

CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 26, 2005



MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Board Chair John Beck. Self-introductions of participants were made, as follows:

Advisory Board Members

John Beck
James Holton
Denver Stutler

Bill McDaniel
Norman Mansour

Kimberlee DeBosier
Bill Sheppard

CUTR

Ed Mierzejewski
Steve Polzin
Kristine Williams

Gary Brosch
Steve Reich
Phil Winters

Dennis Hinebaugh
Lisa Staes

Larry Hagen
Joel Volinski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lacking a quorum, minutes of the July 2005 meeting were not presented for approval.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Mr. Beck thanked CUTR staff for increased activity in publicizing on CUTR's successes and accomplishments, as suggested at the last meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Mierzejewski presented a brief report on CUTR and related activities since the last meeting in July:

- CUTR hosted a reception to celebrate successes as a result of passage of SAFETEA-LU: Funding for CUTR's National Center for Transit Research will continue for FY 05 and 06 at \$1 million each; competition for funding in FY 07-09 is upcoming. New funding for CUTR's National Bus Rapid Transit Institute was successful, at \$1.75 million each year for four years. Attending the event were Congressman Adam Putnam; representatives from the offices of Congressman Jim Davis and Senators Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson; USF dignitaries; and CUTR faculty and staff. Thanks to the members of the Florida Transportation Commission, the CUTR Advisory Board for their efforts in making this funding successful.
- Dr. Mierzejewski participated in the ITE Annual Meeting in Melbourne, Australia in August, and had to opportunity to meet with FTA Associate Administrator Barbara Sisson.
- CUTR is working with FDOT on a model proportionate share element for transportation concurrency systems as specified by the new growth management law.
- CUTR Senior Research Associate Jeff Kramer has been awarded TRB's Charley V. Wootan Award for the best paper in the area of transportation policy and organization.

FDOT SECRETARY COMMENTS: FDOT Secretary Denver Stutler, attending his first CUTR Advisory Board meeting since his recent appointment, commented on CUTR's excellent reputation and provided the group with information on his background.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS: Mr. Brosch provided more details on CUTR's recent federal funding, which also included funding of \$800,000 to CUTR via FDOT for a study on rear-view technologies. Dennis Hinebaugh gave an update on activities of the National BRT Institute, and Joel Volinski presented an update on activities of the National Center for Transit Research.

PRESENTATION: CUTR Research Associate Sean Barbeau presented information on CUTR's Traveler Assist Technology project. Secretary Stutler expressed willingness to set up meetings on the project with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and other relevant Florida agencies.

AWARD DINNER UPDATE: The dinner will be held following the meeting at the Museum of Science & Industry, with approximately 300 attendees expected.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE: To be announced.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.