MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Board Chair John Beck. Self-introductions of participants were made, as follows:

Advisory Board Members
John Beck Bill McDaniel Michael Blaylock
Kimberlee DeBosier Marion Hart (FDOT) Diane Quigley (FDCA)
Chris Stahl (for FDEP) Bill Sheppard

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Ed Mierzejewski Patricia Ball Steve Polzin
Joel Volinski Phil Winters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the May 2006 meeting were approved.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Mr. Beck welcomed to the Board Mr. Michael Blaylock of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, who replaces retiring Board member Art Kennedy.

- It was moved and seconded that a proclamation thanking Mr. Kennedy for his service to CUTR and the CUTR Advisory Board be prepared and signed by all Board members and that Dr. Mierzejewski will personally present the proclamation to Mr. Kennedy.

- The Florida Transportation Commission was pleased with Steve Reich’s Florida Toll Agency Performance Measures report. TEAMFL fully supports the work and is seeking funding for CUTR for related work. Copies of the report will be provided to Board members.

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

- USF is still working with Florida DOT on the details of a contract a $700,000 project included in SAFETEA-LU to evaluate and test a special vehicle-mounted video system.

- USF, along with other members of the State University System, have agreed on an indirect rate of 25% for future contracts with Florida DOT. It is certainly possible that the 2007 session of the Florida Legislature will revisit this issue.

- Louis Martin-Vega, Dean of USF’s College of Engineering, is leaving USF the first week of August to be the Dean of the COE at NC State University. Sunil Saigal, the Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering has been appointed as Interim Dean, while a nationwide search is conducted for a permanent replacement.
• CUTR has executed a master contract with Veolia Transportation regarding a package of activities that will include management training for Veolia transportation managers and technical support activities. Representative of Veolia from Paris were on hand for the formal signing of the agreement.

• Kristine Williams and Karen Segerman continue to work with the Florida Department of Community Affairs to assist in the creation of model transportation concurrency management systems, an outgrowth of the 2005 growth management legislation.

• CUTR’s NBRTI program coordinated a successful BRT conference sponsored by TRB and APTA held in Toronto. It received critical acclaim from many who attended.

• Steve Reich moderated a Biodiesel Forum at the Community Transportation Initiative in Ft. Lauderdale, and was a guest on FOX-TV 13, the Kathy Fountain Show and on WMNF Radio to discuss alternative fuels.

• Two students working on CUTR projects, David Aguilar and Kris Bezdecny, and faculty member Jennifer Flynn have had presentations accepted for the 11th World Conference on Transportation Research in Berkeley, California.

• CUTR was part of a select group of 15 university transportation centers invited to participate in a research workshop at the Federal Highway Administration Turner-Fairbank Research Center.

• CUTR was well represented on the program of the ITE Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, with presentations by Sara Hendricks, Phil Winters, Georges Darido, Pei-Sung Lin, Huaguo Zhou, and Ed Mierzejewski.

CUTR 2006 TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Awardee Earl Durden was pleased to be selected for the award and will attend the dinner in his honor on October 24. As planned at the July meeting, Mr. Mansour and Dr. Mierzejewski discussed the possibility of additional recognitions at future dinners, specifically individuals or agencies involved with transportation implementation. They agreed to continue to with the recognition of one awardee for the time being.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the CUTR Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2006, at CUTR.