



National University Rail Center - NURail

USDOT-RITA Tier I University Transportation Center (UTC)

NURail Center Partners' Meeting – Day 1 Kick-Off Meeting with RITA, FRA & FTA – Day 2

May 16 – 17, 2012

**1233 Newmark Civil Engineering Lab (NCEL)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

May 16, 2012

NURail Center Partner Meeting Agenda

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| 8:10 AM | Guests Board Vehicles at Hawthorn Suites Hotel |
| 8:15 AM | Transportation to Newmark Lab |
| 8:30 AM | Continental Breakfast, Room 1233 |
| 9:00 AM | Welcome and Introductions (Barkan) |
| 9:05 AM | Review Agenda and Meeting Objectives (Barkan) |
| 9:15 AM | Status of Research/Education Project Selection Process (Saat) |
| 9:30 AM | Strategic Development Plan (<i>Barkan/Saat</i>) – 20 minutes |
| 9:50 AM | Proposed Year 1 Projects
<i>UIUC Projects (Barkan/Saat/Edwards) – 20 minutes</i>
<i>UIC – Engineering Projects (Shabana) – 20 minutes</i> |
| 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:40 AM | Proposed Year 1 Projects (continued)
<i>MIT Projects (Sussman) – 15 minutes</i>
<i>UKY Projects (Souleyrette) – 15 minutes</i>
<i>MTU Projects (Lautala) – 20 minutes</i> |
| 11:30 AM | NURail Center Educational Plan (Lautala) – 20 minutes |
| 11:50 AM | Status of Transportation Bill and Potential Impact to UTC Program (McLennand) |
| 12:15 PM | Lunch - Beckman Café |
| 1:30 PM | Practice Run of Director's Overview Briefing to RITA (Barkan) |
| 2:45 PM | Newmark Tour (Edwards) |
| 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:30 PM | Proposed Year 1 Projects, continued
<i>UIC – CUPPA (Schlickman) – 15 minutes</i>
<i>RHIT (McKinney) – 15 minutes</i>
<i>UTK (Clarke via teleconference or webex) – 15 minutes</i> |

- 4:15 PM Subawards Status and Questions (Gress)
 4:25 PM Quarterly Report Requirements (Saat/Gress)
 4:40 PM Wrap-up and Closing Remarks (Barkan)
 4:45 PM Adjourn
- 6:45 PM Dinner at Escobar
6 East Columbia Avenue, Champaign, 217-352-7467
- 8:15 PM Transportation back to Hotel

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Agenda

Guests' Transportation

- 9:00 AM Guests Board Vehicles at Hawthorn Suites Hotel
 9:05 AM Transportation to Newmark Lab

Opening Session (open)

- 9:30 AM Introductions (Singh and Barkan)
 9:40 AM Welcome to the University of Illinois
 Amr Elnashai – Head, Dept of Civil and Environmental Engineering
 Phyllis Wise – Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 9:50 AM Opening Remarks from RITA Viewpoint (Womack)
 10:00 AM NURail Center Overview (Barkan)

"One-on-One" Meetings (closed)

- 11:00 AM Discussion with Womack, Singh, Barkan, and NURail Center
 Leadership Team
*(Attendees: Womack, Singh, NURail Center Director &
 Managing
 Director, NURail Consortium Principal Investigators)*

Tour of Facilities (open)

- 11:00 AM UIUC Facilities Tour (Edwards)
*Newmark Laboratory
 Rail Student Meetings – B-118 NCEL
 Off-Site Facilities – Quade Meeting Room, 1220 NCEL
 (Attendees: Other UIUC and NURail Consortium
 Representatives, RITA Grant Managers)*

Lunch

12:00 PM Beckman Café (All)

Grant Requirements and Management (open)

1:00 PM Overview of Grant Requirements and Q&A Session on Grant Management (RITA Grant Manager)

(Attendees: NURail Center Director, NURail Consortium Members

Directors and Representatives, UIUC Grants Office Staff, CEE Business Office Staff, Singh, and RITA Grant Managers)

End Meeting With RITA

3:00 PM Adjourn – RITA Visitors depart

RITA Guests' Transportation

3:15 PM RITA Guests Board Vehicles at Newmark Lab

3:20 PM Transportation back to Hotel and/or Airport

NURail Consortium Partners' Meeting

3:30 – 4:15 PM Discuss meeting with RITA

4:15 – 5:00 PM Discuss path forward

Dinner

6:30 PM Bacaro

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