

**CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**July 25, 2007 (via teleconference)**



**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*

Kim DeBosier	Ysela Llorc	Norman Mansour
Bill Sheppard	FDCA (Craig Diamond)	FDEP (Chris Stahl)

*CUTR*

Ed Mierzejewski	Pei-Sung Lin	Steve Polzin	Lisa Staes
Joel Volinski	Kristine Williams	Phil Winters	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 2007 meeting were approved.

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

- Ysela Llorc, who recently joined Miami-Dade County as an Assistant County Administrator, has agreed to serve on the CUTR Advisory Board. Her confirmation request will be sent to the Florida Transportation Commission.
- Two CUTR graduate students have received prestigious awards from APTA and Parsons Brinckerhoff.
- CUTR faculty member Steve Reich's contract to serve as interim director of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority in winding down. His performance with the authority has been very successful.
- CUTR has initiated discussions with the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida and a contractual relationship is anticipated to be established in the near future.
- Joel Volinski recently keynoted at the Virginia Transit Association's annual conference and, at the request of USDOT, facilitated a session in Birmingham, Alabama.
- Phil Winters and the TDM team were selected to do a project in Seattle for the Washington State DOT.
- CUTR is on the winning team for a TCRP project on performance measurement for transit properties.
- Steve Polzin authored a white paper on Exploring Long-Range U.S. Travel Demand for the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

- CUTR was selected by National Rural Transit Assistance Program to revise and expand its Online Training Resources Catalog.
- The FDOT Research Office met with CUTR recently to discuss ways to reduce administrative effort.
- USF recently selected Dr. John Wiencek, from the University of Iowa, as the new Dean of the College of Engineering.

**CUTR CHALLENGES:** CUTR continues to face a number of significant challenges, the most serious of which is the current fiscal austerity at all State universities. USF will be required to reduce expenditures of State education funds by up to 10% over the next two years. While those funds reflect only about 9% of CUTR's expenditures, they are critical to the administrative support provided to research faculty. A number of statements of encouragement affirming CUTR's value to USF have been received; the expectation is that CUTR will not be hit disproportionately.

**CUTR 2007 TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** CUTR's Award Selection committee unanimously recommended and the Board approved honoring Jim Ely, Executive Director of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, for the 2007 award. Mr. Ely will be contacted to gain his acceptance, and a date for the dinner will be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

The next meeting of the CUTR Advisory Board will be held on a date to be determined, pending final arrangements for the CUTR Award Dinner.