

## Federal Support of NYC's Fleet Innovation

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Under President Biden, Vice President Harris, Transportation Secretary Peter Buttigieg, and Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg, US DOT is providing critical federal grant support to important fleet innovations in sustainability and safety. This support covers our truck safety initiatives, speed management, electric charging, and electric vehicles, including two new US DOT grant awards made in the last two weeks.

On August 28, 2024, Mayor Adams and NYC DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez [announced](#) a \$15 million grant to expand the current curbside charging initiative of DOT to an additional 600 locations. While focused on the general public, these sites also support the City's fleet and have been used over 4,250 by City vehicles in the last two years.

The federal grant will also support an expansion of the DCAS solar carport program. DCAS currently offers 159 solar charging locations, most for use of the City fleet only. In partnership with NYC Parks, DCAS will roll out an additional 32 carports in public parking lots citywide. These carports will support fleet and general public charging. DCAS currently offers 21 chargers to the general public. These have been used over 96,000 times to date. More on DCAS public charging is [here](#).

On September 5, 2024, US DOT [announced](#) national investments in the Safe Streets and Roads for All program. In February 2024, Mayor Adams signed [Executive Order 39](#) to improve fleet and truck safety for both City fleet and contractors. A key aspect of this initiative is to address visual obstructions for drivers through high vision trucks, surround cameras, or both. Under the new federal grant award, DCAS will be able to retrofit surround camera technology to 600 additional trucks from Sanitation, Parks, DEP, DOT and other agencies. DCAS discussed the benefits of this technology in this ABC news [piece](#). The grant will increase the number of City trucks with this life saving technology by over 30%.



The Federal government is also supporting the expansion of our intelligent speed assistance (ISA) initiative. In January 2024, US DOT and the City announced a grant to add 1,700 fleet units to ISA. DCAS will have more to say about ISA as we approach our Fleet Safety Forum on October 30.

The federal government is also helping us add to our electric fleet. In January 2023, Mayor Adams [announced](#) the expansion of our electric fleet by 1,000 vehicles including planned financial support from federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. All 1,000 of those vehicles are now operating in the fleet. DCAS is also pursuing additional federal support for heavy duty electric trucks and also federal tax credits for EV purchases. We expect to know more about those by year's end.

Cleaner and safer vehicles reduce crashes and injuries, clean the air, and also save money in fuel, maintenance, and claims costs. A more sustainable transportation and fleet system is a critical priority for the City and nation and we appreciate and thank the Federal government for its support.

Thanks also to the team at City Hall, DOT, and DCAS that have worked on these various grant proposals including Brady Hamed at City Hall; Julia Marchetti, Brent Taylor, Nate Koszer, and Sherry Lee at DCAS Fleet; Sam Kraus, Ben Smith, William Carry, Luis Gonzalez, Susan McSherry, Lauren Elmers, and Mark Simon at NYC DOT.

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# VISION ZERO Building a Safer City



**Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park**

DCAS and Together for Safer Roads invite you to the 2024 Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum!

The event will bring together leading stakeholders from public and private fleets, innovative safety technology companies, policy experts, and road safety advocates for an exciting day of speeches, panel discussions, and breakout sessions.

Join us as we discuss how to systematically build safety into our roads, vehicles, and fleet operations.

The event is free and includes breakfast and a networking lunch.

### Event Schedule:

Networking  
breakfast begins:

**7:30 a.m.**

Program begins:

**8:30 a.m.**

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- [Keeping our promise to connect every family who wants a 3-K seat with access to one](#) for the first time ever in our city's history by fixing a backlogged and broken system with help from the City Council.
- Saving \$30 billion for New Yorkers and launching the ["Money in Your Pocket" initiative](#) where New Yorkers can learn about and connect to 40+ programs that will save them money.
- [Incinerating four tons of illegal cannabis products](#) we seized from over 1,000 smoke shops that have been shut down thanks to "Operation Padlock to Protect."

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