April 1, 2013

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Back in my days in northern climes, this would be the time when we started welcoming Spring. Crisp air turned a bit more mild and everything becomes grey and muddy. But it was a refreshing time of optimism and looking forward. With the submission of our 6 university transportation center teams, we at CUTR are also looking forward. We submitted for national proposals in safety, transit, sustainability, and freight. We are working with universities that extend from coast to coast and all points in between. Should our proposals be successful we would be working with universities in Oregon, Utah, California, Minnesota, Texas, New Jersey, New York, Arizona, Illinois, and our entire SE region, among others. We also are on the verge of launching a series of freight projects and Phil Winters recently was awarded a large project with the state of Washington. Spring has been good to us but a lot remains grey and muddy. Our strategic plan working groups are doing a lot to clear things up for us and I hope to have more clarity on our 2014 budget in the coming weeks. I encourage you to be involved in the working groups and look forward to our growth. — Jason

WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES

Please welcome Trent Green as Associate Director at CUTR. In this capacity, he will be working to advance CUTR’s collaborations across campus. He is an Associate Professor of Architecture and Urban Design. Professor Green’s areas of research includes urban/community design planning, economic development/community revitalization, housing/residential development strategies and development regulations.

Professor Green has published numerous urban design reports that have been adopted as components of redevelopment ordinances in several communities. He has lectured on issues related to downtown and community development, African-American Heritage and the design of affordable housing.

He has developed community revitalization strategies and urban design plans for a number of Florida communities and served as an urban design consultant with URS Corporation South and HDR Planning. His community service record includes membership on the Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Steering Committee, Hillsborough Habitat for Humanity and The Children’s Museum of Tampa boards of directors. Green received the Star of the Month award in July 2008 from the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Kente Award for Community Service in 2005, awarded by the USF President and Department of Community Affairs. His professional work has been recognized by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

April Birthdays

Lisa Staes 4/1
Alshatti Othman 4/1
Wendy Teague 4/3
Patricia Lipkin 4/5
Jeff Kramer 4/7
Vivek Koneru 4/14
Jan Davis 4/16
Domenick Pontoriero 4/17
Jennifer Iley 4/20
Grace Hunt 4/26
Donald Skelton 4/27
Sisinnio Concas 4/30
Quyen Pham 4/30

April Anniversaries

Sara Hendricks — 21 yrs
Martin Catala — 19 yrs
Debbie Sapper — 9 yrs
Steve Bovino — 3 yrs
Tram Pham — 1 yr
Patricia Lipkin — 1 yr

AEGIS Timesheets

AEGIS submission dates for April 2013
Pay period 3/29/13 to 4/11/13 AEGIS submission date is Tuesday 4/09 @ 10 am
Pay period 4/12/13 to 4/25/13 AEGIS submission date is Tuesday 4/23 @ 10 am
Professor Green earned his Master of Architecture in Urban Design degree from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, his Bachelor in Architecture from Hampton Institute (University) and his Associate of Arts from Polk Community College. He also completed additional studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Real Estate Development.

Please welcome Brian Bickhardt. Brian joins the Transit Safety and Workforce Development Program. He will be working with the TRIPS program, ensuring program compliance with contract specifications, vehicle structural standards, and warranty provisions. He will also oversee group travel submittal and reimbursement requirements. He has been with USF since February 14, 2011 in the position of Sr. Purchasing Agent. He also taught the monthly F.A.S.T. hands-on training classes. Brian graduated from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. His previous experience includes six years as Purchasing Manager for Pro-Line Boats as well as its sister company Donzi Marine. When the company moved all of its production to North Carolina in early 2011, Brian joined the USF Purchasing Services staff in Tampa. Brian says “I hope to be at the University for many years to come.” Ed Bart is his Supervisor.

Please welcome Promil Pandey. He is working on his MS degree in Management Information Systems with an expected completion date of June 2014. In 2008, he received his BS degree in Engineering—Computer Science at the Rajeev Gandhi Technical University in India. He has worked for Cognizant Technology Solutions as a programmer analyst and has more than three years of experience. He will be working for Sisinnio Concas and Phil Winters in wrapping up the UCARE project.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**CUTR IS TURNING 25 YEARS YOUNG!**

CUTR has a Facebook page: [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Center-for-Urban-Transportation-Research/318839614894743](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Center-for-Urban-Transportation-Research/318839614894743). Check out the collage of CUTR while you are there. A CUTR Alumni book will be created to include contact information on what everyone is doing now. The link to a form to gather the information for the book is [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12it7bcBaFA7RNVnk9ELu2g1GfgN602pk72NBdj8U/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12it7bcBaFA7RNVnk9ELu2g1GfgN602pk72NBdj8U/viewform). Post on your Facebook page to let former CUTRites know about it and Like us while you are there.
CUTR EMPLOYEE SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete the CUTR employee survey. Your input is very important and assists the CUTR management team to improve working relationships and environment.

