2026 IATR 39th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATORS

Conference Theme: AV City: Autonomous Mobility

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Aria Hotel

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We are excited to announce that the ***39th annual conference*** **of the International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR)** www.iatr.global is coming to Las Vegas, Nevada, from September 14th through September 17th, 2026. The theme of our 2026 conference is "***AV City: Autonomous Mobility,***" celebrating the next era of transportation innovation in one of the world's most dynamic mobility environments.

Las Vegas is recognized for visionary projects and transformative infrastructure. From railways and highways to aviation and global tourism, the city consistently reinvents itself through transportation advances. Nevada was the first state to authorize autonomous vehicle testing, and Las Vegas is now a national leader in robotaxi deployment, intelligent transportation systems, and transit investment. Guided by Vision Zero initiatives, smart infrastructure, and significant projects such as Brightline high-speed rail, the region leads the development of connected, automated, and electrified mobility.

Like the city itself, mobility in Las Vegas is fast-moving, innovative, and unapologetically ambitious. However, innovation must be matched with effective governance. As shared connected automated electric vehicles (S-CAEVs) scale from pilot programs to full deployment, regulators encounter complex and critical challenges, including safety, insurance, accessibility, workforce transition, affordability, and sustainable business models. These are not theoretical challenges. They are unfolding in real time.

IATR 2026 will bring together regulators, industry leaders, academics, insurers, drivers, disability advocates, and policymakers to address these issues directly. Building on IATR's Best Practices, Guiding Principles & Model Regulations for Robotaxis, this conference will move beyond concepts and toward practical frameworks for integrated autonomous ecosystems. Through regulator-to-regulator knowledge exchange and candid policy dialogue, AV City will spotlight how governance, technology, and public trust must evolve together.

We are excited to welcome the global IATR community to Las Vegas, not only for the energy and excitement of the city, but to experience firsthand how autonomous mobility is moving from vision to reality. Join us for meaningful discussions, forward-thinking solutions, and exceptional networking as we shape the future of transportation regulation together.

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Preliminary Conference Program

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Noon – 3:00 pm
IATR Regulatory Boot Camp Trainers Prep Meeting
Location TBA
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
IATR Committee Chairs Meeting
Location TBA

DAY 0 AGENDA: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Aria East Conference Center Level 1

9th Annual Bootcamp – Autonomous Mobility Primer

9:00 AM – Noon **Aria East Conference Center Level 1** **Joshua 5**	**Registration**
9:00 – 10:00 AM **Joshua 5**	**Breakfast – Introductions of Bootcamp Faculty Coordinators and Trainees/Attendees**
10 am – Noon **Joshua 6**	**Bootcamp Session 101** ***The Evolving Regulatory Landscape for AVs*** This session will focus on the various regulatory frameworks, laws, and approaches from around the world, providing an overview of how different jurisdictions govern automated mobility. Topics will include insurance, emergency response protocols, safety standards, data reporting, regulatory oversight, and the respective roles of federal, state, provincial, and local governments in both testing and full deployment. Regulatory actions and interventions will be examined, along with how socio-economic policies are being addressed in areas such as Vision Zero, shared mobility, and sustainability, including electrification, labor displacement, fare affordability, public acceptance, and accessibility. The session will also provide an overview of transit agency and airport deployments, as well as the various market players, stakeholders, and business models currently operating and emerging, including shuttles, robotaxis, and peer-to-peer carsharing. This session will also cover the IATR's Guiding Principles for Robotaxi Testing and Deployment. It will address efforts to update and develop an international regulatory framework. The session will identify best practices and model regulations addressing the following issues: safety standards and operational design domains (ODDs), data reporting, transparency, regulator access, insurance requirements, liability allocation, accessibility mandates, sustainability and electrification goals, consumer protection safeguards, and workforce transition

