

## DCAS Side-guard Initiative Hits 1,500 Mark

Thanks to Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative, DCAS has now installed more than 1,500 truck side-guards on City trucks from all agencies including NYPD, FDNY, and the NYC Departments of Sanitation, Transportation, Environmental Protection, and Parks.

Truck side-guards are common sense safety installations that protect pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, or small cars from going under a truck in a side collision. In Europe, side-guards have been mandated for decades, but they are still rare in North America. DCAS partnered with the US Department of Transportation Volpe Center on a report in 2015 about truck side-guard implementation and launched its program that year. Our effort is now the largest of its type in the United States. The partnership with the Volpe Center received a national Federal Laboratory Consortium Award in 2016. NYC Local Law 56 of 2015 now requires these installations on City trucks and commercial waste vehicles by 2024.

