

CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2004
CUTR Board Room, University of South Florida

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Board Chair Art Kennedy. The welcome was followed by self-introductions of all Board members and staff. In attendance were the following:

Advisory Board Members

Art Kennedy	John Beck	Roosevelt Bradley
Kimberlee DeBosier	Jim Holton	Ysela Llort (for Secy Abreu)
Norman Mansour	Bill McDaniel	Bill Sheppard
Bob Hall (for Secy Castille) (by phone)		

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Ed Mierzejewski	Gary Brosch	Jan Davis
Rob Gregg	Steve Polzin	Steve Reich
Joel Volinski	Beverly Ward	Phil Winters

Attendees were provided with copies of the meeting agenda, minutes of the last meeting, and assorted other materials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 27, 2004, meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Mierzejewski presented a report on CUTR and related activities:

- Special thanks to Art Kennedy for the essay competition award he sponsored.
- Five CUTR faculty members will make presentations at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus and Paratransit Conference in Denver in May 2004.
- The National Bus Rapid Transit Institute at CUTR will host a National Transit Institute workshop on BRT in Tampa in June.
- CUTR will again host the Professional Development Mid-Year Workshop for the Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) in July.
- Dr. Mierzejewski has been nominated to represent District 10 on the International Board of Directors for the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
- CUTR has received a \$1 million grant as part of a consortium with FIU, FAU, UCF and USF dealing with the security at airports, seaports, and transit facilities.
- CUTR has begun a new faculty affiliate program, wherein faculty from other USF departments will be given courtesy appointments to CUTR, thus encouraging more cross-department collaboration and expanding CUTR's academic base.
- Six new offices on the second floor of the CUTR building will be completed in May.

- CUTR contracts and grants (and number of employees) continue to increase, although CUTR base funding from USF Education & General Dollars, which support our administrative activities, have remained constant.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS: Several CUTR faculty and students made presentations on current research:

- Florida Transit Handbook and NTD Assistance (Perk)
- Miami-Dade Transit Projects (Reich)
- Comparative Analysis of Taxicab Meter Rates (Concas)
- Travel Patterns of Low-Income Women (Ward)
- Florida Maintenance Training Program (Bart)
- RAPTS (Gregg)
- Shared Use Park & Ride (Wambalaba)
- Ridership Trends of New Start Rail Projects (Page)
- Fare Elasticity of Rideshare (Chavarria)
- Travel Time Budgets (Toole-Holt)
- Increasing Transit Ridership by Automatic Collection of Individual Travel Behavior Data and Personalized Feedback (Barbeau)
- Motorcycle Helmet Study (Turner)

Mr. Beck recommended that information from the Shared Use Park & Ride study be shared with the International Council of Shopping Centers, and that CUTR copyright the Track It system noted in the Traveling Smart report.

AWARD DINNER UPDATE: The 2nd Annual CUTR Transportation Achievement Award Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2004, on the USF Tampa campus. This year's award will be presented to David Brown, former chair of the Florida Transportation Commission. FDOT Secretary José Abreu will be the keynote speaker.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The status of the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation bill was discussed; it was agreed that the final outcomes are unknown. The previous authorization ended in September 2003. Mr Beck requested that the Board be advised when their assistance might be needed to provide support (letters, emails, phone calls) on behalf of assisting USF/CUTR in maintaining its designation as a University Transportation Center.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: THE FDOT bill being discussed in the Florida Legislature includes several organizational matters; the most significant element deals with the Strategic Intermodal System being proposed to help focus State funding on regional projects.

OTHER BUSINESS: After discussion, Mr. Beck moved that Dr. Mierzejewski meet with Rep. David Russell to discuss collaborating with the Florida Department of Highway Safety to seek funding to expand the motorcycle helmet study. The motion passed. Dr. Mierzejewski will meet with Rep. Russell after the Legislative session ends.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2004. The fall meeting of the Advisory Board will be held on the afternoon of October 13, preceding the Transportation Award Dinner.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.