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Thank you so much for your help in running what I felt was an excellent CUTR Achievement Awards event. So many people contributed in so many ways and I think that it looked good for all of us. Special thanks to Grace Hunt and Ken Short who coordinated the brunt of the evening’s activities.

The CUTR Director’s Award was presented to Steve Reich for his outstanding contribution to the MPOAC Transportation Revenue Study project. The Director’s Award included a $500 stipend. The CUTR Humanitarian Award was presented to Melissa DeLeon based on her efforts related to Healthy Families Florida – Pasco County. It included a $100 stipend. The selection committee included CUTR Board Member Katherine Frazier and Associate Dean Jose Zayas-Castro.

The Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship was provided to co-recipients Kyle Taniguchi and Qing Wang.

I also want to thank Jay Goodwill and the rest of Lisa’s team for such a successful annual conference and expo for the Florida Public Transportation Association. This event highlighted several of our collective contributions to the profession and was very well received. I’m very proud of our past week’s efforts! — Jason

WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES

Please welcome Ryan Wakefield to the CUTR community. He is originally from Toledo, Ohio and moved to Florida 17 years ago. Ryan will be working for Janet Gillis in Engineering and will also design projects for CUTR. Prior to joining Engineering/CUTR, Ryan worked as a graphic designer in various industries such as public transit, hospice, children’s toys and food service. In his spare time, Ryan enjoys sketching, fishing and watching Pittsburgh Steelers football.

Please welcome Jana Huss to the CUTR community. She is a native of Winter Haven, Florida. Jana will be working with Steve Reich on the Transportation Program Evaluation & Economic Analysis team. Prior to joining CUTR, Jana worked in publishing as a managing editor, and she enjoys freelance writing and editing. She also works with her husband, who owns a third-generation, family-owned land surveying business.

November Birthdays
Ken Short 11/4
Sara Hendricks 11/4
Brian Pessaro 11/5
Steve Poteet 11/6

November Anniversaries
Bill Morris 16 yrs
Steve Reich 13 yrs
Ali Akram 8 yrs
Cecil Carter 7 yrs
Krishna Beersingh 2 yrs
Rodney Bunner 2 yrs
Allison Greene 2 yrs
Daniel Medina 2 yrs
John Oconitrillo 2 yrs
Matthew Wafford 2 yrs
Matthew Wills 2 yrs
Sherrell Lall 1 yr

AEGIS Timesheets
For the pay period 11/9-11/22/12, the AEGIS submission date is Friday, 11/16/12
Please welcome Valeria Compte to the CUTR community. Valeria was born in El Salvador and moved to the US when she was 13. She is currently on a Pre-Med track at USF, and hopes to become a surgeon and someday get her Ph.D. With the SHRP 2 Driving Study. Valeria is the Vice President of Active Minds at USF and the Recruitment Director for the American Red Cross Club at USF. Valeria reports to Jan Davis.

Please welcome Elhaam I ranmanesh, Jonathan Summerlin, Philip Davis and Auveed Arshadi to the CUTR Community. Elhaam, Jonathan, Philip and Auved will report to Dr. Pei-Sung Lin

Please welcome Jim Tucci and Roberta Yegidis to the CUTR community. Jim is a nationally recognized expert in bus, rail, and BRT safety and security with an extensive resume that includes work with WMATA, MTA in Baltimore, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Euclid Corridor Transportation Project in Cleveland, the New Britain to Hartford Busway, as well as others. Jim reports to Amber Reep.

Roberta is the former Operations Officer with Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority. Most recently, she has worked as a consultant providing extensive services in the areas of bus operations, grant management, operational assessments, FTA regulations, as well as other topics. Roberta currently serves on APTA's Standards Working Group and is a graduate of ENO's International Studies Program. Roberta reports to Amber Reep.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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FPTA 30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO

The Florida Public Transportation Association's 38th Annual Conference and EXPO was held in Daytona Beach on October 28 – 30, 2012, with over 320 participants. The 2012 event featured indoor exhibits of 17 transit vehicles (ranging from vans to a 62-foot articulated coach), close to 60 exhibitors and the 2012 FPTA marketing award submissions. The conference featured a number of informative breakout sessions and special presentations by the Federal Transit Administration Region IV Administrator, Dr. Yvette Taylor, the American Public Transportation Association's Vice President Arthur Guzzetti, the Community Transportation Association of America's Jane Hardin, FDOT's Ed Coven, Transit Office Manager and Assistant Secretary Rich Biter, as well as state and local elected officials, and U.S. Congressman John...
Mica. CUTR was well represented with presentations provided by: Jason Bittner, Rob Gregg, Ed Bart, Mark Mistretta, Amber Reep, Jay Goodwill, Lisa Staes, and Bill Morris.

