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Sylvan (Sonny) Holtzman, a powerhouse with more than 60 years of service as a lawyer and public servant, has been selected as a Hall of Fame inductee by the Center for Urban Transportation Research. Known throughout the state of Florida for his dedication to the transportation industry, Holtzman has served in numerous volunteer roles for decades.

Holtzman was the founding chairman of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and served as chairman for six consecutive terms. In 2012, Holtzman was appointed to the United States Department of Transportation’s Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee. He also served as Chairman of the Transportation and Expressway Membership of Florida (TEAMFL), and is on its board of directors representing the corporate and private sector members of the organization. He has frequently spoken on innovations in violation enforcement before the IBTTA (International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association).

Holtzman also served as chairman of the Florida Parimutuel Commission, chairman of Gov. Chiles’ transition Governance Committee and co-chairman of the Governor’s second-term inaugural committee. Currently, Holtzman serves on the CUTR Advisory Board. Holtzman also served on the Board of Directors for a Miami community bank for over 25 years and acted as Honorary Counsel for the Republic of Panama in Miami.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the NICR Webinar: Corridor-Wide Surveillance Using Unmanned Aircraft Systems on Thursday, June 17 from 12 PM - 1 PM EDT with Benjamin Colucci-Rios, Ph.D. Registration is required.
for 10 years. After obtaining his business administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Holtzman joined the United States Army and was awarded the Korean War Service Medal. He subsequently earned his law degree at the University of Miami while serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Miami Law Review. Sonny Holtzman currently resides in Miami, Florida. Married to his wife Lani for 41 years, they are parents to 5 children and have 11 grandchildren.

Sonny will be inducted to the Florida Transportation Hall of Fame on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the 2021 CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards at the University of South Florida USF Marshall Center.

For more information, please visit https://www.cutr.usf.edu/2021awards

CUTR's Jodi Godfrey earns accolades from ITE

Congratulations to CUTR’s Jodi Godfrey on being selected as an ITE Young Leader to Follow for 2021 and being selected as the Florida Puerto Rico District ITE Rising Star for 2021! Godfrey serves as the President of the Greater Tampa Bay Section of ITE and is a member of the Women of ITE Subcommittee. She also serves as the secretary of the Transportation Research Board Standing Committee on Transit Safety and Security, the communications officers and membership chair for WTS Tampa Bay, and the secretary of the American Public Transportation Association’s Bus Safety Committee.

University Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Program
The University Peer to Peer Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Program is managed by the Center for Urban Transportation Research. Program manager Jason Jackman is working with four Florida universities (USF, UF, FSU, and UCF) to train student volunteer educators to be safety ambassadors for their respective universities. This outreach and education effort provides students the resources to reach their peers through virtual safety presentations about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Student volunteers participating in the program are currently studying in various university education fields including engineering, planning, public health, economics, and others. While this pilot program currently hosts virtual only presentations, there are plans to expand to a hybrid in-person/virtual effort. This program is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

**USDOT published ACME’s final report on the performance evaluation of THEA**

USDOT published [ACME’s final report on the performance evaluation of the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) Connected Vehicle (CV) Pilot Deployment](https://mailchi.mp/2358e4ce89d5/cutr-connections). The report details the result of more than three years of data collection and
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More than 530 people attended this webinar series May 6-20, 2021. Attendees came from throughout Florida and around the world, including Canada and India. The recording for Part 1 is posted now, and parts 2 and 3 will be posted soon. Congratulations to Florida LTAP on another successful webinar!

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The study evaluated the deployment of CV technology in six use cases to address mobility and safety issues in specific areas of downtown Tampa, Florida. The research implemented a robust experimental design to enroll more than 1,000 private citizens to experience the functionality and impact of several vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) applications. The study analyzed behavioral responses to the V2V and V2I applications using a before-after behavioral response assessment and interrupted time-series analysis.

