



## CUTR Advisory Board Meeting CUTR Board Room

October 27, 2010

### MINUTES

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

***Advisory Board Members and Designees:***

Kimberlee DeBosier	Sec. Stephanie Kopelousos
John Forney	Jo Penrose for Sec. Pelham (by phone)
Sen. James Hargrett, Jr	Dr. Manuel Rose
	William Sheppard
	Thornton Williams

**Guests** Sally Patrenos, Jarrett Stoltzfus, FTA

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Ed Mierzejewski	Steve Polzin	Joel Volinski
Dennis Hinebaugh	Steve Reich	Kristine Williams
Pei-Sung Lin	Ken Short	Phil Winters

***Approval of Minutes:*** Minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were approved.

***Director's Report:*** Dr. Mierzejewski reported on the following:

- CUTR has received a good response to the selection of Ben Watts as the 2010 Transportation Achievement Award recipient. Ed expressed his appreciation to Doug Callaway, Floridians for Better Transportation, and Bob Burleson, Florida Transportation Builders' Association, for their assistance in publicizing the event among their members.
- Kristine Williams was keynote speaker at the Tennessee Symposium on Corridor Management sponsored by the National Governor's Association and the State of Tennessee. She was also appointed co-chair of the First International Access Management Conference in Athens, Greece in June 2011.
- CUTR recently initiated the CUTR Online Webcast Series, a bi-weekly webinar, that features CUTR research and promotes enhanced awareness of the research in the community.
- The Transportation Research Board selected Joel Volinski to conduct a synthesis study on the Implementation and Outcomes of Fare-Free Transit Systems.

- CUTR now houses the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition; Dr. Pei-Sung Lin and his team will provide full support to the FDOT Safety Office and will implement the Florida Motorcycle Strategic Safety Plan. The national Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) awarded The Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition the prestigious 2009 GHSA Peter O'Rourke Special Achievement Award. The Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition also received the 2010 National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop (NTPAW) Skills Award for Best Public Awareness Event – Ride Straight State to State event for successfully raising awareness of the danger of drinking and riding.
- Dr. Pei-Sung Lin and his team were awarded a \$1.95 M contract through the SHRP-2 program of the National Academies to conduct a naturalistic driving study in the Tampa Bay area. The project, awarded in August, is currently underway.
- As you may recall Dean Wiencek retained Mary Gamble to work with CUTR to structure a search for a new director. She has interviewed CUTR employees and several community leaders. With that process completed, the Dean expressed his desire to begin the search soon. It is anticipated that the Advisory Board will have some participation in this effort as well as the external review.
- Provost Wilcox has given the Dean approval to move forward with recruiting Bob Skinner, TRB, Dennis Christiansen, TTI and Samer Madanat, UC Berkeley, to participate in the external review. Ed is confident that the group will recognize CUTR's good work and will suggest some initiatives that can make CUTR even better.

**Member Updates:** Secretary Kopelousos noted Dr. Mierzejewski's contributions while at CUTR, referenced the new Florida 2060 Plan and commented on the transportation revenue situation in Florida and the nation. She noted the need for public education on transportation funding needs and closed by expressing her appreciation on behalf of the department of the selection of Ben Watts as the award recipient. Commissioner Rose also commented on the funding challenges as did Sally Patrenos. John Forney shared the same concerns and referenced the new report, *Well Within Reach: America's New Transportation Agenda*.

CUTR presentations followed:

- The Travel Assistance Device (TAD) Success Story—From Research to Commercialization -- Kevin Thigpen, President, Dajuta
- Miami Urban Partnership Project – Caleb Van Nostrand
- Staffing and Administrative Capacity of MPOs – Jeff Kramer
- WalkWise -- Julie Bond
- Leveraging Technology for State of the Art Training – Ed Bart

**New Business:** There was no other business.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

<p><b>Next meeting is a teleconference, tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2011 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.</b></p>
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