTR was funded from the State Transportation Trust Fund at \$1.5 million per year. Last year, funding came from non-recurring General Revenues at \$1.4 million. To address CUTR's funding for FY 99/00, Mr. Brosch and Mr. Wilson met last year with USF President Castor and Florida Board of Regents Chancellor Herbert, who agreed that CUTR's primary strategy for funding in FY 99/00 should be to pursue funding from Education sources, with Transportation sources as a backup. At the last meeting of the CUTR Advisory Board, USF Government Relations liaison Jeff Muir affirmed this stance.

In the 1999 Legislative session, CUTR was included in both the Education and Transportation bills, but at the last minute was dropped from the Transportation bill. USF's Education funding, requested at \$30 million, was funded at \$28 million, which included CUTR at \$1.5 million. However, because of other situations affecting

Education allocations at all universities in Florida (later explained by USF Provost Tighe), it was determined by USF and the USF Provost's Office that CUTR would be funded at only \$600,00 for FY 99/00.

Dr. Tighe discussed in detail USF's current funding situation, explaining that, among other things, the requested tuition increase of 10% was cut to 5% and that methods for counting enrollment had been changed. This resulted in a \$6-7 million loss to USF and, therefore, reductions in a number of budgets, including CUTR's. USF has applied for a portion of a \$7.5 million set-aside by the Legislature to be allocated among all 10 State universities upon decision by the Chancellor and the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission, which could potentially result in an increased allocation to CUTR, but there are no guarantees of how much USF might get. Dr. Tighe stated that, even with this potential additional funding, the highest amount USF could offer CUTR is \$800,000 in recurring Education & General (E&G) funds, with the assurance from CUTR that it would not seek additional E&G funding, but would seek it from other sources.

Ms. Llort stated that, because FDOT is partnering with CUTR to match the \$750,000 annual Federal funding CUTR will receive for the National Center for Transit Research, it should not be considered as one of those other sources of funding.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that CUTR agree to accept \$800,000 from USF in recurring E&G funding and that the Board will seek an additional \$700,000 (to restore CUTR's funding to the original \$1.5 million) from non-general revenue sources. Senator Sebesta agreed to help CUTR seek this additional funding.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that Mr. Wilson write a letter to USF President Castor thanking Provost Tighe for his help with CUTR's funding problems.

FY 99/00 WORK PROGRAM: It was moved, seconded, and passed that CUTR's proposed FY 99/00 Work Program of \$1,029,000 (attached) be adopted, with \$800,000 coming from recurring E&G funding and the remainder from CUTR non-recurring funds (cash balances).

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: After a brief presentation by Senator Sebesta on his I-4 proposal, several CUTR faculty and students provided brief presentations on current CUTR projects, as follows:

- Martin Catalá - Mobility Problems of Welfare Recipients
- Brenda Thompson - VOTRAN Bus Stop Inventory
- Alisdair Cain - Use of Mobile Phones while Driving
- Laurel Land - FDOT Interchange Areas Study
- Stacy Burgess - Community Impact Assessment Workshop & Survey
- Jeff Kramer - Community Impact Assessment Handbook
- Scott Place - HART Station Area Development
- Bill Morris - Jacksonville Transit Agency Marketing
- Yanhu Zhou - Population Factors in Highway Capacity
- Ashley Yelds - Lee County Variable Pricing
- Peter Lupia - Network Trip Reduction
- Tony Ferraro - Regional Crash Data Centers Concept

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.