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MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES EV FLEET EXPANSION

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To celebrate Climate Week, Mayor de Blasio announced that the City had surpassed 500 electric vehicles (EVs) in operation in our fleet. In fact, the City now owns 518 full use EV vehicles. In just 9 months since Mayor de Blasio announced NYC Clean Fleet in December 2015, NYC has increased the EV fleet by 190 units (37 percent).

While many locations in the country have announced that they have the nation's largest EV fleet, we don't know of any specific EV fleets, outside the federal government, that are in fact larger than ours in NYC. For our part, we are excited to see expansion of EVs everywhere throughout the country and are eager to partner broadly in this effort.

The City operates a mixture of dedicated EVs like the Nissan Leaf and Ford Focus EV, and partial plug-in EVs like the GM Volt and Ford Fusion Energi. In the announcement, the City also discussed some of the exciting new initiatives and contracts that are going forward especially thanks to the tremendous response to our Clean Fleet RFI. There were over 75 formal responses to our RFI in December 2015, dozens more informal responses, and we have already held 84 follow-up meetings and presentations.

Among the initiatives in process are a contract for the City's first 200+ mile range electric vehicles. These will match the highest EV driving ranges available in the industry. The City has also put out contracts for a solar carport initiative and for our first citywide requirements contract for level 2 and level 3 (fast) chargers. We expect all of these contracts to be in place in 2016.

DCAS Fleet and Procurement (OCP) are also working on additional contracts including for solar-electric portable light towers and we are researching opportunities to introduce EV vans and pickups. On the diesel front, DCAS will soon bid a contract for fifty percent blends of biodiesel (B50) and is working on an initiative to use renewable diesel in the City fleet, as soon as 2017. As exciting as any of these initiatives, FDNY has now received 51 of the first order of 89 ambulances with Stealth anti-idling technology, which will greatly reduce tailpipe emissions and can enable ambulances to plug in as electric units.

Through NYC Clean Fleet, fleet has committed to implement at least 2,000 electric vehicles by 2025 and to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by that time. By combining electric vehicle investments to wide-scale implementation of sustainable diesel alternatives and more efficient fleet technologies, we have a plan that will make these goals a reality.

Thanks to all fifty City agencies who operate vehicles and are active partners in these efforts. These changes require enormous commitment and coordination and pose many challenges. Working together, NYC's fleet agencies will continue to serve as a model for wide-scale transformation of transport fueling technologies.

