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2016 FLEET SHOW WAS THE LARGEST EVER

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NYC's 28th annual fleet show was co-hosted by Parks and DCAS on May 12, 2016 in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. This year's event was the largest and most well-attended ever, with nearly 170 exhibitors showcasing the latest in vehicles, equipment, and related services, and particularly robust representation on sustainable technology and vehicle safety to support the NYC Clean Fleet and Vision Zero plans. With advances in engineering and design, the world of automotive technology is evolving rapidly, and the fleet show helps local public sector and private sector fleets stay up to date. As always, the show was free for all exhibitors and attendees.

DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo kicked off the show with an introduction at the Empire Clean Cities stakeholders meeting in the Queens Theatre, where she addressed about 75 people from the Tri-State area focused on sustainable practices. Later in the morning at the Unisphere, DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman formally announced the ban on hands-free cell phone use which went into effect immediately.

Attendees had an opportunity from 9 to 2 to meet vendors, discuss products and services, look under some hoods, and also enjoy barbecue, pizza and ice cream provided by exhibitors. In addition to City agencies, public sector representatives included MTA, Port Authority, Health & Hospitals, public libraries, CUNY, the USDA, and a number of NY State agencies. Some of the professional associations at the show were NAFA, New York Oil Heating Association, National Biodiesel Board, Society of Fleet Supervisors, and 100 Best Fleets.

DCAS recently released an RFI for Clean Fleet that received 75 responses, and a number of RFI respondents exhibited at the show this year for the first time. TLC also invited vendors to display a wide range of new accessible vehicles. We welcome having the new companies to the show, along with the mainstays of our annual tradition.

Among the highlights of the show were all-electric motorcycles by Zero Motorcycles, the hydrogen powered Toyota Mirai, an all-electric transit bus made by BYD, and all-electric school bus from First Priority Global. Once again high school students from the DOE Career & Technical Education (CTE) automotive internship program were also on hand.

Special thanks to Dan Shinn-Krantz who worked hard to orchestrate the DCAS fleet show team, and Janice Melnick, Danny Miller, Daniel Piastuck, Vinny Musillo, and Queens Parks Enforcement Patrol from Parks for hosting the show, along with the staff at Queens Theatre. More about the show will be posted on our fleet website. Thanks again to all!

