

CUTR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2008



MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Board Chair Kimberlee DeBosier. Self-introductions of participants were made, as follows:

Advisory Board Members

Kimberlee DeBosier	John Forney	Ysela Llort
Marcos Marchena	Norman Mansour	FDCA (Craig Diamond--phone)
FDEP (Chris Stahl--phone)	FDOT (Marion Hart--phone)	

CUTR

Ed Mierzejewski	Patricia Ball	Rob Gregg	Dennis Hinebaugh
Pei-Sung Lin	Steve Polzin	Steve Reich	Joel Volinski
Phil Winters	Alasdair Cain		

Guests

Hon. Rich Glorioso, Florida House of Representatives
Ed Kominowski, USF College of Engineering
Sean Ledig, USF Media Relations

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As required by the Bylaws of the CUTR Advisory Board, election of officers is to take place at the 1st meeting of each calendar year. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the current officers—Kim DeBosier as Chair and Norman Mansour as Vice Chair—be re-elected for 2008.

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

- CUTR's presence at the 2008 Transportation Research Board meeting was outstanding, with 30 citations in program sessions. CUTR and USF had a total of 51 citations in the annual meeting program.
- All State agencies and universities are facing more significant cuts in the coming year, and the impact on CUTR is unknown at this time. While CUTR is highly regarded within the university, there are no guarantees that we will escape cuts as we did in the last round. Less than 10 percent of our annual expenditures are from university sources, but we are highly dependent on those funds for our basic administrative functions.
- Representatives from U.S. DOT's Research and Innovative Technologies Administration conducted a site visit of CUTR and our National Center for Transit Research, which they support together with FDOT. The visit went very well, with one of their managers noting the enormous return on their investment in CUTR/NCTR.
- CUTR recently hosted another GIS in Transit Conference, sponsored by FDOT, U.S. DOT, and TRB. Attendees represented 31 different states.
- CUTR researcher Phil Winters was named an Emeritus member of the TRB Committee on Transportation Demand Management Committee.

- CUTR has been asked by Representative Rich Glorioso, Chair of the Florida House Infrastructure Committee, to brief the Committee on national research related to the use of cell phones while driving.
- Sara Hall, a CUTR graduate research assistant, was recently awarded the Florida Women's Transportation Seminar Scholarship for \$2,000. She has received several other awards as well.
- The Florida MPO Advisory Council's legislative package includes the creation of the Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission, including the designation of CUTR to provide staff and other resources to the Commission.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING BY REP. GLORIOSO: Rep. Glorioso, who is chair of the Florida House Infrastructure Committee, reported the following:

- A \$700 million shortfall is expected this budget cycle.
- The Florida Department of Highway Safety is under "sunset review" in 2008 (required every 8 years).
- Emphasis has been placed on streamlining and consolidation of agencies and departments.

Major transportation safety issues for the 2008 session include:

- tougher DUI laws
- red light cameras
- use of cell phones while driving (CUTR is currently conducting updated research for the Infrastructure Committee)
- driver licensing (better education of teens, more stringent licensing)

Other transportation issues include:

- identifying corridors for moving aggregate
- pursuing a state transit plan
- addressing the CSX issue

Rep. Glorioso stated that he heavily relies on CUTR for information on issues and appreciates the responsiveness.

USF DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: An update on USF's and the College of Engineering's development plans and activities was made by COE Development Director Ed Kominowski.

- USF is about to unveil a \$600 million capital campaign under the direction of Jeff Roberson, USF's new vice president for the USF Foundation. Primary needs include faculty and student support and program support.
- The COE is conducting aggressive fundraising efforts for departments and centers. CUTR is recognized in Florida and the U.S., and taking advantage of that reputation is key, as is leaning on "friends" to consider making donations.
- CUTR has plenty of fundraising opportunities, including an endowed chair for the director, naming of the CUTR building, naming of rooms within the CUTR building, etc.
- The State of Florida has a matching program for endowments:
 - \$100,000 or more – the State with match 50%
 - \$1 million or more – the State will match 2 to 1
 - \$2 million or more – State will match 1 to 1

Mr. Kominowski recommended that a committee be appointed to discuss getting funding into CUTR, including identifying prospects. The Board members agreed to give thought and consideration to the matter, and will hold further discussion with Mr. Kominowski and Dr. Mierzejewski.

2007 CUTR AWARD DINNER: Patricia Ball reported that the 2007 CUTR Award Dinner earned \$28,861 for the CUTR Foundation. The dinner attracted 26 table sponsors and 276 attendees. A committee to select the 2008 recipient was appointed, including Ysela Llorca, Norman Mansour, John Forney, and Kim DeBosier. The committee will present its recommendation at the April meeting of the Advisory Board. It is anticipated that the 2008 dinner will recognize several who were instrumental in CUTR's development and growth since 1988.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: Three project presentations were made by CUTR faculty:

- "Future Travel Demand: Forecasts for 2055?" (*Steve Polzin*)
- "Developing a Printed Transit Information Materials Guidebook" (*Alasdair Cain*)
- "Transit Authority Monitoring & Oversight" (*Steve Reich*)

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 1:30-4:00 pm, at CUTR
- Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 1:30-2:30 pm, teleconference
- Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 2:30-4:30 pm, at CUTR (pending CUTR dinner arrangements)