



CUTR Advisory Board Meeting CUTR Board Room January 27, 2010

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Board Chair Kimberlee DeBosier who welcomed board members and guests. Self-introductions of participants were made as follows:

Advisory Board Members and Designees:

Kimberlee DeBosier	Jo Penrose for Sec. Pelham (call-in)	Chris Stahl for Sec. Sole (call-in)
John Forney	Manuel Rose	Thornton Williams
Marion Hart for Sec. Kopelousos (call in)	William Sheppard	

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Ed Mierzejewski	Steve Reich	Phil Winters
Dennis Hinebaugh	Lisa Staes	
Steve Polzin	Joel Volinski	

Others: Sally Patrenos, Don Skelton

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 2009 meeting were approved.

Chair's Comments: Ms. DeBosier led the discussion about changing the board meetings and it was decided that the board would meet on-site in May and October and the January and July meetings will be scheduled as teleconference calls.

Election of Officers: By a unanimous vote, Kimberlee DeBosier and John Forney will continue to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the CUTR Advisory Board for 2010.

Director's Report: Dr. Mierzejewski provided an update:

- Norman Mansour resigned from the Advisory Board. Nominations for a new member should be submitted to either Kim DeBosier or Ed Mierzejewski. By statute, after nomination by the USF President, the selection must be approved by the Florida Transportation Commission.
- Bob Skinner who participates in our Advisory Board was injured in a bicycle accident over the holidays.
- Kim DeBosier was awarded the FICE Governor A. W. Gilchrist Award. This award is presented annually by the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers to a member of the engineering profession who exemplifies the spirit of public service that betters humankind, therefore bringing honor to the engineering profession.
- Ed was invited to participate in the February 17 BOD meeting of the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers in Tallahassee. He will brief them on CUTR's activities and explore ways in which CUTR can work collaboratively with them.

- CUTR was well represented at TRB and had 51 individual citations in the TRB annual program.
- While at TRB, Ed met with several Congressional staff members. He received assurance that during continuing resolutions our NCTR would continue to receive pro-rata additional funding. Our NBRTI was funded for four years under SAFETEA-LU and any continuing resolutions will see those funds go to FTA for their discretionary use. Speculation on a new multi-year transportation bill ranged from September to after the November elections to after the next Presidential election.
- Student recognition:
 - Enrique Gonzalez-Velez was selected as the Southeastern Transportation Center Outstanding student (The Southeastern Transportation Center is a partnership of nine universities). He also received second place in the ITE Florida Section Student Poster Competition.
 - Martin Ackerman was honored at the CUTC banquet as our own NCTR student of the year.
- Faculty recognition:
 - Kristine Williams was reappointed to another three year term as Chair of the TRB Access Management Committee.
 - Dennis Hinebaugh was appointed Chair of the TRB Committee on Bus Transit Systems.
 - Karen Seggerman was selected as the FSITE Transportation Professional of the Year.
 - Dr. Pei-Sung Lin and Aldo Fabregas received the Florida ITE Newsletter Outstanding Paper Award.
 - Kristine Williams' work in access management is featured in the January issue of the ITE Journal.
 - Karen Seggerman, Pei-Sung Lin, and Alex Bond will be featured speakers at the ITE Technical Conference in Savannah in March.
 - Ed Mierzejewski was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Council of University Transportation Centers.
- Since the last board meeting, much energy has been spent on responding to public records requests from the St. Petersburg Times as well as responding to inaccurate information published that impugned our objectivity. The articles focused the attention of an influential legislator on CUTR's activities and we have worked diligently to address these inaccurate perceptions. President Genshaft, Provost Wilcox and Dean Wiencek have taken a personal interest in resolving these issues. During this period we've had many calls from supporters offering encouragement and affirmation.
- Ed Mierzejewski will meet with the Editorial Board of the Tampa Tribune to discuss CUTR and its activities.
- Latest word is that the President and Vice President's visit tomorrow will deal with high speed rail; it has been revealed that 13 corridors will receive grants and there will be a number of smaller awards to existing rail lines. Information received just prior to our meeting: Sec. Kopelousos has appointed Kevin Thibault as interim executive director and chief executive officer of the Florida Rail Enterprise and Nazih Haddad as the chief operating officer. She stated that there will be a permanent position created.

Board Member Updates:

There was considerable discussion among board members related to prospects for light rail in Tampa, commuter rail in Orlando and high speed rail connecting the two. Individual members shared their thoughts, noting the need for transit-supportive land use, the possibilities for public-private participation and the possible economic impacts. Dr. Rose noted his belief that high speed rail between Tampa and Orlando won't be competitive from a time standpoint when you consider the total door to door trip. Others noted that the real potential will be realized with a future connection to Miami.

John Forney noted that the market for public-private partnerships has opened up just a little bit, but the economy still has a ways to go before things will continue to move forward slowly.

Summary of 2009 Transportation Achievement Award Dinner: Ed Mierzejewski reported that given the difficult economic situation, we were delighted that we had many consulting organizations and others who were willing to participate. Lynn Federspiel reported that we had 220 guests with a total of 18 sponsored tables. We cleared \$22,464.

2010 CUTR Award Committee: Kim DeBosier appointed John Forney and Thornton Williams to serve with her on the committee to choose the 2010 recipient of the CUTR Transportation Achievement Award. They will report at the May meeting.

New Business: There was no other business.

Project Presentations:

- Value Pricing/WeCar Demonstration Project – Julie Bond
- Training Partnerships: Leveraged Resources Expand Opportunities – Ed Bart
- MPO Staffing and Governance – Alex Bond
- Impact of Detection Failures at Signalized Intersections – Aldo Fabregas
- Proposal – An Analysis of Transportation Funding Options for Florida – Steve Reich

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Schedule for 2010:

May 26

July 28 – teleconference

October 27 with Transportation Achievement Award dinner to follow (*tentative depending on availability of recipient*)