Across the U.S., transportation agencies and communities are seeking to promote walking, bicycling and transit use and the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. To do so requires strong regional coordination, meaningful public involvement, and new ways of thinking about transportation and land use planning. Also needed is a more strategic approach to managing the existing transportation system. The Planning and Corridor Management program at CUTR has supported advancements in these areas for more than 20 years with cutting edge research, policy development, and technology transfer projects for a diverse range of clients.

Our faculty authored the Transportation Research Board Access Management Manual (2003, 2014), and helped countless agencies integrate roadway access management strategies into their plans and regulations through applied research, leadership, and policy development. We developed Florida’s innovative mobility fee concept for an impact fee sensitive to vehicle miles of travel that is based upon a multimodal “mobility” plan, a Mobility Review Guide to advance state and local coordination in mobility planning, and a model multimodal transportation element for local comprehensive plans. Our program has also advanced agency efforts to involve the public and ensure equity in decision making through guidance on public involvement best practices, performance measurement, and research on integrating Title VI and environmental justice into the transportation planning process.

We also provide research and staff support to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) and training to elected officials appointed to serve on MPO Boards through the MPOAC Institute, to prepare them for this challenging role. Our work in metropolitan planning includes a groundbreaking national study on MPO organizational structure and staffing, and research into regional coordination strategies for megaregions. Through these activities and ongoing research into long range transportation planning best practices, our faculty stays abreast of the latest developments in metropolitan planning.

For additional information on the program and how we might help you accomplish your planning and corridor management objectives, contact Program Director, Kristine Williams, AICP at kwilliams@cutr.usf.edu or 813-974-9807.
UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7        CUTR Managers' Meeting, CUT207, 1:30 PM
April 21       CUTR Staff Meeting, CUT102, 9:00 AM
April 20-24    Administrative Professionals Week
April 22-23    NTI Using the Transit Economic Requirements Model (Term Lite) Analysis Tool Workshop, CUT202

KUDOS

Congratulations go out to Dr. Chanyoung Lee in the establishment of a new CUTR Program that will focus on motorcycle safety. The new Motorcycle Safety Research Program – “Motorcycle Injury Prevention Institute” has been a long time in formation. Under the direction of Dr. Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR was awarded its first motorcycle safety research grant in 2009. In the years since that award, Drs. Lin and Lee and members of the ITS Program have secured and expanded their expertise on motorcycle safety research and secured additional state and federal funding. In the past year it has become clear that motorcycle safety has risen to a research area that has met the threshold of becoming a full CUTR program through its long history, successful management and research results, and future financial stability and growth.

Please join me in welcoming our newest faculty member, Dr. Siwon Jang.

Siwon received her Ph.D. in Public Health from the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida in 2013. After receiving her doctoral degree, she proceeded to teach several classes at USF as an adjunct faculty member. In January 2014, Siwon was hired as a postdoctoral scholar at CUTR. Since then, she has made significant contributions in developing and conducting various research projects.

She has a strong commitment to empirical research and practice in traffic injury prevention. Her research goal is to improve the health and safety of the motoring public through identifying personal and environmental risk factors, developing practical prevention strategies, and evaluating the effectiveness of the programs. She will be working with Chanyoung in our new Motorcycle Safety Program.

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 3/27/15 to 4/09/15
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, April 7th at 10 am.

Pay period 4/10/15 to 4/23/15
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, April 21st at 10 am.

Alma Mater Days
SHOW YOUR ALMA MATER PRIDE: Wear your favorite college t-shirt, sweatshirt, and the like (must display the College’s logo or name) the first Friday of every month. Friendly banter on performance of affiliated sports teams or alumni news is also highly encouraged. If you want to add a banner or anything to your door, that’s great too. Dress code restrictions on sleeveless shirts, shorts or sandals will remain enforced. Jeans can, of course, be worn (with a reminder that a contribution ($1) is appreciated).

GO BULLS!!!
Alma Mater Days:

• May 1
• June 5
• July 2
• August 7
• September 4
• October 2
• November 6
• December 4
NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES

CUTR hosted Dr. Jennifer Dill, Director and Ms. Hau Hagedorn, Administrator of the National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC) on March 9th. USF/CUTR is a member of NITC, which is the national Livable Communities UTC. Dr. Dill and Ms. Hagedorn described the processes NITC uses to select projects and the various activities that are funded through the grant they administer. Numerous CUTR faculty met with them to discuss their ideas for projects that might be funded out of the NITC, and feedback was provided on how to improve their abstracts. CUTR hopes to have at least a few proposals turn into funded projects. NITC also provides funds to support education activities, such as the curriculum that Kristine Williams is developing for a new course to be taught in the Urban Planning program.

Joel Volinski attended the Southeast UTC conference on March 27, 2015 at the University of Alabama-Birmingham to present information on the activities and goals of the National Center for Transit Research. All universities that work with federally funded UTCs from the southeast region of the United States are invited, and over 60 presentations on research findings are presented by faculty and staff of over a dozen universities.

CUTR participated in the Second Annual Bike with the Mayor Ride in Temple Terrace on Friday, March 20th.
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