May 14, 2012

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Last week I wrote about reliability in the context of our efforts. I do not want to let a couple of bad experiences taint my view. I am incredibly proud of the work I see going on and truly hope that you are proud to bear the CUTR affiliation. We have some incredibly productive and talented people here. The best part of my job in fact is to try and promote CUTR and market that productivity. Happy Bike to Work Week and Happy Belated Mothers’ Day to those in our tribe….— Jason

CUTR Strategic Plan: Thank you to those of you who’ve taken the time to complete our online strategic planning survey. For those of you who’ve not yet completed the survey, I ask you to visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CUTRSWOT2. Your answers to these questions will help us focus on what we do best, what we need to improve, and how we can best add value for our customers. Please be as candid and specific as possible. Remember, the deadline is May 15 so please submit your response soon.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chris Cochran has left CUTR (May 8) to join the Engineering firm, Grimail Crawford, as their new GIS Specialist. Chris will be working on their FDOT District 7 GIS contract. Congratulations Chris!

Congratulations to Amber Reep who has been promoted to a Senior Associate Instructor for the Transportation Safety Institute!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14-18, 2012 TSI Transit Bus System Safety, CUT102
May 14-18, 2012 Bike to Work Week
May 22, 2012 CUTR Cookout RSVP to Grace no later than Friday, May 18.
May 28, 2012 Memorial Day
June 5-6, 2012 FDOT/FPTA/CUTR Professional Development Workshop
June 6, 2012 CUTR Advisory Board Meeting @ 1pm-3pm

May is National Bike Month

The League of American Bicyclists is the national sponsor of Bike Month, held in May of each year. Bike to Work 2012 supports bicycling as a viable, environmentally friendly, cost-saving commute choice. This year, Bike to Work Week is May 14-18, with Bike to Work Day observed on Friday, May 18th. For more information, please visit: http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth
PROPOSALS SUBMITTED/UNDERWAY

Project: Assessing the Economic Impact and Benefits of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Five-Year Work Plan: 2012 Update
Sponsor: Orlando-Orange County Expressway
PI: Sisinnio Concas

Project: Florida Statewide Transit Training and Technical Assistance Program
Sponsor: FDOT
PI: Amber Reep
Co-PI: Lisa Staes

NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS

Project: Florida Statewide TDM Clearinghouse
Sponsor: FDOT
PI: Phil Winters

Project: Florida Commuter Choice Training Program
Sponsor: FDOT
PI: Phil Winters

TRANSPORTATION GRADUATE SEMINAR

May 17, 2012 @ 11am, CUT 202: “Exploring Ridership Drivers of BRT, Bus, Streetcar and Light Rail Transit”
Presented by: Dr. Graham Currie, Professor at Monash University (Australia)