



**CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**November 1, 2007**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Board Chair Kimberlee DeBosier. Self-introductions of participants were made, as follows:

*Advisory Board Members*

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| Kimberlee DeBosier     | John Forney           | Jim Holton                      |
| Ysela Llorc (by phone) | Bill Sheppard         | FDCA (Walker Banning, by phone) |
| FDEP (Chris Stahl)     | FDOT (Kevin Thibault) |                                 |

*CUTR*

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| Ed Mierzejewski  | Patricia Ball      | Rob Gregg         |
| Dennis Hinebaugh | Pei-Sung Lin       | Steve Polzin      |
| Steve Reich      | Joel Volinski      | Kristine Williams |
| Phil Winters     | Student presenters |                   |

*Guests*

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| Sally Patrenos, FTC | John Wiencek, USF Engineering |
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**SPECIAL WELCOME BY DEAN WIENCEK:** New USF College of Engineering Dean John Wiencek welcomed all the USF and the College of Engineering and expressed his thanks to the Board for its willingness to provide service and guidance to CUTR. He commented that he is impressed by CUTR's program and activities and will be a strong supporter and advocate.

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

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Ms. DeBosier thanked everyone for attending and thanked everyone who worked on the CUTR Dinner. There has been some discussion about honoring those responsible for establishing CUTR at the 2008 Award Dinner to celebrate CUTR's 20-year anniversary.

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

- The Florida Transportation Commission has confirmed Ysela Llorc's appointment to the CUTR Advisory Board. Welcome, Ysela!
- CUTR researcher Steve Reich has completed his assignment as Interim Director of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority and is now back at CUTR.
- Former CUTR director Gary Brosch has been inducted into the Florida Transit Hall of Fame.
- CUTR has created a partnership with the Center for Transportation Excellence in New York and will be supporting its efforts in transit and paratransit.
- CUTR researcher Pei-Sung Lin's work on traffic signs withstanding hurricane-force winds and on backover crashes has received recent media attention.
- CUTR researchers Kristine Williams and Karen Seggerman were invited to participate in the

Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change in October.

- CUTR researcher Phil Winters was selected as the recipient of the 2007 Bob Owens TDM Champion Award and became a Member Emeritus of the TRB committee on TDM.
- CUTR researcher Julie Bond received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the ACT "Creative Excellence Award" competition for the TampaBayCycle campaign that promoted commuting to work by bicycle.
- CUTR and FDOT's Florida Vehicle Procurement Program was the recipient of AASHTO's 2007 Public Transportation Award.
- CUTR researcher Sara Hendricks was selected to serve on the Faculty Advisory Board for USF's new Patel Center for Global Initiatives.
- CUTR has 30 citations in program sessions at the 2008 TRB Annual Meeting in January.
- Dr. Mierzejewski moderated a distinguished panel at the 2007 Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession and recently completed a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
- In spite of the current fiscal austerity at State universities, CUTR has not been targeted for any significant cuts in funding from USF. Dean Wiencek has been very positive about CUTR and its future, and CUTR has been featured prominently on the USF website and the USF Alumni Association website recently.

2007 CUTR AWARD DINNER: Patricia Ball reported that this year's dinner has 27 sponsored tables and 300+ attendees. It is likely that this will be the last year the dinner can be held at MOSI because of size restrictions. A record \$25,000 is anticipated to be made for the CUTR Scholarship and CUTR Foundation. Thanks to Board Member John Forney for attracting several new table sponsors.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS by CUTR Student Research Assistants:

- "Operational Comparison of Rear Vision Systems for Motor Carriers" (*Achilleas Kourtellis*)
- "Reinforcing Signs to Withstand Hurricanes in Miami-Dade County" (*Aldo Fabregas*)
- "Performance Measures for Assessing Multimodal Strategies" (*Monique Ellis*)
- "2007 FDOT Pocket Guide, Florida Transportation Trends & Conditions" (*Steve Polzin for the ailing Dajana Vuckovic*)
- "Preview of TBEST" (*Amar Sarvepalli*)
- "Making 511 Smarter" (*Narin Persad-Maharaj*)

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at CUTR, 1:30-3:30 pm**  
Future 2008 meetings TBA, pending 2008 FTC schedule