
Join NYC Fleet in Times Square For Car Free Day on April 23

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On Saturday, April 23, NYC DOT will be hosting its annual [Car Free Earth Day event](#) across the five boroughs with activities and entertainment focusing on sustainability, global climate action, alternative forms of transportation, and more. As part of this event, DCAS will be displaying an all-electric collection truck and an all-electric police car at Broadway and 39th Street, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will also be providing educational materials about the NYC Fleet sustainability program in conjunction with NYC DOT.



First launched in 2016 by former City Council member and current DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez, Car Free Day is now in its fifth year; after being paused for two years due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Car Free Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday in NYC. Global Earth Day will be observed on Friday, April 22.

When announcing the return of Car Free Day, DOT Commissioner Rodriguez stated, "Earth Day is when we can all commit to protecting our Earth and one way we can do that is by repurposing our roadways. Car-Free Earth Day is a growing tradition that allows New York City's car-free streets to come alive. The last two years of *Open Streets*, *Open Restaurants*, the surge in cycling and so much more, have only made us appreciate even more how much better we must treat Mother Earth... and a day without cars allows us to envision a more sustainable world for more than just one day."



Of course, the goal of Car Free Day is to encourage public transportation, bicycling, walking, and re-imagining a City where roadways are used as open public spaces. However, where cars and trucks are needed, it's critical to transition them to zero-emission and safer units, minimizing harmful impacts to the public. DCAS has been leading those efforts for the City fleet.

“As NYC’s fleet manager, I don’t have a fleet vehicle assigned to me and go most places by subway and public transportation,” states DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman. “When I do need a vehicle, I use a DCAS shared electric vehicle. If you can avoid vehicles altogether, that is best. Go car-free! Where you can’t, go electric.”

Thanks to DOT, NYPD, and DSNY for their support of Car Free Day in NYC.

2022 Together for Safer Roads’ Virtual Vision Zero Fleet Forum



Please join Chief Fleet Officer and DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman, Together for Safer Roads Executive Director Noah Budnick, representatives from the World Health Organization, Republic Services, the National Waste & Recycling Association, US DOT Volpe Center, the City of Madison, and more at the 2022 Together for Safer Roads' virtual Vision Zero Fleet Forum on May 18 and May 19.

DCAS is co-presenting this forum, bringing together public and private fleets to reduce fatalities and injuries on our global roadways by sharing best practices in vehicle design and safety systems, fleet sustainability, driver education and training, and how the fleets of the future will impact road safety.

For more information including schedule, full list of speakers, and registration links please visit the [Together for Safer Roads website](https://www.togetherforsaferroads.org).

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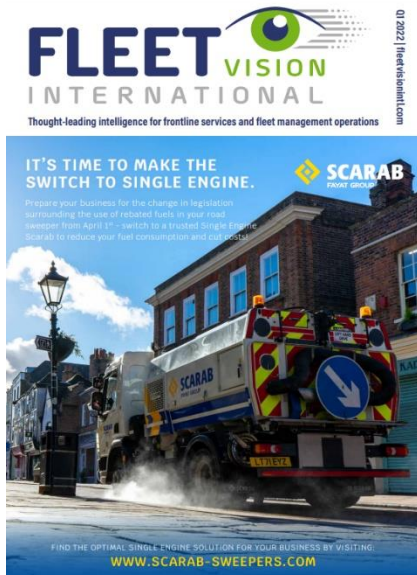
will highlight vendors who support NYC's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, as well as daily operations.

This event is free to all exhibitors and attendees. RSVP forms will be available soon on [DCAS's fleet news page](#).

NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

Fleet Vision International Quarter 1



The Fleet Vision International magazine for the first quarter of 2022 is out now. This edition features an article written by DCAS Deputy Commissioner and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman on the efforts that NYPD and other NYC law enforcement agencies are taking to go all-electric and hybrid.

[Fleet Vision International Q1 2022](#)

COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.

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