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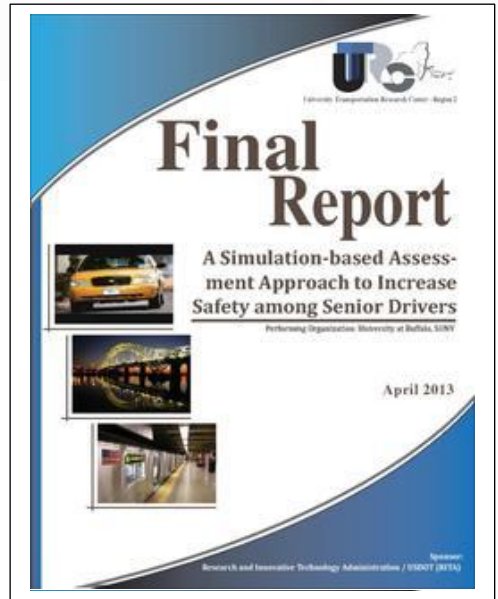
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### The University Transportation Research Center Publishes the Final Report for the Research Project Titled: "A Simulation-based Assessment Approach to Increase Safety among Senior Drivers"

UTRC has released a final report for the research titled: "**A Simulation – based Assessment Approach to Increase Safety among Senior Drivers**", funded by the Research and Innovative Technology Administration/USDOT (RITA). The principal investigator was **Dr. Kevin Hulme**, a senior research associate at the New York State Center for Engineering Design and Industrial Innovation (NYSCEDII) at the University of Buffalo (SUNY).

Statistics show that in the U.S., there are about 38 million licensed drivers over age 65; about 1/8 of our population. By 2024, this figure will DOUBLE to 25%. The current research is intended to address the driving capabilities of our older population, as accident and injury risk has been statistically shown to increase - normalized per mile driven - with advanced age. Our primary objective is to perform a preliminary Pilot Study (N=10) that allows our team to analyze the impact of supplementing traditional driver evaluation for senior persons with cognitive impairment using state-of-the-art driving simulation technologies.

The full report is available for a free download at the UTRC website: <http://www.utrc2.org/publications/safety-among-senior-drivers-final>



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