

The City's 30th Annual Fleet Show Hosted in Queens

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Despite the rain, DCAS and the Parks Department hosted its 30th Annual Fleet and Equipment Show in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of over 150 vendors who displayed the latest in safe and green technologies at the show.



DCAS made a series of announcements at the show, including plans to install 100 'fast electric vehicle (EV) chargers' at City facilities. While City agencies currently operate over 500 chargers currently, these are all level-2 chargers which require six to eight hours to charge. The 100 chargers announced today will be the first fast chargers, enabling charging from 15 to 30 minutes and greatly facilitating adoption of the City's growing EV fleet. As the City awaits the arrival of remaining FY18 light duty vehicles, the electric fleet is closing in on 1,500 on-road units.

At last year's show, DCAS announced the completion of its Safe Fleet Transition Plan (SFTP) as part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative. Through SFTP, the City committed to procuring the safest possible fleet units in our new procurements. DCAS announced at the show that its first round of buying since SFTP will include over 12,000 new safety features for City vehicles, including automated braking, driver alerts, variable high-beams, backup cameras, and truck side-guards. These new investments will reduce collisions and lessen the impacts of crashes that do happen.

All these advances are part of a record investment in fleet being implemented by the administration. In FY18, DCAS has already committed over \$380 million for new fleet units, highlighted by 662 new DSNY trucks. This is the third straight year of record investment, with over \$1.1 billion being devoted to upgrade the fleet in the last three years alone.

There were lots of other great aspects of the show this year. Both DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo and City Council Environmental Chair Costa Constantinides addressed the annual meeting of Empire Clean Cities, a non-profit that promotes fleet sustainability. Together for Safer Roads also participated in the show supporting our Vision Zero efforts.

The City of Montreal Canada was out in force at the show bringing ten vendors to display. We also had a welcome visit from Mahanth Joishy and the City of Madison Wisconsin, which is working to adopt many of NYC's fleet initiatives in the Midwest. The MTA also displayed their new electric buses.

Not to be outdone, City agencies were there in force including the new Rikers Visit Bus and DSNY's new hybrid sweepers.

As always, we will post pictures and more from the show on our website, along with today's public announcement. We will also detail more about the initiatives announced today in future newsletters.

Thanks to Daniel Shinn-Krantz at DCAS Fleet who organized the show, along with everyone at Parks who hosted.



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