Link to the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CUTREmployeeSurvey2013

Please complete the survey by Friday, April 5th. Thank you for your participation!

NOTE REGARDING ANONYMITY: The survey is configured to NOT collect any identifying information, including the specific option to NOT collect computer IP addresses. This configuration is used to ensure anonymity. If you would like an additional level of anonymity, you may elect to use a non-CUTR computer to complete the survey.

KUDOS

Kudos to Kristine Williams who was nominated to serve as Co-chair of the Second TRB International Access Management Conference to be held, September 25-27, 2014 at Tongji University in Shanghai, China.

Kudos to Deborah Schultz on her new position with the ITS group as Research Support Specialist. She will continue to work on the motorcycle, pedestrian and bicycle safety related grants, educational outreach activities and data collections as well as other assignments.

Kudos to Brian Pessaro on his recent article in the Journal of Public Transportation (Vol. 16, No. 1, 2013) — “Impacts of the Cedar Avenue Driver Assist System on Bus Shoulder Operations”.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES

A great walk to school day event at Sulphur Springs on March 20th was had by all. Even though it was raining students were excited to walk to school. Each walking student received a safety blinky light and pedestrian safety bookmark. Jason Jackman appreciates the assistance of his “corner captains” — Lisa Suprenand, Emmily Tiampati, Julie Bond, and Sara Hendricks.

Lisa Suprenand, Outreach Specialist for Walk Wise Tampa Bay, spoke at the March 4th Belleair Beach City Council meeting. Her presentation showed pedestrian fatalities have remained relatively constant in Florida over the past 10 years, ranging around 500 a year. The loss from pedestrian injuries and fatalities is devastating but many could be prevented through appropriate safety measures.

Sean J. Barbeau recently attended the APTA TransITTech on March 20th in Phoenix, AZ and presented, “Open Transit Data – A Developer's Perspective,” and he also presented at the same conference with Aaron Antrim, “The Many Uses of GTFS Data – Opening the Door to Transit and Multimodal Applications”
USF COLLABORATIONS

**Project:** XPS: DSD: Collaborative: Parallel and Highly Scalable Algorithms and Architectures for Large-scale Urban Transportation Model Systems  
**Sponsor:** National Science Foundation  
**PI/Co-PI:** Katkoori/Pinjari/Pendyala/Fabregas/Lin  
**Value:** $599,962

**Project:** Intelligent Sensor System for Real Time Monitoring Roadways  
**Sponsor:** Federal Highway Administration: Innovative Applications for Emerging Real-Time Data  
**PI/Co-PI:** Katkoori/Christensen/Sarkar/Liu/Fabregas/Kourtellis/Lin  
**Value:** $241,943

USF NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSIT RESEARCH PROPOSALS

USF’s National Center for Transit Research applied for a $1.5 million Tier I Livable Communities federal grant in the latest University Transportation Center (UTC) competition. Up to 35 University Transportation Centers will be selected from among over 100 competing proposals from across the nation. NCTR will lead the team comprised of USF, the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M, Florida International University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. USF, through its CUTR faculty, will also team with other UTC proposals, including a proposal for a national livable communities center lead by Portland State University, a national State of Good Repair UTC proposal lead by Rutgers University, a national Safety UTC proposal being led by the University of Minnesota, and both Regional UTC proposals submitted by the University of Tennessee and the University of Florida. Competition results will be made known by early June 2013.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED/UNDERWAY

**Project:** National Center for Transit Research (NCTR) Tier I Livability UTC Application  
**Sponsor:** US Department of Transportation  
**PI/Co-PI:** Volinski/Hinebaugh/Bittner  
**Value:** $1.5M

**Project:** University of Minnesota National UTC Proposal  
**PI/Co-PI:** Volinski/Hinebaugh/Bittner  
**Value:** $235,664

**Project:** Portland State University National UTC Livability  
**PI/Co-PI:** Volinski/Bittner/Williams  
**Value:** $203,000
Project: Airport Education and Training Center  
**Sponsor:** FDOT  
**PI/Co-PI:** Audino  
**Value:** $127,787

**Project:** National Bus Rapid Transit Institute  
**Sponsor:** Federal Transit Administration  
**PI/Co-PI:** Hinebaugh/Pessaro/Staes  
**Value:** $1.7M

**Project:** Florida Transit Operator Trainer Training Program  
**Sponsor:** FDOT  
**PI/Co-PI:** Reep/Bart/Staes  
**Value:** $186,900

**Project:** New North Transportation Alliance 2013 County Matching Funds  
**Sponsor:** Hillsborough County  
**PI/Co-PI:** Hendricks/Bond  
**Value:** $12,500

**ITE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH SEMINARS AT 11:00 AM ON FRIDAYS**

April 5  John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.  
Florida’s Freight Future

April 12  Jason Bittner, Director, CUTR  
Building a Career in Freight

April 19  ITE Elections

April 26  No Seminar