



CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2007

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by CUTR Director Ed Mierzejewski. Self-introductions of participants were made, as follows:

Advisory Board Members

Michael Blaylock	Kim DeBosier	John Forney
Jim Holton	Norman Mansour	Bill Sheppard (by phone)
FDEP (Chris Stahl, by phone)	FDCA (Craig Diamond, by phone)	

CUTR

Ed Mierzejewski	Diana Byrnes	Hank Cusack
Rob Gregg	Dennis Hinebaugh	Pei-Sung Lin
Steve Polzin	Steve Reich	Karen Seggerman
Lisa Staes	Joel Volinski	Kristine Williams
Phil Winters		

Special Guests

James Hargrett, THCEA

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: New officers were elected to replace outgoing Chair John Beck and Vice Chair Bill McDaniel. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that Kimberlee DeBosier serve as Board Chair, with Norman Mansour as Vice Chair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Mierzejewski presented a brief report on CUTR's activities since the last meeting:

- CUTR welcomes new Board members Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation; Tom Pelham, Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs; Michael Sole, Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and John Forney, Managing Director of Public Finance for Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- It is hoped that the Board vacancy resulting from the departure of Roosevelt Bradley of Miami-Dade Transit will be filled by Ysela Llort, now of the Miami-Dade County Government.
- CUTR received one of 12 grants awarded by the USDOT Value Pricing Program to perform a demonstration project on dynamically-priced car sharing.
- CUTR was featured in an article in *Florida Transportation Builder*, the magazine of the Florida Transportation Builders Association.

- CUTR's first MPOAC Institute, which provides training for MPO board members, was held last weekend and was a great success.
- The USF College of Engineering is conducting a search for a new dean, and also for new transportation faculty members. In the interim, CUTR faculty are teaching transportation courses to help avoid a loss of momentum in USF's transportation engineering academic program.
- FDOT's Research Office has changed its business procedures, which will result in more rigorous contract administration by CUTR and principal investigators. Changes include awarding all contracts on a cost-reimbursable basis, requiring monthly progress reports and invoices, requiring detailed student utilization plans on contracts, and selecting research investigators through requests for proposals.

CUTR 2007 TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: A committee was appointed to recommend to the full Board a recipient for the 2007 Transportation Achievement Award. The committee will report its recommendation at the July 25 Board meeting. Members include Ed Mierzejewski, Jim Holton, Kim DeBosier, and Norman Mansour. This dinner is tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2007, in Tampa.

CUTR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: Updates on several CUTR projects were made as follows:

- Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority (*Steve Reich, James Hargrett*)
- Transportation and Growth Management (*Kristine Williams, Karen Seggerman*)
- Impact of TDM Programs on Transportation System Performance (*Phil Winters*)
- Transit Substance Abuse Testing Program/Video Excerpt (*Lisa Staes, Diana Byrnes*)
- Florida Vehicle Procurement Program (*Hank Cusack*)

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

The next meeting of the CUTR Advisory Board will be held on **Wednesday, July 25, at 1:30 pm via teleconference.**