

## ***DCAS Commissioner Molina Tours Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking (FORT)***

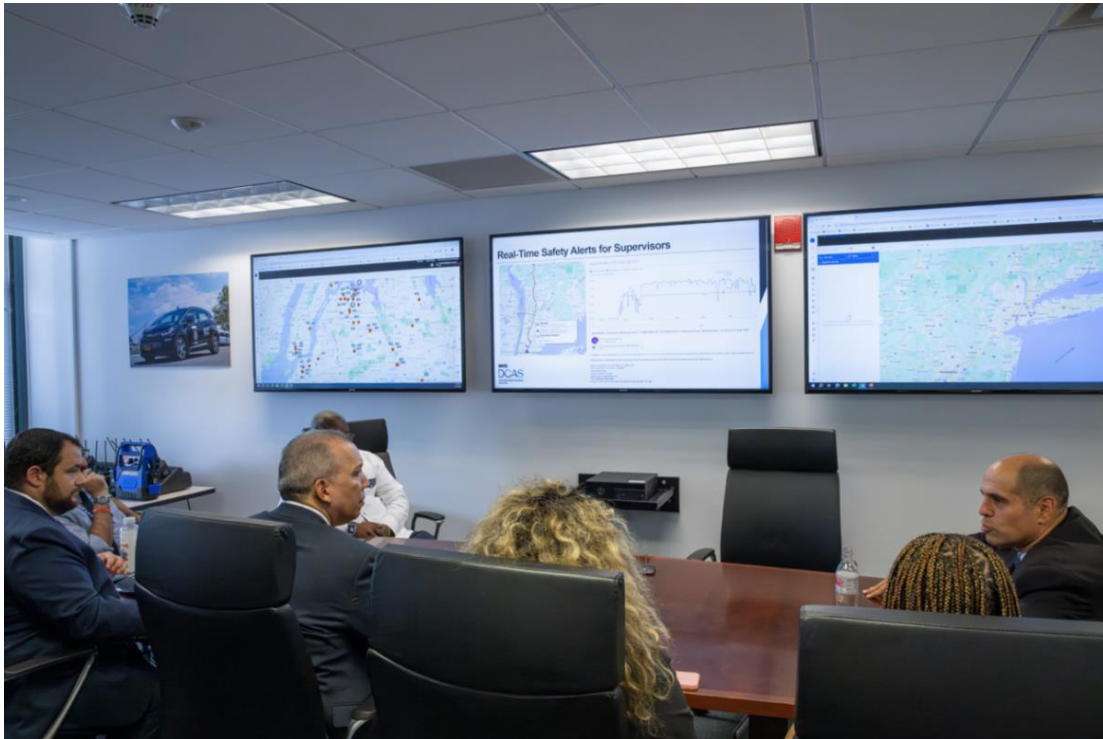
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This week, new DCAS Commissioner Louis A. Molina toured the Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking (FORT) and met with the fleet team, which monitors 29,000 vehicles live each day, including fleets from 50 agencies and offices and buses from 30 school bus companies.

Commissioner Molina, a former US Marine and NYPD detective, has over 25 years of public service experience. He has previously worked with the DCAS Fleet and the FORT in managing the NYC Department of Correction, which operates one of the city's major fleet programs. Commissioner Molina also managed law enforcement operations at the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) and the city

Department of Homeless Services, which involved fleet programs. Mayor Adams [appointed](#) Louis Molina DCAS Commissioner, effective July 1, 2024.