	considerations. The IATR's report, Best Practices, Guiding Principles & Model Regulations for Robotaxis, forms the foundation for this work. The report outlines practical regulatory approaches to ensure autonomous vehicle testing and commercial deployment are conducted with clear accountability, uniform baseline standards, and flexibility for local implementation. The report emphasizes the importance of public trust, consistent oversight, and scalable governance frameworks. These elements are crucial as robotaxi services move from pilot programs to full integration within multimodal transportation ecosystems. The session will provide updates on how IATR is building upon these principles to advance a coordinated, forward-looking international framework for autonomous mobility regulation. • **Matthew W. Daus, Esq., Transportation Technology Chair, UTRC, City University of New York (Moderator & Bootcamp Coordinator/Referee)** • **Round 1**: ***The AV Regulatory Framework – Overview of AV Testing & Deployment Laws & Guiding Principles*** *(Matt Daus)* • **Round 2**: ***Level Setting – AV 101 Basics (how the technology works, urban transportation impacts and safety data)*** ○ **Brendan Morris, PhD., University of Nevada, Las Vegas** ○ **Sarah L. Catz, Esq., University of California, Irvine** ○ **Grace Truslow, Eno Center for Transportation** • **Round 3:** ***The Future of AVs – Policy Goals, Business Models & Operations (Fleet vs. Private Ownership)*** **Alain Kornhauser, Ph.D., Princeton University (Handy Rides Founder)** ○ **Robert Muhs, Esq., former VP, Government Affairs, Avis Budget Group**
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Joshua 5**	**Luncheon** **Keynote Speaker - Hon. Mark Schroeder, Former Commissioner, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles**
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Joshua 4**	**Exhibit Set-Up**

1:30 – 3:00 PM **Joshua 6**	**Bootcamp Session 102** ***Autonomous Vehicle Policy & Operational Challenges & Solutions (Round 1)*** **Las Vegas AV Showcase & Case Study** This session will feature a showcase or case study of our host "AV City" Las Vegas! As one of the first states in the USA to pass laws and regulations, the legislative history and regulatory framework for Nevada will be described and how AVs went from concept - to testing - to commercial deployment in recent short order. An overview of which companies are permitted to operate and where, as well as the planning, operations, regulatory compliance, intergovernmental coordination and other issues will be covered. A particular focus will be placed on emergency preparedness and responses, and coordination with law enforcement, and the protocols involved locally and in other jurisdictions. Finally, the role that open data platforms (the Mobility Data Specification – MDS) can and do play in AV compliance, monitoring and emergency management will be addressed with real life examples from around the US and the world. The goal or learning outcome of this session is to provide a hands-on understanding for other regulators on how to effectively, plan, deploy and monitor safe AV operations for testing and commercial launches. A group discussion will ensue with lessons learned from other regulators in the audience, and how the regulatory framework in Nevada needs to be updated to not only reflect current realities, but to plan for the future as well. **Vaughn Hartung, Nevada Transportation Authority (NTA) (moderator)** • **Curtis Mell, Las Vegas Taxicab Authority** • **Alia Verloes, Blue Systems & Open Mobility Foundation** • **John Orlando, Fire Department of New York (FDNY) former Fire Marshall** • **Shashi Nambisan, Ph.D., Director, Transportation Research Center, University of Nevada, Las Vegas**
3:00 – 3:30 PM **Joshua 5**	**Coffee Break Sponsored by Bright Inspect**
3:30 – 5:00 PM **Joshua 6**	**Bootcamp Session 103** ***Autonomous Vehicle Policy Challenges & Solutions (Round 2)*** **Labor Displacement, Small Business Impacts & Workforce Development Solutions** Likely the most politically difficult issue for autonomous vehicles is organized labor opposition and the potential loss of jobs for taxi, for-hire vehicle, and bus drivers, as well as delivery workers. This session will provide a varied perspective on not only the realities and concerns of job loss but also the creation of new jobs in the AV sector. Whether drivers can or want to be retrained, as well as the various workforce development programs that are being deployed to help address these concerns, will be covered. The IATR labor-related and workforce guiding principle will be

	discussed extensively, namely, Autonomous vehicle deployment should include proactive workforce transition planning, minimize labor displacement where feasible, support retraining and upskilling opportunities, and promote economic inclusion while maintaining safety, accessibility, and service reliability. Also, the perspective small transportation businesses that may be impacted economically by autonomous vehicles will be represented. A brief panel discussion will be followed by an interactive group discussion and classroom exercise (including role playing) for participants to consider how AV adoption may affect jobs, job quality, recruitment, retention, training, redeployment, employee engagement, worker voice, psychological safety, and the distribution of the costs and benefits of technological change. Capping-off this session will be a summary of an actual AV workforce development program at Bronx Community College, of the City University of New York in New York City. **Ed Watt, Former Director, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) & Transit Workers Union (TWU) - Moderator & Workshop Coordinator** • **Michelle Dottin, Independent Drivers' Guild (IDG)** • **Avik Kabessa, Livery Roundtable, Carmel** **AV Workforce Development Initiatives.** • **Camille Kamga, Ph.D., Executive Director, UTRC Region 2, The City College of New York, at the City University of NY** **5:00 – 5:30 PM Closing Remarks - Legislative & Regulatory Updates** The Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA) will provide an update on the status of pending legislation at the federal and state level, including the topics of federal preemption, aligning state law frameworks, local law anomalies, and how technology and business developments impact the existing and future regulatory framework. • **Jeff Farah, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA)**
7:00 – 9:00 PM	**Welcome Reception – TBA** **Welcoming Remarks** • **Matthew W. Daus, President, International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR)** • **Vaughn Hartung, Chairman, Nevada Transportation Authority** • **Curtis Mell, Las Vegas Taxicab Authority** • **Steve Hill, *Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Bureau*** **Entertainment:** • To Be Announced The **dress code** is casual attire.

