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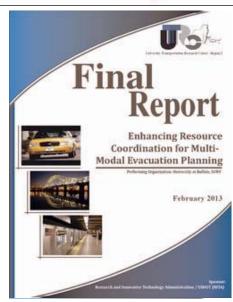
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The University Transportation Research Center Publishes the Final Report for the Research Project Titled: "Enhancing Resource Coordination for Multi-Modal Evacuation Planning"

UTRC has released a final report for the research titled: "Enhancing Resource Coordination for Multi-Modal Evacuation Planning", funded by the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA/USDOT). The principal investigator was Dr. Daniel B. Hess, an associate professor at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.

This research project seeks to increase knowledge about coordinating effective multi-modal evacuation for disasters. It does so by identifying, evaluating, and assessing current transportation management approaches for multi-modal evacuation planning. The research increases equity by identifying strategies for evacuation of all residents, including carless residents during a disaster. The research also seeks to address the challenges of effectively incorporating multi-modalism into local emergency plans by enhancing transportation resource coordination through exploration of the feasibility of a new concept - a Transportation Reserve Corps (TRC). A TRC seeks to integrate planning for households without automobiles, multi-modal evacuation, and coordinated volunteerism with disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

The full report is available for a free download at the UTRC website: http://www.utrc2.org/publications/multi-modal-evacuation-planning-final





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