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## GO CAR FREE FOR EARTH DAY, APRIL 22!

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Earth Day 2016 is Friday April 22. To mark this important day, the administration, working with NYC Council Transportation Chair Ydanis Rodriguez, is encouraging all New Yorkers to go car free and show we can reduce emissions and traffic congestion. NYC will be declaring certain areas in Manhattan to be car free for the day and sponsoring events that promote public transportation, biking, and other zero emission transport options.

NYC Fleet and City fleet operators can do their part. We are asking all 50 agencies and offices that operate vehicles to avoid any non-essential fleet use on Earth Day. Here are some steps you can take:

- (1) Schedule conference calls as opposed to in-person meetings that would require car use.
- (2) Take the subway or bus.
- (3) Wherever possible, perform inspections or shifts on bike or foot instead of using cars.
- (4) If you have to use a car, make it an electric plug in unit (EV).
- (5) We are also asking City employees authorized to commute with City vehicles to take public transportation on Earth Day and help reduce traffic congestion.
- (6) If you can't access public transport, car share for the day with a colleague.

Change your habits for the day, get some extra exercise and sunlight where you can, and join in the effort. Earth Day is on a Friday. Plan an alternative to get to work and start the weekend by getting out of your car.

We are also interested in other ideas and ways that Fleet can support this initiative. DCAS Fleet staff will be reaching out this week to agency fleet and transportation coordinators citywide to further discuss this initiative. Please do your part and also spread the word. Thanks.