DAY 1 AGENDA: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM **Joshua 5**	**Registration**
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **Joshua 7 & 8**	**Breakfast & Exhibit Exploration Opens**
9:30 AM– 10:15 AM **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Opening Remarks:** • **Keynote Speaker: Hon. Shelley Berkley,** Mayor of Las Vegas **Conference Preview: IATR President Matthew Daus**
10:15 AM – 11:30 am **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 1** ***Automated Vehicle Policy, Regulatory & Business Developments*** This session will cover the latest trends and issues from the perspective of autonomous vehicle (AV) industry stakeholders. The evolution of technology advancements and business models will be presented, with an emphasis on policy developments in the regulatory framework for testing and deployment. Panelists will discuss the IATR's Guiding Principles, including but not limited to: regulatory compliance; community engagement and public acceptance; coordination and protocols with first responders; operations in existing markets; plans for testing and launching in new jurisdictions; and partnerships with public transit and at airports. There will be a particular focus on the experiences so far and plans for scaling autonomous vehicles in Las Vegas, which has clearly established itself as an "AV City" supporting and promoting safety and innovation. **Jeff Farah – Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA) (moderator)** • **Adam Lane, Waymo** • **Paul Escobar, Zoox** • **Sam Wempe, Motional** • **Daniel Berkovits, Via** **11:30 am – Noon** **Izzy Ayala, CEO of Flywheel Technologies** **AI Is Becoming the Operating System for Transportation** This keynote speech will explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping transportation beyond autonomous vehicles. The presentation will examine the shift from app driven to agent driven transportation, the emergence of AI powered transportation operating systems, and how intelligent agents may transform fleet operations, safety, compliance, customer experience, and regulation. Flywheel is applying AI across its own transportation ecosystem, including Flywheel Intelligence, Flywheel OS, and Flywheel Copilot, a personal AI agent designed to help professional drivers improve, grow, and adapt as transportation becomes increasingly automated.

12:00 – 1:00 PM **Joshua 7 & 8**	**Luncheon, Exhibit Exploration & Networking**
1:00 – 2:30 PM **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 2** **Delivery Bots Are Here!** **Developing A Safe, Affordable & Sustainable Regulatory Framework for Personal Delivery Devices** The future of autonomous delivery is already here, with delivery bots - a/k/a/ Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs) – launching pilot programs to deliver food and goods locally around the U.S. and internationally. This panel of industry stakeholders and regulators will explore not only the policy benefits and challenges of such devices, but also how this developing regulatory framework has and will continue to evolve. The benefits of micro-deliveries, which promote sustainability, safety and affordability for small businesses and consumers (with minimal impacts on delivery workers) will be discussed and debated. Also, the integration of the data collected by PDDs into Mobility Data Specification platforms (alongside bikes, scooters and taxis), will be addressed. **Jarvis Murray, LA DOT (Moderator)** • **Carl Hansen, Coco Robotics** • **Vignesh Ram, Serve Robotics** • **Henry Greenridge, Doordash** • **Ryan Sharp, City of Hoboken, New Jersey** **2:30 – 3:00 pm** **Fireside Chat – Richard Willder, Uber**
3:00 – 3:30 PM **Mariposa 5**	**Coffee Break Sponsored by Motional**
3:30 – 5:00 PM **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 3** ***Regulator "Star Trek" Round 1 –*** ***TOS: "The Original Series"*** Once again, IATR will convene regulators from across multiple continents to exchange perspectives on a wide range of mobility issues, with a particular focus on regulatory approaches to autonomous vehicle testing and deployment. Regulators actively overseeing AV operations will share real-world experiences, policy lessons, and implementation challenges, including those involving airport operations, cross-border considerations, and public transit integration. The session will highlight comparative international approaches and foster meaningful global dialogue on the evolving governance of autonomous mobility.