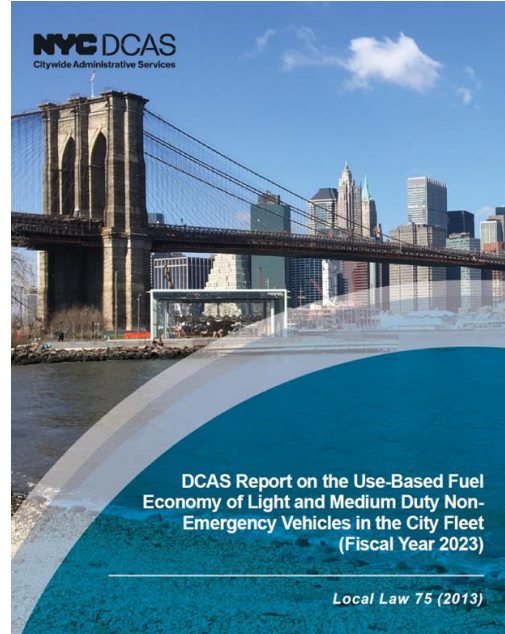


Among many achievements in the fleet at Correction under Commissioner Molina, he oversaw the first electrification of 139 on-road fleet units, including law enforcement vehicles, and the orders for our first electric correction buses, which have now arrived. Correction has electrified 24% of its on-road fleet so far. This is one of, if not the, largest electrification of law enforcement vehicles in the country by percentage of fleet. Under Commissioner Molina, Correction also installed the city government's first solar canopy for vehicle charging. This canopy was the model for the recently passed [Local Law 63 of 2024](#), under which DCAS will expand the solar canopy initiative citywide. The initial vendor [meeting](#) will be on July 16.

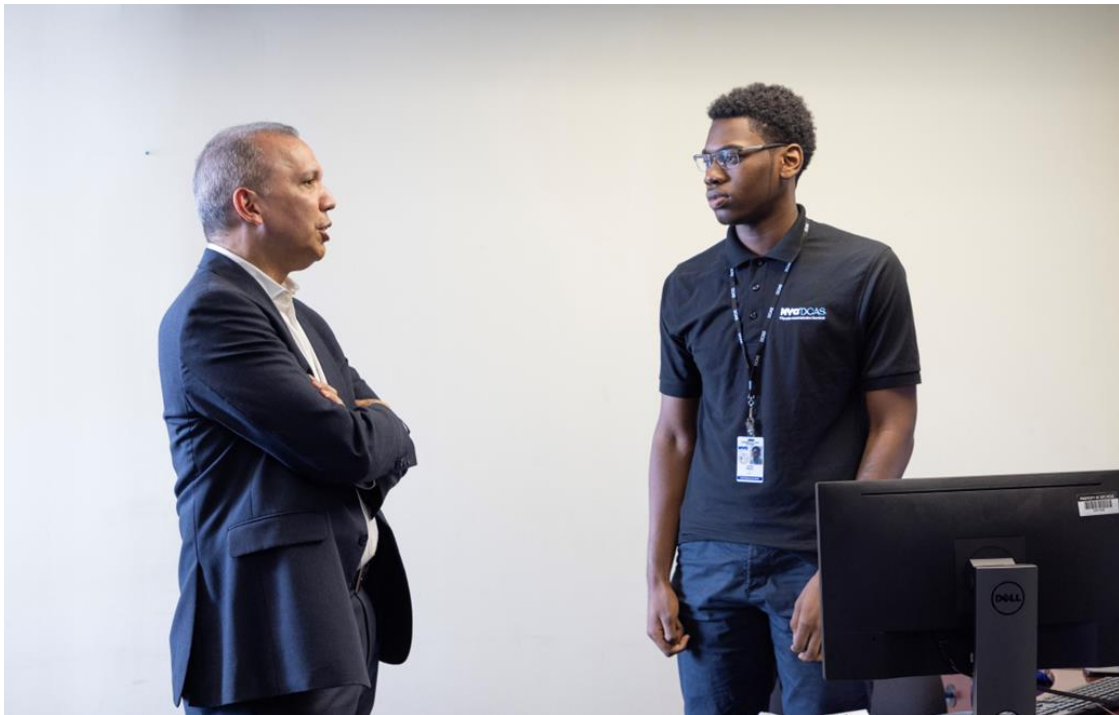
The Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking (FORT) was established through [Executive Order 41](#) of 2019. Up until recently, it was the nation's largest program for live tracking of public vehicles. Following presentations and discussions with DCAS, the federal General Services Administration (GSA) has now implemented its own model of this [initiative](#) nationally.

