

DCAS and NYCHA Add Sustainability to Fleet Partnership

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On October 23, 2023, [Mayor Adams signed into law Intro 279](#), which calls for the City fleet to electrify by 2038. We discussed the new law in our last [newsletter](#).

Mayor Eric Adams, First Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright, and DCAS Commissioner Dawn M. Pinnock also announced on October 23 a partnership between DCAS and the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to expand fleet electrification and solar charging to four NYCHA complexes. This newest step is an important expansion of the DCAS and NYCHA Fleet partnership which began in 2018 and furthers the DCAS commitment to emphasize Environmental Justice (EJ) communities in placing electric charging and vehicles.



DCAS solar carport and shared Bolt at Sotomayor Houses in the Bronx.

In February 2018, DCAS and the New York Housing Authority (NYCHA) signed an agreement to partner on fleet management. NYCHA joined the DCAS client fleet, receiving fleet maintenance, fuel, and auctioning services. NYCHA operates nearly 1,000 vehicles to support the maintenance and repair of housing authority facilities. The fleet includes 31 vehicle types such as sedans, SUV, vans, pickups, and tow, bucket, dump, box, and aerial trucks.



DCAS fuel truck providing emergency generator support to NYCHA.

The partnership has been successful. Daily vehicle readiness has been steadily above 97% and DCAS has auctioned 926 NYCHA fleet units to date. DCAS has also supported NYCHA in emergency fueling and power loss events, providing fuel truck support.

DCAS and NYCHA have also worked together on important Vision Zero fleet safety initiatives. DCAS has installed truck safety sideguards on all 56 eligible NYCHA trucks; surround safety cameras on 58 trucks; and backup sensor alerts on 25 trucks so far. NYCHA was also the first agency to fully implement live fleet tracking on their fleet, becoming the first of now 50 clients for the Fleet Office of Real Time Tracking (FORT). Currently, 1,276 NYCHA fleet operators have completed Vision Zero Safety training with DCAS, taking the class either in person or online.



NYCHA Fleet operators participating in DCAS safety course.

DCAS and NYCHA have now completed a new five year agreement which will add NYCHA into DCAS fleet sustainability initiatives. This fall, DCAS supplied four NYCHA complexes with new solar carports, adding to one already assigned to NYCHA. These carports provide electric charging completely from solar power with no connection to the electric grid. The four locations are Sotomayor Houses in the Bronx, Cypress Hills Houses in Brooklyn, Lexington Houses in Manhattan, and Ravenswood Houses in Queens, where the announcement took place. An additional unit has been in place at Alfred E Smith Houses in Manhattan. To date, 68% percent of DCAS chargers, 1,271 in total, have been placed in EJ communities.



NYCHA Flatbed Truck with Safety Sideguards.

DCAS is also including NYCHA for the first time in our shared electric fleet program. DCAS currently offers over 90 electric vehicles, mostly GM Bolts, that are shared across agencies. Currently, 3,500 employees from 14 agencies have access to the DCAS shared vehicles and the units have been used 17,868 times in the last year alone. Participating agencies include ACS, DCAS, DEP, DHMH, OCME, FDNY, DOC, DOT, DOE, Parks, City Hall, Queens BP, Buildings, and NYCEM. These units can be reserved online through the DCAS Ridecell application managed through the FORT.

NYCHA staff will now be able to use these units along with other City agencies. Four units will be parked at NYCHA facilities to begin. For DCAS, locating these units at NYCHA facilities will make the shared units more convenient to many other City agency staff as well, improving the shared fleet program.

Moving forward, DCAS and NYCHA will be working to expand the electrification and charging initiatives at NYCHA.

Thanks to Director of Fleet Operations Harris Kaplan, who manages our service provision; Deputy Chief Fleet Officer Eric Richardson who leads the Vision Zero initiatives and coordinated the new agreements; and Assistant Commissioner Brent Taylor and his team for their work on the solar carport assignments. Thanks to Camille Ky-Smith, director of general services at NYCHA and Joe D'Amato, deputy director of NYCHA fleet services for partnering on this initiative.



DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman and NYCHA Fleet Director Joe D'Amato at the Oct. 23 announcement.

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](#).



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