Highpoints of the conference included:

- Recognition at the Monday luncheon of the first Florida Certified Transit Technicians Program graduates.
- FPTA Hall of Fame Induction of Former Secretary Ben Watts, Florida Department of Transportation.
- A very interesting and colorful keynote presentation by U.S. Congressman John Mica
- Tuesday’s award dinner recognizing Florida’s best systems in 2012 in marketing and safety; the Driver of the Year (Janet Kisner from VOTRAN); Bus Mechanic of the Year (Michael Johnson from StarMetro); the Innovation and Creativity Award (VOTRAN); and the Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award (Lee Tran).

A very special note of recognition to conference organizer Jay Goodwill, whose efforts made this a very successful and well attended conference.

**KUDOS**

**Melissa McCarville** will be teaching a double session on engineering and urban planning. She will discuss all modes of transportation and the impacts on the environment for Great American Teach-In at Anderson Elementary. Melissa will be representing CUTR and the USF College of Engineering.

The **ITE District 10 Annual Meeting** was held in Bonita Springs from October 28–31, 2012. Congratulations to the USF ITE student chapter members for the following achievements at the 2012 Joint Annual meeting of ITS Florida, ITE District 10 and FSITE:

- Rui Guo: ITS Florida Scholarship Program Award
- Qing Wang: 1st place - District 10 Student Poster Competition

**CARPET CLEANING: 2ND FLOOR**

Carpet cleaning for the 2nd floor is Friday, November 9, 2012

The work crew will come between noon and 1:00pm. If at all possible, it would be best to store all of your things in your office, on top of your desk, file cabinets, or other furniture that will not be moving. If you’d like to, you may temporarily place some of your office items in 205 (attach a note with your name) to avoid the potential water problem while still keeping your items secured. Please don’t use the hallways to store your things since that will interfere with foot traffic, the hoses they will use, and it could potentially become a fire hazard.

Pam will stay with the crew to supervise them as they move through the building. Please let Ken Short know if you have any questions.
**NOTEWORTHY**

USF Fall Semester student classes held at CUTR:

**Mondays:** EEL 4935/6935 Personal Health Systems, CUT202, 3:00pm  
**Tuesdays:** Traffic Systems Engineering, CUT202, 4:30–8:30pm  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays:** Bioelectricity, CUT202, 11:00am–12:30pm  
**Fridays:** Transportation Seminars, CUT202, 11:00am–12:00pm  

The **CUTR Employee Suggestion** form has been updated and ready for use. The suggestion form is available via the CUTR Shared 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!

**CUTR BUILDING INFORMATION**

- [For complete voicemail instructions](#). Directions are at the top of that page. There is also a one page summary sheet that is helpful
- For your information and safety, the location of the fire extinguishers and evacuation routes are in S:\CUTR\FireExtinguishers-EvacRoutes.pdf
- [Sign-up to receive University Emergency notifications](#). MoBull instructions
- Phone changes (add/remove/office moves, etc.) contact LaToya or Ken.
- If there are any building problems (cleanliness/bugs/leaks/any other issues) contact LaToya Fipps. If LaToya is not available, contact Ken, Pam or Grace.

**NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS**

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**ITE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH SEMINARS**

**November 9, 2012 @ 11am, CUT202:** Topic to be determined. Presented by: Dr. Tony Diana, NextGen, FAA

**November 16, 2012 @ 11am, CUT202:** Topic to be determined. Presented by: Dr. Ali Haghani, Professor, Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park

**November 30, 2012 @ 11am, CUT202:** Sustainable Traffic Control and Management Presented by: Rui Guo, Ph.D. Student, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of South Florida

For a complete and up-to-date schedule of the Transportation Research Seminar please visit the TTE 6930 website.

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**NEED TO SUBMIT TO CUTR CONNECTIONS**

If you have information that you would like to share and include in the monthly issue of the CUTRConnections—CUTR Employee Newsletter, please send an email with the information to Yolanda Moore