Through the FORT, DCAS monitors the use, compliance, and driving behaviors of the city fleet. FORT has been a critical component in implementing Mayor Adams' [fleet reduction](#) initiative, reducing unsafe driving behaviors and excessive speeding, and [improving fuel economy](#) and efficiency of the city fleet.

This week, DCAS released the latest use-based fuel economy report for the City fleet, which is produced by the FORT as required by Local Law 75 of 2013. The actual fuel economy across the 44 million miles tracked in this report went up 17% in the last year alone.



FORT has also played a key role in identifying and [recovering](#) stolen fleet units, including a vehicle stolen but recovered from DEP in Queens last week. Based on gravitational force (G-force) readings, the FORT provides instant alerts of possible crashes with city vehicles.





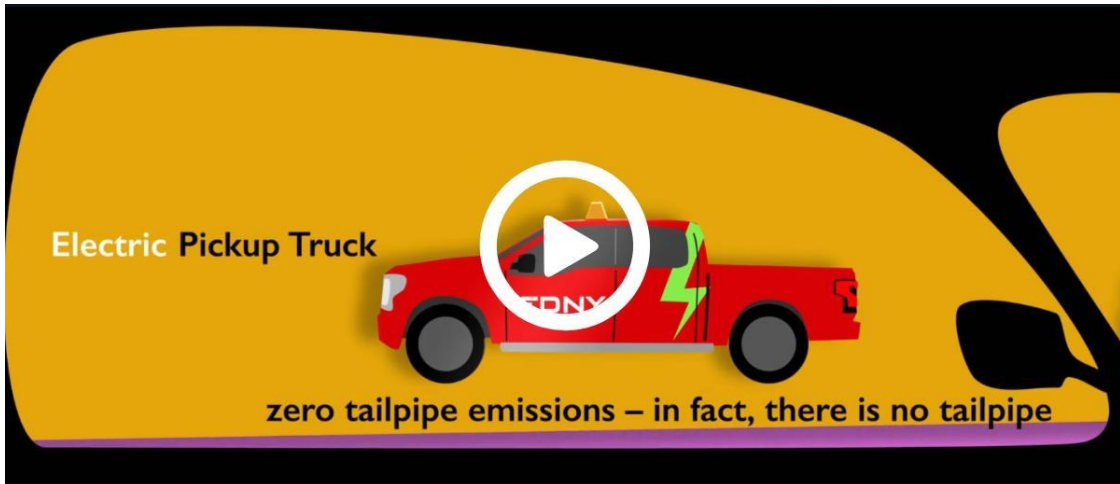
The FORT could track up to 4 million miles of road travel in any given week. All agencies and bus companies have access to their vehicle data, which can support core service operations and improve fleet management. FORT has placed DCAS Fleet on the cutting edge of big data, with over 1.25 billion monthly records generated. FORT has the potential to support many additional areas of city operations, and we look forward to taking the next steps with Commissioner Molina at the helm of DCAS.

Thanks to FORT Director Matthew Aronberg and Deputy Director Dilshad Basheer, who organized the tour and a fleet welcome to Commissioner Molina.



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Don't you just love the Fourth of July? Not only does it show why we as New Yorkers are the best representation of America — our diversity, resilience, and commitment to one another — but all those sparklers and fireworks remind me of just how bright OUR city's future is thanks to the work you all have been putting in since day one. And just this past week, we set off our own fireworks of sorts, [celebrating another on-time and fiscally responsible budget](#) — lighting the fuse that will move us closer to our goals and make our wonderful city shine even brighter.

Hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend because we're just getting started as we roll up our sleeves this summer — we're ready to Get EVEN MORE Stuff Done for the New Yorkers who depend on us.

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