

Meeting 2: Transportation Research Cluster

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Meeting Date: Thursday, March 15, 2007

Meeting Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm

Location: KAUFMAN 239
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Meeting outcomes and discussion:

1. The second meeting for the transportation research cluster was held on March 15, 2007. All interested BCET faculty and select faculty from other departments were invited to this meeting.
2. There is substantial transportation expertise on the ODU campus as reflected in the attendance at the kickoff meeting. Transportation expertise and interests in ODU are diverse and include: Aerospace, Maritime, Surface transportation (safety, congestion, environment, energy, sustainable transportation, technological solutions, Maglev, traveler behavior, planning, operations), and Analysis Methods (modeling, simulation, computation, GPS/GIS, remote sensing, etc.).
3. The second meeting helped us explore synergies and we listened to colleagues from the Department of Psychology (Professors Porter and Baldwin) and Dr. Lee Beach. Dr. H. Lee Beach (<http://www.hamptonroadsrp.org/index.html>) is the executive director of the Hampton Roads Research Partnership—a consortium of academic institutions, federal research labs, and a research institute.
4. The presentations given by the three speakers are attached. They reflect the content of the meeting and the discussion during the meeting.
5. Two upcoming conferences might be of interest. They include Modsim World 2007 (Transportation Track) and Sensors World 2007 (Three Transportation Tracks).
6. Dr. Lee Beach mentioned targeting earmarks for near term transportation funding; using existing results and (if necessary) internally-funded new information to market a transportation concept and potential to elected officials (state and federal). He further mentioned that committing to some “visibility” projects will be a good way to proceed. Further, working toward a major program in the next Transportation Bill (2009?) is a valuable goal.

Agenda

12:00 Noon-12:15 PM: Self-introductions & updates on
transportation research activities

12:15-12:45 PM: Research focus
Transportation Research in Dept of Psychology by
Professors Bryan Porter & Carryl Baldwin

12:45-1:00 PM: Dr. H. Lee Beach on transportation research opportunities

1:00-1:25 PM: Open discussion on:

- ODU transportation activities & focus
- Potential funding sources
- Collaborations/teams

1:25-1:30 PM: Future presenters (topics & speakers) and updates on transportation conferences
