



**CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**October 13, 2004**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Board Chair Art Kennedy. The welcome was followed by self-introductions of participants, as follows:

*Advisory Board Members*

Art Kennedy	Jose Abreu	John Beck	Kim DeBosier	Roosevelt Bradley
Jim Holton	Ysela Llort	Bill Sheppard	Norman Mansour	
Sarah Daugherty (via phone)				

*CUTR*

Ed Mierzejewski	Gary Brosch	Rob Gregg	Larry Hagen	Dennis Hinebaugh
Steve Polzin	Steve Reich	Joel Volinski	Lisa Staes	Beverly Ward
Kristine Williams				

*Guests*

Alan Voorhees

Mr. Beck motioned that Mr. Voorhees become an honorary member of the Board, which was seconded and approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the July 2004 meeting were approved.

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

- John Beck taught a seminar on Engineering Law and Ethics at USF and donated his honorarium to CUTR/Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship.
- Dr. Polzin is scheduled to present at next meeting of the Florida High Speed Rail Authority.
- CUTR is entering aviation planning field: SAFE Council, new project for HCAA, TIA master planning effort
- Kristine Williams and Karen Seggerman were selected by the Florida American Planning Association for their Award of Excellence for work they did on Model Regulations and Plan Amendments for Multimodal Transportation Districts and were notified that a paper they recently presented at the TRB Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium Communities was selected as one the best papers at the conference.
- Members of CUTR's TDM team under the leadership of Phil Winters were recently advised that three papers they submitted for the 2005 TRB Annual Meeting were the three highest rated papers evaluated by the Committee on TDM.
- Dennis Hinebaugh and Michael Baltes developed the program and facilitated the TRB/APTA Bus Rapid Transit Conference recently held in Denver, with an attendance of 350.
- CUTR's research faculty continue to do great work, which has gained considerable national

attention, due in no small part to partnerships with organizations like Florida DOT, the Florida Transportation Commission, many of Florida's public transportation agencies, MPOs, city and county governments across Florida and beyond, and the support from USF.

- Two CUTR graduate research assistants recently received awards: Lavenia Toole-Holt was named student of the year by the Southeastern University Transportation Center, which includes USF and nine other prestigious universities.
- Jennifer Flynn, a graduate student in geography, was recently awarded a prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship by the US DOT; the Eisenhower Fellowships are highly competitive, as only 39 are awarded across the country.

**AWARD DINNER UPDATE:** A total of 272 reservations have been made for attendance at the CUTR Second Annual Transportation Achievement Award Dinner following the meeting, with 24 sponsored tables. A committee of Ms. DeBosier, Mr. McDaniel, and Mr. Bradley will determine an appropriate acknowledgment of Patricia Ball's efforts related to the success of the dinner.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Mr. Brosch provided an update on CUTR's federal initiatives, including the National Bus Rapid Transit Institute and NCTR. NCTR is in the federal continuing resolution, which provides for an additional year of funding and eligibility for eight additional months in the extension. Mr. Voorhees commented that the federal government is entering a new period that is looking at transportation needs more closely, which is a great opportunity for CUTR.

**CUTR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:** Several CUTR and College of Engineering faculty made presentations on current or recent CUTR projects:

- Florida SAFE Council (*Steve Reich*)
- Interchange Area Preservation (*Kristine Williams*)
- Transit Safety (*Debbie Sapper, Oliver Page*)
- Bus Rapid Transit (*Mike Baltes*)
- National Transit Database Ridership Data (*Xuehao Chu*)
- Journal of Public Transportation (*Gary Brosch*)
- Florida Transit Maintenance Standards (*Lisa Staes, Griselle Centeno*)
- Incident Management Innovations (*Larry Hagen, Kimon Valavanis*)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Beck and Ms. Williams are preparing a Civil Engineering course on access management, which will qualify for four hours towards engineering licensing.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2005, at CUTR. Other meeting dates for 2005 are April 28, July 28, and October 27 (tentative, pending selection of date for award dinner).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.