	Moderator: Hon. Jeff Roth, former NYC Deputy Mayor for Operations • **Shao (Pat) Tsen, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)** • **Kristin Marriott, The City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada** • **Jill Plaza, SunLine Transit Agency** • **Josh Lynch, Portland Bureau of Transportation** • **Maria Irshad, The City of Houston, Texas (ParkHouston)**
5:30 PM – 6:30 pm	**<u>Zoox Vehicle Demonstration & Ride Alongs at Resorts World</u>** **Complimentary transportation to Hilton Resorts World for the demonstration will be provided to and from the Vdara Hotel only** ***(attendees can take the shuttles back to the Vdara or can leave to enjoy a night out on the strip after the demo at the Hilton)*** **Dinner on Your Own (Free Night)**

DAY 2 AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM **Joshua 5**	**Registration**
8:00 – 9:00 AM **Joshua 7 & 8**	**Breakfast & Exhibit Exploration**
9:00 – 10:30 AM **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 4** **Modernizing Accessible Transportation Services & Regulation! -** ***Public Transit Partnerships, Technology & NEMT Developments*** This panel will take a deep dive into the status of public transit integration with taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, and transportation network companies (TNCs). The session will focus on first and last mile partnerships with public transit, as well as the utilization of wheelchair-accessible taxicabs and other for-hire ground transportation as part of public paratransit systems. This wide-ranging discussion will include: updates on pending legislation and rulemaking/FAQ proceedings by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA); the growth of the NEMT industry, funding, the duty of care and fraud prevention, and the role of NEMTAC's accreditation process; the use of new technologies, platforms and systems to deliver both NEMT services and public paratransit, as well as autonomous vehicles; and an overview of the status and proposed changes to IATR's Model Regulations for Accessible Transportation in light of changes in business models, technology and regulatory developments. **Moderator, Alex Eleguddin, Wheeling Forward** • **Chris Margaronis, Uber Transit** • **Jeff Maltz, Silver Ride** • **Jason Mischel, JRM Legal Research (former Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities)**

	• **Sean Bouffiou, King County** • **Holly Graham, ModivCare**
10:30 – 11:00 AM **Joshua 4**	**Coffee Break Sponsored by Autocab & Exhibit Review**
11:00 AM – Noon **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 5** **Technology & Innovation: The Road to Vision Zero!** Each year, more than one million people die and more than 50 million are seriously injured on roads worldwide. Vision Zero initiatives are using the Safe System approach—safer vehicles, safer road users, safer speeds, safer roads, and stronger post-crash care—to reduce these tragedies. This panel will bring together leading technology providers, road safety experts, and transportation regulators to discuss how to ensure roads are safe to drive on, operators are alerted and encouraged to complete vehicle maintenance and recalls, and systems are in place to warn drivers and managers about dangerous behaviors such as speeding and distracted, drowsy, or impaired driving. Panelists will examine how advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and autonomous vehicle technology are reshaping crash prevention—from automatic emergency braking and lane-keeping assistance to fully automated driving systems—and what these advances mean for mixed fleets where human-driven and automated vehicles share the same roads. The discussion will also turn to the growing role of taxi and rideshare regulators in raising the safety bar, including how they can require or incentivize ADAS-equipped vehicles, set standards for automated enforcement of driver behavior, and adopt new monitoring tools—such as telematics, in-cab sensors, and driver-facing cameras—to verify that drivers are operating safely in real time rather than relying solely on after-the-fact reporting. The conversation will cover how these technologies affect insurance costs, legal settlements, and operator risk. Panelists will also examine the role of AI and automation in predicting road infrastructure issues, alerting for vulnerable road users, and analyzing driving habits that could lead to serious crashes, as well as automated enforcement tools—including red-light and speed cameras, stop-arm cameras, and stop-sign cameras—through the lenses of behavior change, privacy, and saving lives. **Eric Richardson, Windels Marx / Co-Chair, IATR Safety Committee (Moderator)** • **Kate Conway, Verra Mobility** • **Betty Row, Dareesoft** • **Jim Neumann, TrueDNA**

