

# UTRC-REGION II PR NEWSWIRE

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**The University Transportation Research Center (UTRC)**, located at The City College of New York (CCNY) of the City University of New York (CUNY), announced today the appointment of Distinguished Lecturer **Matthew W. Daus, Esq.**, as **Transportation Technology Chair**.

Daus, the former longest-serving **New York City Taxi & Limousine Commissioner/Chair** and **President of the International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR)**, has worked at the UTRC for the past eight (8) years. During this time, Daus has authored and published substantial research in the area of transportation policy, innovation, law and regulation. He has also lectured around the world and continues to teach courses in transportation sustainability, history, technology, regulation and policy to graduate students at CCNY's Grove School of Engineering.

Distinguished Lecturer Daus will continue to serve in his faculty and academic position at CUNY, but will immediately undertake enhanced responsibilities at the UTRC as Transportation Technology Chair. Daus will have the responsibility to grow and support the activities of the UTRC throughout the region and globally through collaboration on educational activities and events, research endeavors, strategic partnerships and other initiatives involving transportation policy, technology, multi-modal integration, automation and innovation.



**In making this announcement, Dr. Camille Kamga, UTRC Director, commented:**

*Matt has and continues to do an outstanding job of helping the UTRC spread knowledge and influence policy through his research, lectures and activities at CUNY, and at this critical time of mobility change, is well positioned to help build and expand the influence and reach of the UTRC.*

In addition to teaching and researching, Daus' expanded responsibilities will now include the following initiatives and roles:

- To Chair and build the UTRC Advisory Board, and foster relationships and strategic partnerships with other academic institutions, transportation related organizations, government agencies and the private sector to promote collaboration in research and educational initiatives involving data management and transfer.

- To focus on law, policy and governance in the transportation technology mobility ecosystem, and to conduct research and educational endeavors in the areas of data privacy and access, insurance, labor and employment law and other disciplines related to the advent of "Mobility-As-A-Service" (MAAS), Shared & Automated Vehicle Mobility.
- To build, manage and maintain the UTRC transportation Data Commons, through hosting, participating in and conducting transportation related "Hack-a-Thons" and "Data Challenges" for a wide variety of purposes and goals, and to develop partnerships with academic institutions, students, non-profit think tanks and organizations, government agencies and the private sector to advance the scope of knowledge, innovation and proactive policy change.
- To oversee and supervise government affairs and relations for the UTRC with respect to events, partnerships, grants and strategic initiatives, and to enhance the public profile of the UTRC locally and internationally.

In addition to these new and challenging set of goals, Distinguished Lecturer Daus will maintain his existing responsibilities at CCNY/CUNY and the UTRC, including:

- Lecturing at CCNY/CUNY, teaching graduate courses in transportation sustainability, history, technology, policy and regulation.
- To continue to build and expand the International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR), [www.iatr.global](http://www.iatr.global), a non-profit organization of government regulators that promotes educational activities, including training and conferences, as well as best practices in for-hire ground transportation.
- Organize, moderate and plan symposia and other events for the UTRC involving transportation technology and policy, both locally and abroad, to further knowledge, collaboration and partnerships with government agencies, academia and the private sector.

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#### About the University Transportation Research Center [www.utrc2.org](http://www.utrc2.org)

Region 2 University Transportation Research Center (UTRC) is one of ten original University Transportation Centers established in 1987 by the U.S. Congress. These Centers were established with the recognition that transportation plays a key role in the nation's economy and the quality of life of its citizens. University faculty members provide a critical link in resolving our national and regional transportation problems while training the professionals who address our transportation systems and their customers on a daily basis.

The UTRC was established in order to support research, education and the transfer of technology in the field of transportation. The theme of the Center is "Planning and Managing Regional Transportation Systems in a Changing World." Presently, under the direction of Dr. Camille Kamga, the UTRC represents USDOT Region II, **including New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.** Functioning as a consortium of seventeen (17) major universities throughout the region, UTRC is located at the CUNY Institute for Transportation Systems at The City College of New York, the lead institution of the consortium. The Center, through its consortium, an Agency-Industry Council and its Director and Staff, supports research, education, and technology transfer under its theme.

UTRC Region 2 Consortium members under MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, include: *The City University of New York; Clarkson University; Columbia University; Cornell University; Hofstra University; Manhattan College; New Jersey Institute of Technology; New York Institute of Technology; New York University; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Rochester Institute of Technology; Rowan University; The State University of New York; Stevens Institute of Technology; Syracuse University; The College of New Jersey; and the University of Puerto Rico- Mayaguez.*