Transportation’s Transformation: The Confluence of Demographic, Economic and Technology Trends

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Noon to 1:00pm

Please join us in College Avenue Commons (CAVC) room 425

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The presentation will focus on how emerging travel trends may impact travel demand. Attention will focus on current trends and how future travel behavior might be impacted given economic, demographic, and technology trends. Observations on our current understanding of travel behavior, the adequacy of our data and theory of travel behavior, and the implications on transportation planning and investment will be offered.

Dr. Polzin is the Director of Mobility Policy Research at the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida. His research concentrates on travel behavior, public transportation, travel data analysis, and transportation decision-making. His current research interests include exploring future travel demand and the implications of technology on travel behavior including the impact of transportation network companies and autonomous/connected vehicles. In 2016, Dr. Polzin was named as an ENO Top 10 Transportation Thought Leader in Academia.

Dr. Polzin has served on several Transportation Research Board and American Public Transportation Association Panels and Committees. He has served on Editorial Boards of the journal Transportation and the Journal of Public Transportation. He teaches graduate courses on Transportation and Land Use and Public Transportation. Dr. Polzin has published dozens of academic articles, contemporary pieces and editorial and blog postings. He co-authored Commuting in America 2013, the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials definitive resource on commuting.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) for 13 years and the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization for 7 years.

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