April 30, 2012

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR
At last week’s National Transportation Workforce Summit, a speaker from Washington State DOT coined a term to describe how WSDOT’s employees needed to be in this current age. Employees there strive to be “flimble”—flexible and nimble. As we think about new business approaches and changing the way we do things, we do need to be more flimble than we are right now. The same old, same old approach will get us the same old, same old deliverable. We must adapt; we must become flimble or others will set the stage for us. Have a great week and see you at Tuesday’s staff meeting.— Jason

CUTR Report Preparation Guidelines: Guidelines for the preparation of all CUTR/NCTR research reports, developed to bring consistency to our reports and presentations, have been finalized. These guidelines will be discussed at the staff meeting on Tuesday, May 1. Please review the information and bring your comments and questions to the meeting.

The guidelines and other relevant information can be found at: S:\CUTR\Report Guidance or http://www.cutr.usf.edu/research/cutrreports/guidance.shtml

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CUTR GRADUATES
Graduation is scheduled for this coming weekend (May 4 - 5).

Nagesh Nayak: PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering with a concentration in Transportation. Nagash will continue to work at CUTR, while looking for other opportunities.

Stephanie Zavacki: Master’s of Education in Instructional Technology from the College of Education with two Graduate Certificates in Web Design and Multimedia Design. Stephanie will continue to work for TTAT Team at CUTR.

Tara Rodrigues: Master's of Civil Engineering with a concentration in transportation and structures. After graduation, Tara plans to enter the FDOT PE training program or work in bridge design for a private firm.

Sherrell Lall: Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, Sherrell will be pursing two separate Master's Degrees in Engineering Management and Transportation Engineering.

Lyndonia Smith: Bachelor's Degree from the College of Engineering in Civil & Environmental Engineering with a concentration in Transportation. This fall Lyn plans to pursue her Master's in Engineering Management.

Congratulations Graduates! GO BULLS!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to JJ Samus who has accepted a full-time Engineer Level I with Reynolds, Smith and Hills (RS&H). His last day at CUTR will be May 11th. Good luck JJ!

USF ITE held their student chapter elections. Congratulations to our CUTR student’s on their new positions.

President: Ms. Qing Wang
Vice President: Ms. Menna Yassin
Secretary: Ms. Sherrell Lall
Treasurer: Ms. Rui Guo
Event Coordinator Chairs: Ms. Lyndonia Smith and Mr. Daniel Vasquez
Public Outreach Chairs: Mr. John Koutsoyannis, Mr. Kyle Taniguchi
Webmaster: Mr. Joseph Samus

CUTR TREE PLANTING TEAM

Team CUTR planted 50 Live Oak trees on the USF Tampa Campus on Friday, April 20. In anticipation of Earth Day, this event celebrated the designation of the USF Tampa Campus as a “Tree Campus USA” by The Arbor Foundation. Team CUTR included Jason Bittner, Jessica Brenner, Sara Hendricks, Oana McKinney, Mark Mistretta, Yoli Moore, Brian Pessaro, Domenick Pontoriero, Karen Seggerman, Kristine Williams and Cindy Wooten. The south side of the CUTR Building is now graced with 25 of these oaks. It was hot, dirty work but well worth the effort in support of USF’s efforts to develop an environmentally sustainable campus.

HR COMPASS

Sick Leave Pool Open Enrollment begins April 2. ENDS TODAY!

Program offers continued paid status in case of emergency. If you would like to become a member of the Sick Leave Pool Program, now is the time to join! The Sick Leave Pool enables an employee to remain in a paid status when they experience a serious, short-term medical condition rendering them unable to perform assigned duties and causing them to deplete all of their leave. Eligible full time and part time employees may join during the annual Sick Leave Pool open enrollment period from April 2 through April 30. Contact Martha for more information.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **May 1, 2012**  
  Staff Meeting @ 1pm

- **May 3, 2012**  
  Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Visit @ 9am, Board Room  
  FDOT Freight Discussion @ 3pm, Board Room

- **May 8, 2012**  
  Exploring Bicycle Options for Federal Lands: Bike Sharing, Rentals and Employee Fleets (Webinar)—Please see Amber Reep or Stephanie Zavacki for more information

- **May 9, 2012**  
  New North Transportation Alliance (NNTA) Board Meeting

- **May 13, 2012**  
  Mother’s Day

**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](http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth)

**NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS**

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**TRANSPORTATION GRADUATE SEMINAR**

- **May 3, 2012 @ 11am, CUT102:** “Modeling Hurricane Evacuation Integrated with Enriched Household Level Behavior: A case study from Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina” Presented by: Dr. Satish V. Ukkusuri (Purdue University)

- **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)