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## BIC, DOT & DCAS PARTNER ON SIDEGUARD INITIATIVE

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The Business Integrity Commission (BIC), NYC DOT, and DCAS hosted an event on Feb. 19 to promote new safety grants for private fleets.

BIC Commissioner Daniel Brownell formally introduced the Vision Zero Side Guard Incentive Program, which provides BIC licensees and registrants the opportunity to receive up to \$2,000 per truck toward side guard installations, or an estimated 2/3 of the cost. “We are happy to announce that today we are introducing a Vision Zero side guard incentive program,” said Commissioner Brownell. “Together—city government and the members of the private waste industry— we can make our streets safer.” Over 40 people attended to learn about side guards, the incentive application, and to view a City truck outfitted with side guards.



For the City fleet, DCAS and fleet agencies have outfitted over 300 City trucks with side guards so far. Several large private fleets operating locally, including Action Carting and Fresh Direct, have also begun installations. Local Law 56 signed by Mayor de Blasio requires both City and private waste management fleets to install sideguards. The Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) recently recognized US DOT Volpe, NYC, Boston, Cambridge and San Francisco for their partnership nationally on this initiative.

The incentive and event were organized by Susan McSherry and Mark Simon of DOT, and Keith Kerman and Jacek Graczyk of DCAS also presented at the event.

## FLEET SPOTLIGHT: KATHY WALCOTT OF DOT

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Fleet services at every agency relies on talented women to succeed. To kick off the first week of March, Women’s History month, we spotlight Kathy Walcott, DOT Fleet Services Project Manager at 55 Water Street.

Kathy started her career at DOT in 1999 in the office of the Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO), which was her introduction to the world of public sector procurement. From 2001 to 2015 Kathy worked for the DOT Customer Service unit where she responded to correspondence, acted as a liaison with the Mayor’s Office, and interacted widely with the public. She also helped lead the language access program, including multilingual signage and assisting citizens in multiple languages. “I got to know all parts of the agency,” she says of her time in Customer Service, which contributed to her growing interest in DOT’s wide array of vehicle and equipment operations.

Kathy joined fleet in the last year and is already in the thick of numerous special projects which take her to every DOT fleet facility. She is helping launch a high school internship program at DOT shops citywide in partnership with DOE CTE and DCAS. She assists with the daily personnel functions for fleet services. Kathy is working with DOF to streamline the process for addressing red light violations with DOT employees, while also becoming adept in using the NYC Fleet Focus system reports to help keep vehicles and equipment running.

Born and raised in New York, Kathy grew up in Crown Heights and Harlem and currently resides in the Bronx. A graduate of John Jay College and an avid bookworm, she enjoys mentoring teenage girls in her spare time. We congratulate Kathy for contributing to DOT Fleet and also the wider community.