**On the Move!**

Quarterly Update on CUTR’s Research Program and Activities

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**New Sponsored Research**

**Estimate Future Travel Times by Highway and Air**

*HNTB, Steve Polzin*

CUTR will assist HNTB by researching travel times for various travel modes to be used to forecast travel demand for Florida High Speed Rail.

**Florida Maintenance Training and Technical Assistance Program**

*FDOT, Ed Bart*

CUTR will continue to provide and arrange for the provision of training and technical assistance to Florida’s transit agencies in areas specific to transit services and maintenance issues.

**Statewide Transit Technical Assistance and Training Program**

*FDOT, Amber Reep*

CUTR will provide on-site technical assistance and short-term technical support to Florida’s transit agencies as well as transit agencies from other states.

**Coast 2 Coast Consortium**

*Central Florida Technology Transit Corridor Consortium, Inc., Gary Brosch*

CUTR will serve as part-time Executive Director for Coast 2 Coast Consortium

**Expanding Commuter Choice Tax Benefit Options**

*FDOT/NCTR, Chris Hagelin*

CUTR will evaluate the current use of Commuter Choice tax benefits, explore how Commuter Choice programs can be expanded to provide maximum utility to employers and their employees, and develop a set of recommendations for expanding Commuter Choice tax benefit options.

**Technical Outreach and Advocacy in Support of Bus Rapid Transit and Alternative Propulsion Systems**

*W. Alton Jones Foundation, Michael Baltes & Joel Rey*

CUTR will act as an extension of foundation staff to disseminate knowledge about BRT and alternative propulsion technologies to a variety of audiences through information sharing and advocacy.

**Measuring the Effectiveness of Community Impact Assessment, Phase I**

*FDOT, Beverly Ward*

CUTR will develop baseline criteria for measuring the effectiveness of transportation projects that have been developed using community impact assessment techniques.

**Access Management Plan for Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area**

*TranSystems Corporation, Kristine Williams*

CUTR is assisting TranSystems in the development of an access management plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County, Kansas Metropolitan Area Planning Department to preserve the safety, efficiency, and character of major roadways in the region.

**Observational Motorcycle Helmet Use Survey and Examination of the Impacts of the FMH Law Repeal**

*FDOT Safety Office, Patricia Turner*

CUTR will address issues associated with changes in the motorcycle helmet law to determine overall helmet use;
examine motorcycle crash, helmet and bike sales and vehicle, licensing and insurance trends; and assess legislative insurance compliance and helmet usage by riders under 21.

**Publications and Reports**


**Awards, Presentations, Professional Activities**

**Phil Winters**, President’s Award, Southeastern Chapter of the Association for Commuter Transportation, October.


**Amber Reep**, “Where are the Future Maintenance Technicians Coming From?” 2001 Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) Annual Conference, October.


**Margaret Giery**, “Core Truths and Modern Realities: Selling TDM in Today’s Marketplace,” Southeastern Chapter of the Association for Commuter Transportation (SEACT) Conference, October.

**Phil Winters**, “Thinking Out of the Box—Creative Thinking Tools to Solving Your Transportation Problems,” SEACT Conference, October.


**Proposals Submitted**

**Analysis of Freight Movement Mode Choice Factors, FDOT, Ashley Yelds & Steve Reich**—proposal to identify the optimal split of freight movement between road and rail.
Parking Management Workshops. Transportation Management Services, Phil Winters—proposal to conduct two parking management workshops for the Clean Air Campaign in Atlanta.

Suncoast Parkway II Project Development PD&E Study, Citrus County. H.W. Lochner, Inc., Beverly Ward—proposal to develop a community profile telephone survey, analyze responses, and provide a document detailing findings.

Bus System Safety and Substance Abuse Monitoring Reviews. FDOT, Lisa Staes & Chris Deannuntis—proposal to review adoption and implementation of each of Florida’s transit system’s safety program and to perform substance abuse management reviews of FTA Section 5311 recipients.

Policy Formulation, Presentations, and Operational Review. Miami-Dade Transit, Joel Volinski, Steve Reich & Jan Davis—proposal to assist Miami-Dade Transit in the preparation of plans to fulfill Federal Transit Administration mandates, formulation of a five-year Metromover Rehabilitation Plan, and development and production of Fleet Management Plans.

FDOT Fact Book. FDOT, Michael Baltes—proposal to develop and produce a book on the various services provided by FDOT in fulfilling its strategic mission.


Volusia County Five-Year TDP and TDSP. VOTRAN, Joel Rey, Victoria Perk & Chandra Foreman—proposal to prepare VOTRAN’s five-year transit development plan and transportation disadvantaged service plan to meet FDOT requirements.

Performance Measures Analysis. Bay Area Commuter Services, Margaret Giery—proposal to analyze TDM performance measures.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Technical Support. PSTA, Martin Catalá—proposal to provide technical assistance such as GIS mapping, data collection and GIS analysis.

Highlands County Transit Development Plan. Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Laurel Land & Brenda Thompson—proposal to determine if public transit is feasible in Highlands County and to write a supplemental plan.

Upcoming Training & Events

Foundation Brakes, Florida Maintenance Training Program (FMTP), January 7-11, 2002, HARTline (contact Vicki Zambito, 813/974-9763)

Wheelchair Systems, FMTP, January 21-25, 2002, HARTline (contact Vicki Zambito, 813/974-9763)

Preventive Maintenance, FMTP, February 4-8, 2002, JTA (contact Vicki Zambito, 813/974-9763)

Florida Statewide Transit Training Program:

Technology in Transit, February 12-13, 2002, CUTR (contact Amber Reep, 813/974-9823)

Intermediate Electric, FMTP, February 18-22, 2002, VOTRAN (contact Vicki Zambito, 813/974-9763)

Alternative Fuels, FMTP, March 11-15, 2002, LYNX (contact Vicki Zambito, 813/974-9763)

FDPTA/CUTR Professional Development Workshop, June 10-12, 2002, CUTR (contact Amber Reep, 813/974-9823)

Bus Collision Investigation/Prevention Seminar for Managers, June 11, 2002 (Transportation Safety Institute) (held in conjunction with the FPTA/CUTR Professional Development Workshop), CUTR (contact Amber Reep, 813/974-9823)

Bus System Safety, August 5-9, 2002 (Transportation Safety Institute), CUTR (contact Amber Reep, 813/974-9823)

Staff Additions

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