May 2019

Did you know that motorists are to give bicyclists a minimum of three feet while passing? This May, join CUTR and Alert Today Florida to learn more about biking safety! Take our three-part self-assessment

EVENTS

National Bike to Work Day
Friday, May 17

Ride Leader Training
Saturday, June 22
@ CUTR
Put the Brakes on Human Trafficking

Join the Center for Urban Transportation Research and pledge to educate employees, raise awareness, and assist with measuring impacts on human trafficking. Together, we can eradicate human trafficking.

Take the Pledge

Register Here!

Let's Go Biking!

Saturday, June 1
@ Jaco Pastorius Park
Oakland Park

Kick off the summer and join us for an exciting 4-mile bike ride through the City of Oakland Park!

RSVP Today!

USF Institute of Transportation Engineers

CUTR congratulates the USF Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapter for their recognition as the USF Graduate Student Organization of the Year for 2019 (second year running to be recognized!) at the 2019 Celebration of Leadership Awards. Under the leadership of President MD Hoque, and the team of student leaders and more than 200 members, the chapter reached new heights this year – including winning the national ITE Collegiate Traffic Bowl and hosting the Florida Student Leadership Summit.
The chapter is grateful for all of the support they received from advisors Dr. Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini and Jodi Godfrey, as well as from the Tampa Bay ITE chapter, the Florida Section ITE and from the ITE International headquarters. Dr. Bertini was also honored as the USF Outstanding Student Organization Advisor. With more than 600 registered student organizations at USF, these are tremendous honors, and thanks go to all of the students, CUTR faculty and staff and professionals for their continuing support!

Employee News

Congratulations to CUTR's Gennaro (Rino) Saliceto who completed both the bus and rail safety training for Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program through The Federal Transit Administration, Office of Transit Safety and Oversight.

Rino's training makes him one of the first to obtain safety training in both modes of transportation. Congratulations on this accomplishment, Rino!
Congratulations, Lucy!

Congratulations to CUTR's Safe Routes to School Coordinator Lucy Gonzalez-Barr - the Florida Bicycle Association's Educator of the Year!

Executive Director of the Florida Bicycle Association Becky Afonso presented Lucy with her award last week for her excellence in education and dedication to safety.

FDOT Research Showcase
Xiaopeng (Shaw) Li, and CUTR Program Director Dr. Pei-Sung Lin were honored to participate in the second annual FDOT Research Showcase held in Gainesville on April 11-12, 2019.

With the theme, Technology Applications, Partnerships/Collaboration, and Research Solutions to Achieve Safety and Mobility Benefits, faculty from 8 Florida universities (including USF, University of Florida, University of Central Florida, University of North Florida, FAMU FSU College of Engineering, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, and Florida Polytechnic University) presented ongoing and recent research, and discussed opportunities for collaboration. Focusing on implementable research in the areas of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and transportation systems management and operations (TSM&O), colleagues identified innovative means of improving safety and mobility as well as leveraging advanced technologies and creative partnerships.

We look forward to next year’s Showcase! Special thanks to Dr. Raj Ponnaluri, FDOT Connected Vehicles and Arterial Management Engineer for organizing this wonderful event!

Seminar

Dr. Sean Barbeau presented findings from the research project "Enhancing Cybersecurity in Public Transportation" funded by the Florida Department of Transportation and National Center for Survey information from Florida transit agencies regarding cybersecurity practices was discussed. The research team also examined the security of traffic signal control cabinets that manage bus traffic.
Announcements

Announced in early April, CUTR is a proud recipient of the third annual Safe System Innovation Grant. “With as many as 40,000 people killed each year in motor vehicle crashes, now is the time for bold and innovative action,” said Nick Smith, interim president and CEO of the National Safety Council. “Once again, the selection panel had an impressive pool of applicants, but this year’s winners stood out because of their logic-based, proven strategies. We look forward to watching their progress on our shared journey to zero roadway deaths.” CUTR will use this grant to explore the research topic of framing - "Shifting Public Narratives to Prevent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Deaths." Congratulations to Julie Bond who will act as PI for this project.

June 21, 2019
9:30 am – 4:00 pm

BWTB Summer Summit 2019
The 2019 Summer Summit is a day-long event showcasing BWTB’s progress and highlighting outstanding needs in our communities. Local leaders, dignitaries, citizens, and others will come together to share insights and discuss the future of walking and bicycling in Tampa Bay.

Only $35 per person if you register by May 17th! ($45 after 5/17/19.) Net proceeds from the conference will go to support iCan Bike and the Michael R. Schwaid Bike/Ped Initiative. Hot lunch and coffee/tea will be provided. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Register Today!

2019 FPTA/FDOT/CUTR Professional Development Workshop & Transit Safety and Operations Summit
Tampa, Florida
June 3 - 5, 2019

The statewide workshop offers a unique professional development opportunity for Florida’s public transportation supervisors, front-line employees, and other key staff in operations, maintenance, marketing, planning, and administration. This one-stop-workshop offers excellent opportunities to learn from industry experts, attend professional development training, gather information about innovative industry research, and network with peers.

Click here to learn more about the Summit

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