CUTR would like to thank the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority and its entire team for their leadership and the USDOT for the timely, valuable, and constructive feedback offered by review teams. CUTR would also like to thank Volpe and the support contractor Noblis. Finally, the research team would like to thank Mr. Govind Vadakpat for his leadership and continued support throughout Phase 1-3 of the Pilot.

+ Read more from USF News about the THEA CV Pilot: "Auto manufacturers test connected vehicle technology implemented in Tampa Bay, evaluated at USF"

Florida Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

To improve Florida’s roadway safety, mobility and efficiency, local transportation agencies play crucial roles because they design, operate, and maintain their roadways, and assist FDOT via contracts to operate and maintain State roads. The Florida LTAP Center, also known as the Florida Local Technical Assistance Program, is jointly funded by FHWA and FDOT. FDOT uses its Florida Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) to improve the skills and increase the knowledge of local transportation agency workforces via training and technical assistance.

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Florida LTAP webinars have attracted an average of 511 training registrations and 376 attendees per webinar session. Attendees say they find Florida LTAP webinars to be informative and interesting. Florida LTAP has become a model and premier training center in the U.S. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize a great CUTR team including Dr. Pei-Sung Lin, Dr. Cong Chen, Lisa Staes, Kristin Larsson, Stephanie Lewis, Kiryanna Stanley, Alex Cruz, and Lisa Ravenscroft.

FPTA/FDOT/CUTR Professional Development Workshop

The 2021 FPTA/FDOT/CUTR Professional Development Workshop will be held virtually throughout May, June, and July. This unique professional development workshop is sponsored by the Florida Public Transportation Association, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research. The Workshop is celebrating 20 years with 26 virtual sessions. Come join us! Registration is free – preference will be given to current staff employed by Florida public agencies, Community Transportation Coordinators, planning agencies, transportation providers, and/or Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) members. Learn more and register.

CUTR’s Kristine Williams earns CTEDD award

Congratulations, Kristine Williams, AICP on earning the 2021 Center for Transportation Equity, Decisions, and Dollars (CTEDD) Technology Transfer Champion award for her outstanding contributions in technology transfer.

"Kristine is a prolific CTEDD researcher, and her team at USF consistently generates some of our most popular products," said CTEDD Deputy Director Jay Rosenberger at the CTEDD Awards Ceremony. "$[Kristine] has deep ties to the major transportation forces in her state and designs her projects with community improvement in mind. We greatly respect Kristine’s commitment to applying her..."
The Center for Urban Transportation Research thanks the previous officers for their time and dedication to USF-ITE, especially Hossein Amiri – a recent graduate from the University of South Florida’s College of Engineering.

**Student Spotlight: Briana DeRosa**

Hi, I am Briana DeRosa, and I am a student in the Global Sustainable Energy program at the University of South Florida’s Patel College of Global Sustainability. I am an intern for Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC) where I help the coordinators with project needs. I work on social media engagement including managing posts, creating monthly newsletters, and designing promotional materials. I also assist with member...
I choose to work in transportation and alternative fuels because it is a huge consumer of energy and polluter in our society, and it's vital that we start making smarter choices for the sake of our future. As an intern for TBCCC, I get to help promote and educate the community on the options available to transition to better fuels and technology.

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In 1988, the Florida Legislature created the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida (§334.065, Florida Statutes). CUTR is a part of the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida, in Tampa, Florida. Since its inception, CUTR has become internationally recognized in transportation research, education and technology transfer/training/outreach center, with a focus on producing products and people. Our work supports transportation agencies, the transportation profession and community, policy makers, and the public. CUTR provides high quality, objective expertise in the form of insightful research, comprehensive training and education, effective technical assistance and in-depth policy analysis, that translates directly into benefits for CUTR's project sponsors. CUTR's faculty of 37 full-time researchers, and 57 students, combines academic knowledge and extensive "real world" experience in developing innovative, implementable solutions for all modes of transportation. The multidisciplinary research faculty includes experts in engineering, planning, computer science, economics, public policy, public health, and geography. CUTR logs nearly $20 million per year in expenditures through contracts and grants to support its research, education, training and technical assistance missions.