



**A. Wayne Rich**

## **2013 CUTR Transportation Achievement Award Honoring A. Wayne Rich**

**TAMPA, FLA (May 14, 2013)** - The Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida (USF) announces A. Wayne Rich, Esq., will be presented with the 2013 Transportation Achievement Award at CUTR's annual Transportation Achievement Awards Event, November 6, 2013.

Mr. Rich is Of Counsel in the Orlando, Florida office of the statewide law firm Broad and Cassel. He is a member of the firm's Real Estate, Eminent Domain, and Public Finance and Capital Projects Practice Groups

Earlier in his career he was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to serve as Chairman of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority. Rich served as Chairman for seven of the nine years that he served as a Board Member. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing expansion of the system, implementation of electronic tolling and the start of the western expressway, a \$400 million project. He also supervised the successful refinancing of all outstanding debt, the issuance of new project financing, and the structuring of escrows to help make the Authority more efficient, creating significant savings.

In 1997, Mr. Rich co-founded the Transportation and Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL), an organization consisting of all the toll agencies in Florida, intended to help in the exchange of information about the toll industry in the state. The group consists of more than 250 corporate statewide members, which consists of 1,500 individuals and nine state agencies. He serves as chairman.

The CUTR Transportation Achievement Award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to transportation. Previous award recipients include:

- Miami International Airport Director Jose Abreu (2012)
- Florida Senator Malcolm Beard (2011)
- Ben Watts, former Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (2010)
- Florida Senator James T. Hargrett, Jr. (2009)
- Bob Burleson, President of Florida Transportation Builders Association (2008)
- James Ely, former Executive Director of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, Florida Department of Transportation (2007)
- K. Earl Durden, Chairman, CEO, and Director of Rail Management Corporation and Durden Enterprises (2006)
- U.S. Congressman John Mica (2005)
- David Brown, former Florida Transportation Commission Chair (2004)

- Don Crane, former President of Floridians for Better Transportation (2003)

### **About Center for Transportation Research (CUTR)**

Established in the USF College of Engineering in 1988 by the Florida Legislature and the Florida Board of Regents, CUTR is nationally recognized as an important resource for policymakers, transportation professionals, the education system, and the public. CUTR provides high-quality, objective transportation expertise in the form of technical support, policy analysis, and research support that translates directly into benefits for its project sponsors. CUTR's multidisciplinary research staff includes experts in planning, engineering, public policy, finance, economics, and geography who develop comprehensive solutions for all modes of transportation while combining academic and real-world experience.

CUTR conducts nearly \$12 million in research annually for a variety of public and private sector sponsors in Florida and the U.S. areas of research include public transportation, transportation planning, mobility policy, intelligent transportation systems (ITS), transportation safety, transportation demand management (TDM), transportation economics and finance, and corridor management, among others.

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