

Remarks by Keith Kerman, NYC Chief Fleet Officer, Deputy Commissioner, DCAS at
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- On behalf of Mayor de Blasio and DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo, thank you for hosting this announcement in our great City, and the exciting borough of Brooklyn, and for the chance to speak. My name is Keith Kerman and I'm New York City's Chief Fleet Officer and a Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).
- Thanks to the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, the Climate Group, C-40, Mary Nichols and the California Air Resources Board, and everyone participating.
- NYC is committed to kicking the habit of fossil fuels and reducing the harmful impacts of vehicle emissions, both to the air we breathe and in the atmosphere that shields us all.
- This starts with our own City municipal fleet, one of the nation's largest fleets at over 31,000 vehicles.
- Already 19,000 of these vehicles use alternative fuels including electric, hybrid, biodiesel and renewable diesel, natural gas, and even solar.
- NYC's Fleet operates over 1,500 on road electric vehicles and another 720 off-road electric and solar units. These efforts began at NYC Parks and now 26 agencies operate their own plug in cars, and we also have an all-electric Citywide share fleet through DCAS and using Zipcar technology.
- NYC manages 500 electric vehicle charging stations, the largest network in the state, with more coming on line every month. Earlier in the year, we introduced our first 37 Envision solar carports, and we are looking forward to our first fast EV chargers later this year.
- Here's a vision of our transportation future: all electric vehicles, reserved and shared online, and powered by the sun at a solar carport. We have that now. It's how we drove to this event.
- While the federal government debates 54 miles per gallon (MPG) as a target for new vehicle fuel economy and CAFE standards, our new vehicles are already averaging well over 80 MPG.
- The market also continues to develop. When our fleet began these efforts, there were 2 or 3 alternative fuel options in the marketplace. Remember the movie "Who killed the electric car"? The death notice was premature. We now operate over 30 different fuel-efficient models including EVs with every major supplier involved. Actually, we often have more market and vendor competition for fuel efficient models than elsewhere in our vehicle buying program.
- NYC operates over 100 types of vehicles, just about everything used anywhere, from light, heavy, to off-road. From Police to Fire, Sanitation, DOT, DEP, and Parks, our units assist with critical public services under tough City operating conditions, 24 hours a day. Green vehicles help keep this City running and have proven to be reliable, durable, and cost effective, especially during this period when liquid fuel pricing is increasing.

- NYC spent over \$400 million on fleet vehicles in Fiscal Year 18 alone. Working together, public and private fleets, and governments at every level, can and will continue to push the industry to greener, electric, and more cost-efficient vehicles.
- Through Mayor de Blasio's NYC Clean Fleet initiative, we've committed to reducing fossil fuel and cutting greenhouse gases by 50% or more by 2025.
- We will get there and we will do so working in partnership with all of you.
- Thank you.