12:00 – 1:30 PM **Joshua 7 & 8**	**Luncheon, Keynote, and State of the IATR Address:** **State of the IATR:** • **Matthew W. Daus,** President, International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR) **IATR Awards Ceremony:** • **Norma Reyes Scholarship** • **IATR Driver of the Year**
1:30 – 3:30 PM **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 6** ***Mobility Association Summit*** For the second year in a row, IATR will convene association leaders representing licensed and regulated industries, along with other stakeholder organizations, to discuss a wide range of issues important to regulators, the industry, and the riding public. The goal is for each organization to provide an overview of the issues being addressed at their conferences, as well as any reports, research initiatives, legislative priorities, and lobbying efforts, so that regulators can better understand the needs of licensed drivers, ground transportation businesses, advocacy groups, and private stakeholders working toward shared objectives with the government. Representing sectors ranging from airports and chauffeured transportation to taxis, buses, motor coaches, and non-emergency medical transportation, each group will share its top priorities and concerns with regulators, followed by an open discussion. No topic is off limits. Issues such as driverless vehicles, the insurance crisis, modernization efforts, public-private partnerships, labor concerns, reciprocity, leveling the regulatory playing field, and electrification are all likely to be on the agenda. Each organization will also be asked to share its perspective on the impact of driverless vehicles and the regulatory modernization efforts they support. **IATR President Matt Daus, Moderator & Ring Leader** • **<u>Round 1</u>: <u>Representing & Supporting the Ground Transportation Industry</u>** ○ **Bill Rousse, The Transportation Alliance (TTA)** ○ **Tiffany Hinton, National Limousine Association (NLA)** ○ **Ira Goldstein, Black Car Fund** • **<u>Round 2</u>: <u>Public, Private & Academic Partnerships & Collaboration</u>** ○ **Jim Broderick, ITS America** ○ **Josh Schank, Automated Connected Electric Shared (ACES) Mobility Coalition** ○ **Daniel Eppstein, CoMotion Global** • **<u>Round 3</u>: <u>Representing Non-Profit Government & Mobility Interests</u>** ○ **Jim Peters, Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI)** ○ **Paul Steier, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)** ○ **Peter Hicks, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Accreditation Commission (NEMTAC)**

3:30 – 4:00 PM **Joshua 4**	**Coffee Break Co-sponsored by GNet and Carmel & Exhibit Review**
4:00 – 6:00 PM **Joshua 5 & 6**	**Plenary Session 7** **Regulator Star Trek -Round 2:** ***TNG – "The Next Generation" –*** ***Multi-Modal Integration, Coordination & Innovation*** The future of safe, efficient, accessible, sustainable and affordable transportation is baked into the IATR's mission and motto – ***"M3 – Multi-Modal Mobility for All!"*** This panel of government and quasi-government officials are the next generation of regulators at the forefront of multi-modal coordination between public and private transportation, and the integration of technology innovation into solving problems, protecting the public and realizing the IATR's vision. The future of mobility is a multi-modal ecosystem, and this panel will discuss how their projects and policies utilize technology innovation, as well as inter-agency coordination strategies to address the following: Autonomous Vehicles (AVs); Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS); congestion mitigation; curb space management and allocation; Electrification & Sustainability; Accessibility; Safey & Security; Big Event management (i.e., FIFA, etc..); and Artificial Intelligence (AI). As Starship Enterprise Captain Kirk would say, while "space is the final frontier" – our IATR mission of "M3 for All" represents the final transportation frontier on earth by these next generation regulators who view a combination of land, sea and air modes, new governance models and technology platforms and innovation as the keys to realizing our mobility dreams. **Leonardo Fewell, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) -Moderator** • **Russell Vickers, Future Mobility Campus, Ireland** • **Tilly Chang, San Francisco Country Transit Authority (SFCTA)** • **David Douglas, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), USDHS** • **Arif Welcher, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey** • **Abdul Rafih, The City of Calgary, Canada** • **Adama Sarr, Mayor, Keur Massar Nord, Senegal**
7:30 – 10:30 PM	**Dinner & Gala Reception – Hakkasan at MGM Grand** https://taogroup.com/venues/hakkasan-nightclub-las-vegas/ **Award Presentation – "Shhhhhhh… It's a Surprise!"** **• IATR Regulator of the Year Award Presentation**

DAY 3 AGENDA: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Joshua 6**	**Plenary Session 8** **Brunch & Closing Salutations:** ***Regulatory Unconference & IATR Committee Updates*** ***Charting the Future – 2027 & Beyond…..*** As in years past, all attendees will participate in an open forum to discuss any issues not covered during the conference and to recap key takeaways from the Las Vegas conference. New ideas and suggestions for the 2027 conference and other upcoming events will be discussed, and post-conference survey results will be shared with the membership. Also, IATR global mini-conferences will be discussed, as well as vetting ideas for the work of its Committees for the next year – including plans for the Accessible Transportation Committee on updating the IATR's model regulations. Prizes will be raffled to survey participants. Chairs and co-chairs of IATR committees will preside over this closing session and provide committee reports. • **IATR Staff – Sasha Ozeran, Nadia Aslam & Bianca Blag** • **IATR Committee Chairs – Jarvis Murray, Leo Fewell, Eric Richardson** • **Accessible Transportation Model Regulation Update Project – Next Steps: Jason Mischel & Alex Eleguddin** **Closing Salutations & Prizes** • Completion of Post-Conference Surveys & Raffle