



CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2005

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Board Chair Art Kennedy. The welcome was followed by self-introductions of participants, as follows:

Advisory Board Members

John Beck	Bill McDaniel	Jim Holton	Art Kennedy (via phone)
Bill Sheppard	Norman Mansour	Diane Quigley (for FDCA)	Marion Hart (for FDOT)
Sarah Daugherty (for FDEP, via phone)			

CUTR

Ed Mierzejewski	Gary Brosch	Dennis Hinebaugh	Steve Polzin
Joel Volinski	Lisa Staes	Beverly Ward	Patricia Ball
Sara Hendricks			

Guests

Ken Hartmann, FDOT District VII	Jim Hendo, The LPA Group
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October 2004 meeting were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The CUTR Advisory Board Bylaws require the election of officers annually at the first meeting of the year. It was moved and seconded that John Beck serve as Chair and Bill McDaniel serve as Vice Chair; the vote to approve was unanimous. The meeting was turned over to new Board Chair John Beck. Mr. Beck noted that it would be extremely difficult to fill Mr. Kennedy's shoes.

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

- ABC News has indicated interest in the miniature helicopter/traffic congestion project being conducted by faculty at CUTR and the USF Computer Science & Engineering Department.
- CUTR was well represented at Transpo 2004, a conference sponsored by the Florida and Georgia chapters of ITE and ITS and by the Florida and Georgia DOTs. CUTR presentations constituted 15% of the program.
- CUTR faculty and students made 27 presentations at the 2005 TRB conference in Washington DC earlier this month.
- The University Consortium for Intermodal Transportation Safety and Security (UCITSS), a joint effort of USF, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Central Florida, kicked off in December.
- Dr. Mierzejewski chaired the USF College of Engineering's United Way campaign this year; both CUTR and the College significantly exceeded their goals in the campaign.
- For the sixth year, CUTR provided holiday gifts to 80+ children from Healthy Families Pasco; several members of the CUTR Advisory Board participated.
- CUTR recently signed a three-year general services agreement with FDOT District I to provide

technical support services.

- CUTR recently completed the Comprehensive Bus Operations Analysis for Miami-Dade Transit, an operations assessment of 92 MDT routes.
- CUTR graduate research assistant Oliver Page was awarded the Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship and the Florida Chapter ITE's Bill McGrath Scholarship.
- CUTR held a TDM net conference in December that attracted 150 participants at 20 locations. CUTR has become very active in distance learning.
- A recent Google search for "transit" yielded that CUTR and NCTR are 1st on the results list; on Yahoo, CUTR and NCTR are 3rd.

AWARD DINNER UPDATE: A total of 275 people attended the 2004 CUTR Transportation Achievement Award Dinner in October, with 24 table sponsorships. Income totaled \$32,868 and expenses totaled \$12,321, for a net profit of \$20,547. The CUTR Scholarship Fund will receive 75% of those funds. The Board thanked Patricia Ball for her efforts in making the event so successful. Plans for the 2005 award dinner need to begin; a committee of Jim Holton, Bill McDaniel, Norman Mansour, and Ed Mierzejewski will make a recommendation for the 2005 award recipient at the April 28 meeting. It was agreed that the 2005 dinner would again be held at the Museum of Science & Industry.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Brosch provided an update on CUTR's federal initiatives. It appears that the Senate is getting closer to the House version of the transportation bill, but that a consensus is unlikely because the Administration is standing firm. Given the current budget situation, resolution of the donor/donee state issue is unlikely. The Florida Transportation Commission will be sending a delegation to Washington to champion the State's issues; CUTR was invited to join the group, and Mr. Beck asked Ed Mierzejewski and Gary Brosch to coordinate with Jim Holton.

CUTR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: Several CUTR faculty made presentations on CUTR's current federal activities (see attached):

- National Center for Transit Research (*Joel Volinski*)
- University Consortium for Intermodal Transportation Safety & Security (*Steve Polzin*)
- National Bus Rapid Transit Institute (*Dennis Hinebaugh*)
- Senior Transportation Mobility Initiative (*Beverly Ward*)
- Parking Management and Technology Education and Research Center (*Sara Hendricks*)
- Federal Issues and Opportunities (*Gary Brosch*)

The Board expressed particular interest in the Senior Transportation Mobility Initiative and suggested a number of possible funding sources, including AARP, AAA, the Florida departments of Community Affairs and Elder Affairs, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and the Florida Independent Insurance Association. Mr. Brosch distributed draft letters to several members of Congress in support of funding for NCTR and NBRTI and asked Board members to send letters from their organizations by no later than February 2. By consensus, the Board expressed frustration that, in spite of Congressional support, CUTR's federal initiatives have not been high on USF's priority list. It was agreed that Mr. Beck and Mr. Mansour will meet with USF Government Relations' Kathy Betancourt to discuss. It was noted that CUTR's interests in transportation would not be in conflict with other USF priorities so there is no reason not to support them.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Thursday, April 28, 2005**, at CUTR.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.