July 9, 2012

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Finally! We have a transportation authorization bill. While we didn't get everything that we wanted out of it, there are some wins in there for transportation research. We should be well positioned to compete for another round of UTC funding, state research dollars should continue to be accessible, and our efforts in Bus Rapid Transit may be continued through regular FTA funding. It is a time to be thankful—even if the bill's short two year duration is not going to help us solve any long term problems.

Also, I want to applaud the CUTR family for the incredible donations to Feeding America. I’m proud of our collective ability to give a little back to this community. — Jason

CONGRATULATIONS!

CUTR has been successful in donating 1,019 items for Feeding America! Thank you to everyone who participated in the food drive.

To celebrate please join us for the Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 17th at 3:30 in the Board Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10, 2012     Managers Meeting, CUT207 @ 10:30am
July 11, 2012     New North Transportation Alliance (NNTA) Board Meeting, CUT143 @ 8am
July 16-19, 2012  Transit Industrial Safety Management Course, CUT102
July 17, 2012     CUTR Food Drive Ice Cream Social, CUT143 @ 3:30pm

NOTEWORTHY

The CUTR Employee Suggestion form has been updated and ready for use!!! The suggestion form is available via the CUTR Share Drive at: S:\CUTR\FORMS\Miscellaneous Forms

You can print out the completed form and place it in the suggestion box in the first floor workroom or email the completed form directly to Jason Bittner. Your input is valued and can remain anonymous if you choose!

BACKPACKS FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES PASCO

Each year CUTR participates in the “Backpacks for Healthy Families Pasco” by providing backpacks and school supplies to children who are less fortunate. We have the opportunity to help these children have a great start to a new school year. Melissa DeLeon will be receiving a list of names soon so be on the look-out for an
e-mail from her. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase additional items for the backpack, please contact her at 4-7904. The backpacks need to be brought to CUTR by Monday, August 6, 2012 with the child’s name (and number) clearly attached to the backpack. Your continued support is appreciated.

If you are interested in finding out more about Healthy Families Pasco, check out the links below:

Information About Healthy Families Pasco | See how Healthy Families assist parents!

**NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS**

| Project: MPOAC Transportation Planning Services | Sponsor: MPO Advisory Council | PI: Jeff Kramer | Award: $55,000 |
| Project: Safe Routes to School Walking School Bus & Bicycle Train Program | Sponsor: FDOT D7 | PI: Jason Jackman | Award: $72,000 |
| Project: Public Use Airports’ Rates & Charges Analysis | Sponsor: FDOT | PI: Alex Kolpakov | Co-PI: Stephen Reich | Award: $100,000 |
| Project: Trip Generation Study in Miami Dade County | Sponsor: Miami MPO | PI: Aldo Fabregas | Award: $59,500 |

**PROPOSALS SUBMITTED/UNDERWAY**

| Project: Airport Education and Training Center | Sponsor: FDOT | PI: Michael Audino | Award: $79,167 |
| Project: Vehicle On-Time Performance and Scheduling Process Recommendations—Palm Beach County’s Public Transportation System | Sponsor: Palm Beach Co Transportation Authority | PI: Chris Deannuntis | Co-PI: Justin Begley | Award: $9,466 |
| Project: Chatham Area Transit Authority Transit Development Plan | Sponsor: Chatham Area Transit Authority | PI: Rob Gregg | Co-PI: Ann Joslin | Award: $15,000 |