CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini participated in the 6th United States – European Union Symposium entitled, "Socioeconomic Impacts of Connected and Automated Vehicles" on June 26-27, 2018, in Brussels, Belgium. Pictured with Neil Pedersen, TRB Executive Director; Susan Shaheen, UC Berkeley, Symposium Chair; and Alasdair Cain, U.S. DOT OST-R. It will be exciting to see the summary report and to participate in the next steps of defining research topics in this arena.
CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini moderated a session on the "Future of Transportation Research" with Larry Burns, Francesc Robuste, Michael Zhang and Samer Madanat at a Special Symposium Honoring Professor Carlos Daganzo’s 70th Birthday on June 21, 2018 at UC Berkeley. Daganzo is a titan in the transportation science field, and has worked across disciplines including logistics, public transportation and traffic science for the past 40 years. Bertini studied at UC Berkeley, worked in the Newell-Daganzo-Cassidy group, and has co-authored several papers and reports with Professor Daganzo.
CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini had the fantastic opportunity to moderate a panel on Smart & Electric Cities at the www.facebook.com/ForthMobility in Portland, Oregon on June 19, 2018! The panel included Jennifer Gress, Sacramento, California; Steve Lommele, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; Karl Popham, Austin Energy; and Mark Dowd, Smart Cities Lab.

CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini presented "Incorporating TSM&O Into Professional Training and University Curricula" in the TSM&O: Training to Implementation session at the 2018 Florida Section/District 10 ITE Summer Meeting in Ponte Vedra on June 14, 2018. Thanks to Pete Yauch for moderating! A great team of USF students were
CUTR is so proud of the USF ITE student chapter who won the Florida Section Collegiate Traffic Bowl for the third year in a row! On to Minneapolis! Thanks to Seckin Ozkul, the fearless leader!

CUTR Director Dr. Robert L. Bertini was honored to be invited by WTS Tampa Bay WTS USF/ Tampa Bay to the June Social!
CUTR, the USF Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the College of Engineering paused yesterday to honor Mr. Bijan Behzadi, P.E., PTOE of HDR with a Capstone Teaching Gratitude Award. Bijan has been a valued adjunct faculty co-teaching the Transportation / Geotechnical Capstone Course from 2007-2018, and we are very grateful for his service and dedication to our students! Mr. Behzadi is pictured with Dr. Qing Lu and Dr. Manjriker Gunaratne (CEE Chair) along with CUTR Director, Dr. Robert Bertini.
CUTR led two sessions of the MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials on April 27-28 and June 1-3, 2018. The Institute provides MPO Board members with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and their understanding of transportation decision-making, including the key role they play in the process.

CUTR was pleased to see an important Florida Department of Transportation research project we conducted on the Research Center website! http://www.fdot.gov/.../summary_TE/FDOT-BDV25-977-22-rpt.pdf
Congratulations to Amir Ghiasi for successfully defending his Ph.D. dissertation, "Connected Autonomous Vehicles: Capacity Analysis, Trajectory Optimization, and Speed Harmonization," on June 8, 2018! Joining him were his major professor Dr. Xiaopeng Li, and committee members Fred Mannering, Robert Bertini, Changhyun Kwon, Kaiqi Xiong and Xiaoobo Qu. We are so proud of you Dr. Ghiasi!

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Research (SCOR) through its Research Advisory Committee (RAC) has selected the Florida Department of Transportation Research Project “Application of Demographic Analysis to Pedestrian Safety” as a Region 2 2018 High-Value Research Award winner! As a result of this selection, the project has been named as one of the “AASHTO Research Sweet Sixteen Awards” for 2018, and will be featured in AASHTO “Research Makes a Difference” events and publications throughout the year as well as at a poster session at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting in January 2019. This research was conducted by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida.

Congratulations to the FDOT Project Manager Mark Plass, as well as the CUTR project team including Principal Investigator Pei-Sung Lin, Achilleas Kourtellis, Yu Zhang, Rui Guo and Elzbieta Bialkowska-Jelinska.

CUTR has published a special issue of the Journal of Public Transportation focusing on the Future of Public Transportation. The paper by Jill Hough and Ali Rahim Taleqani, "Future of Rural Transit" is available for free download:

http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/jpt/vol21/iss1/4/
CUTR mourns the loss of Sam Lougheed, and we offer our deepest condolences to all of his friends and family. We will miss Sam's passion for cycling and for his leadership in our community. We were always grateful for Sam's presence at events all around the Tampa Bay Region, and it is hard to believe he is gone.
CUTR was represented at the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) Summer Meeting and USDOT UTC Directors’ Meeting at the University of Minnesota by Dr. Robert Bertini—it was great to join other Florida colleagues from UF, FSU, FIU and FAU. Thanks to the Center for Transportation Studies for the hospitality!

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CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini enjoyed providing a "virtual" guest lecture (via video conference) to the California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo CE 423 Intelligent Transportation Systems class on June 1, 2018. Thanks to Professor Carole Voulgaris for the invitation and to all of the students for their questions and great discussion!

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CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini was welcomed to the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon as an NITC Visiting Scholar on May 30-31, 2018. His visit included a guest lecture for CE 354 Traffic Engineering, “Changing the Future of Transportation: Connected and Automated Vehicles,” a visit to the CE 573 Transportation and Land Development class, dinner with the Institute of...
of the OIT students for the excellent visit and for their hospitality!