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**University of South Florida  
Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)  
Advisory Board Meeting**

Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2019 4:00–5:00 PM  
USF Marshall Student Center, Legacy Room 2702  
4103 USF Cedar Circle, Tampa, FL 33620

- Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Llort at 4:22 PM
- Roll Call

*Advisory Board members and Designees (P = Present, T = Telephone, A = Absent)*

	No.	Name	Title	Organization	Designee	
P	1	Kevin J. Thibault	Secretary	FDOT	Tom Byron/ Liz Stutts	Statute
A	2	Ken Lawson	Executive Director	FDEO	Scott Rogers	Statute
A	3	Noah Valenstein	Secretary	FDEP	Chris Stahl	Statute
P	4	Teresa Sarnoff	Member	FTC		Statute
P	9	Ysela Llort, Chair	Principal	Renaissance Planning Group		EM 2007 6/8/11
A	5	Thornton J. Williams	Managing Partner	Williams Law Group, P.A.		EM 2009 5/29/13
P	6	Kimberlee DeBosier	Director, Project Excellence	WGI, Inc.		EM 2003/07 1/17/11
A	7	Sonny Holtzman	Principal	The Holtzman Group		SR 2012 6/12/16
P	8	Ram Kancharla	Vice President Planning and Development	Port Tampa Bay		JB 2013 11/6/15
P	10	Jon Martz, Vice Chair	Director Government and Public Affairs	Enterprise Holdings Company		JB 2014 2/2/18
P	11	Jean Duncan	Director Transportation and Stormwater Services	City of Tampa		RB 2019 1/1/21
A	12	Joseph Waggoner	Executive Director	Tampa Hillsborough County Expressway Authority		DH 2015 11/2/19
<b>Ex Officio Member</b>						
A	13	Lisa Bagot	Executive Director	Florida Public Transportation Association		RB 2019
P	14	Ralph Yoder	Executive Director	Florida Transportation Commission		RB 2019

- **CUTR Participants:** R. Bertini, D. Hinebaugh, P. Winters, C. Lee, C. Van Allen
- **Guests:** Diana Furchtgott-Roth, U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Amy Stearns, U.S. DOT Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Amanda Carpenter, Florida Department of Transportation
- Approval of Minutes: Meeting of June 11, 2019
  - Motion (Llort) and second (DeBosier), minutes approved unanimously.
- Dr. Bertini welcomed special guest – U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary Diana Furchtgott-Roth:
  - The Deputy Assistant Secretary complimented CUTR's proposal for National Institute for Congestion Relief UTC and indicated that CUTR was selected as the best among a large number of proposals.
  - Furchtgott-Roth spoke on the proposal's dynamic pricing aspects and the well-thought-out manner of the proposal. She also spoke towards the importance of agency ties, collaboration, and state matching funds.
- Dr. Bertini welcomed FDOT Secretary – Kevin Thibault:
  - Secretary Thibault shared his focus on leadership and “moving the needle” in Florida. He briefly spoke about careers within the transportation field and possible educational incentives.
  - Thibault's four main priorities for Florida transportation: safety, congestion relief/increased mobility, technology/inspire innovation, and recruitment and staff retainment including workforce development, especially in the construction sector.
  - Thibault also expressed the need for the transportation field being a field for those with no higher education background.
  - The Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program, including the Suncoast Connector (Citrus County to Jefferson County), the Northern Turnpike Connector (northern terminus of Florida's Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway) and the Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County) were briefly discussed
  - Bertini and Llort inquired about the place for the University of South Florida and CUTR in the state's workforce development plan.
  - Stearns mentioned the San Jose State University Mineta Center and its graduate program in transportation management delivered in person and via distance learning at all Caltrans district offices.
- Dr. Bertini welcomed Dean Robert H. Bishop:
  - Bishop spoke on the growth of the College of Engineering (COE) including its recent rise from 89th to 54th place in ranking. He credited much of the success of COE to CUTR and its work – “thumbs up to CUTR and its research.”
- Dr. Chanyoung Lee gave a brief synopsis of his program's work and the importance of motorcycle safety in the state of Florida.
- Bertini invited the board to the 2019 CUTR TRB reception on Sunday, January 12, 2020 in Washington, D.C.
- Bertini congratulated the three students who received the 2019 Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship: Trang Luong, Lori Palaio, and Brain Staes. He also described the success of the first USF engineering study abroad course held in the summer of 2019.
- **Next Meeting – date TBD in first quarter of 2020**
- Adjourned to CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards Event at 5:20 PM for the Annual Advisory Board Photo, Poster Competition, reception, and dinner.



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Agenda

Tuesday June 11, 2019 1:30–3:30 PM  
Center for Urban Transportation Research, Rosa Parks Room (143)  
3808 USF Alumni Drive, Tampa, FL 33620

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- Seating of New Chair and Vice Chair
  - Recognition of Thornton Williams, Chair 2016-2019
- Remarks from FDOT Director – Kevin Thibault
- CUTR/FDOT Showcase
- CUTR Director's Report
- Student Presentations
- Chair's Comments
- Advisory Board Member Discussion/Updates
- Next Meeting Summer 2019 – date TBD – discuss meeting frequency
- Adjourn