Center for Urban Transportation Research
Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda

October 22, 2014
2:30 - 4:30pm

Call to Order/Introductions/Guest Attendees

Approval of Minutes
- May 14, 2014 Meeting
- July 30, 2014 Teleconference Meeting

Chair's Comments

Director's Report
- Written Director’s report in advance (performance measures, program/project highlights)
- Update on base administrative budget
- Update on CUTR Executive Director’s search
- Discussion on dealing with local transportation initiatives and the media (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk)
- Discussion on setting a retreat for the CUTR Advisory Board to discuss CUTR’s role in the State, the State Statute, and the Advisory Board’s role

Board Member Updates

Old Business

New Business

Project Presentations
- Potential Growth for Freight Research in Florida and United States, Seckin Ozkul, Ph.D., E.I.
- Fletcher Avenue: Applying a Community-Based Social Marketing Framework to Improve Pedestrian Safety, Amy Lester, PhD, MPH, Postdoctoral Scholar
- Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition - A Collaborative CUTR Success, Steve Reich
- Student Poster Presentations (Showcased at tonight’s Event)
  - Comparison of LED and HPS Street Lightings on Visibility Performance to Drivers and Pedestrians in Selected Corridors, Michael Bato
  - The Impact of Millennials’ Travel Behavior on Future Personal Vehicle Travel, Jodi Godfrey
  - Naturalistic Bicycling Study, Noureddine Elmezhra

Adjournment to CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards Event, Embassy Suites Hotel

Next Meeting: Strategic Planning Retreat -- TBD
CUTR Advisory Board Teleconference Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2014

Center for Urban Transportation Research, Boardroom
3808 Alumni Drive, Tampa, FL 33620

Attendees:

Advisory Board Members and Designees called in:
Kimberlee DeBosier, Chair, Bayside Engineering
Richard Biter, FDOT
S. Katherine Frazier, FTC
Senator James Hargrett, Jr.
Ram Kancharla, Port Tampa Bay
Bob O’Malley, CSX
Dan Pennington, DEO
Chris Stahl, FDOT
Thornton Williams, Williams Law Group, P.A.

Center for Urban Transportation Research, USF:
Dennis Hinebaugh
Martin Catala
Steve Polzin
Stephen Reich
Ken Short
Lisa Staes
Joel Volinski
Kristine Williams
Phil Winters

Chairman Kimberlee DeBosier called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed attendees and guests.
Chair’s Comments:

A motion was made by Kim DeBosier to elect Thornton Williams as Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Ram Kanchara and unanimously approved.

Robert Skinner is retiring from his position at TRB at the end of the year and is stepping down as a Board member. He was a great friend of CUTR for many years before he was appointed to the Board. We appreciate his service. A letter will be drafted to send to him from Kim DeBosier.

Kim DeBosier reported that she was invited to the Autonomous Vehicle test drive on the Selmon Expressway. CUTR was recognized in regards to their partnership with THEA. Senator Jim Sebesta rode in the car before her and he is very excited to be chosen as the CUTR Transportation Achievement award recipient. Discussion ensued in regards what needs to be done to prepare for autonomous vehicles.

Interim Director’s Report:

The report was electronically given out prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Director’s Report. Robert Bishop was hired as the Dean of the College of Engineering; he was very much in favor of research centers. Director search not started yet as we wait for a finalization of the base budget. CUTR budget ended the fiscal year by drawing down $103,000; USF paid for the benefits for the administrative staff, which came to $220,000 significantly reducing our averages for the year. Steve Polzin mentioned that a sustainable business plan needs to be in place. CUTR continues to meet with the college and sponsored research.

CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards event:

The sponsorship letters are going out today; the line-up of the program was discussed with the reception to start at 5:30 pm and the dinner to start at 7:00 pm. Dennis will welcome everyone before dinner and after dinner at 7:45 pm, Kim will introduce Dean Bishop. The Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship will be presented to the student. The District Seven Secretary will then introduce the keynote speaker, Secretary Prasad. Senator Latvala will then introduce the award recipient, Senator Sebesta. Everyone was in agreement. It was decided to start the Advisory meeting at 2:30 pm.

Board Member Updates:

Rich Biter reported that there will be another AV Summit in December at the Coronado Hotel. FDOT is also scheduling a conference that will either be in late September or the first part of October. It will be a two day data symposium. This will be the first one undertaken by FDOT. FDOT collects a tremendous amount of data and recently entered into an Agreement with WAZE, which is a crowdsourcing, mapping and road condition app. The purpose of the symposium is to invite vendors and the whole data community to come together and share information between the private and public sectors.
Biter also reported on the Pre-Feasibility Study for Cruise Ships. There are three options: 1.) Raise the Skyway bridge or take down and re-build; 2.) Build a cruise terminal; 3.) Do nothing. The local and regional leadership will look at these options and the state will help in any way. It is not an immediate crisis. More information can be found at this link: Tampa Bay Cruise Study Pre-Feasibility, which will be sent to Board members and CUTR management.

Dan Pennington on behalf of Chris Wiglesworth reported on the new corridors project with the Governor’s task force. It continues to meet on a monthly basis and is on schedule with the report and recommendations due to the Governor by December 1st. The Citizen Task Force continues to review data and analysis around the regional plan, “How Shall We Grow” with emphasis on conservation, centers, corridors, and countrysides. The next public meeting is scheduled for August 22nd in Kissimmee. Pennington also reported that an announcement will be made on the recipients of the technical grants, many of which are local transportation planning grants.

Katherine Frazier recently attended a TEAMFL meeting in Orlando and she will attend an upcoming one in Tampa. She also will be attending an AASHOTO meeting in August to speak with other jurisdictions in regards to fuel tax alternatives. She and FTC are excited that Jim Sebesta is the CUTR Transportation Achievement Award recipient this year.

No other updates from board members.

New Business

None.

Next Steps and Meeting Schedule

Next Advisory Board will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 2:30 pm with the CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards event to follow at the Embassy Suites.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.