

Make September SLOWtember on the Roads

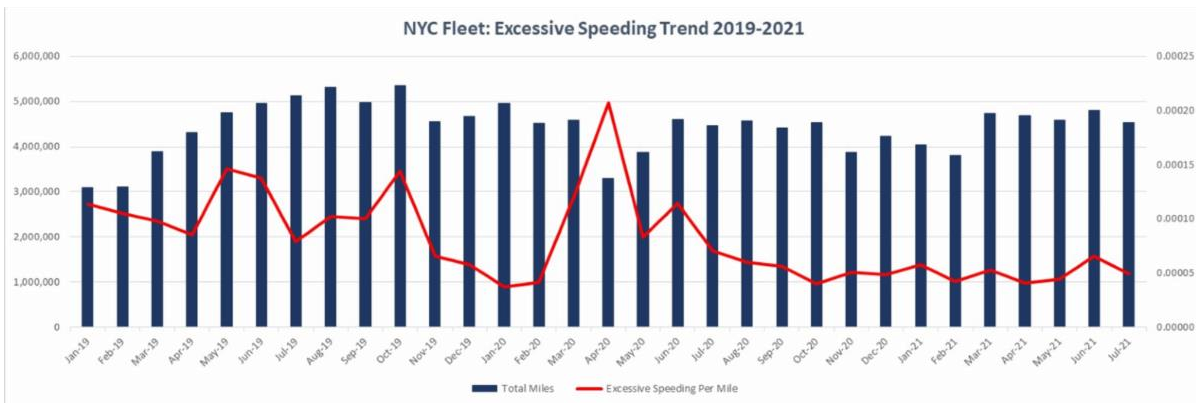
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NYC students are back to school this week and it's in person. School bus operations will be back to full strength and kids, parents, and crossing guards will be out in full force. With all the many challenges we've faced this year, speeding vehicles and irresponsible drivers are the last things we need. As a parent of school-age children, I've encountered, and yelled at, my share of fast drivers paying no attention to schools zones and students. We all drill into our kids to watch out for careless drivers, but it should be the reverse: drivers watching out for kids.

NYC DOT has placed speeding cameras in 750 school zones with a total of 2,000 cameras to be installed by the end of 2021. For more information, please see this [recent announcement](#) on the speed monitoring efforts tied to the new school year.

These speed cameras will report when any vehicle, including a City fleet vehicle, exceeds the speed limit in school zones during school days from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. We know speed cameras work. Speeding at fixed camera locations has dropped 71% and injuries have dropped by almost 17% over the course of the program. More information on the automated speed program is available on [NYC DOT's website](#).

DCAS also tracks the speeding and driver behaviors for City fleet units, as well as for the City's school busses in partnership with the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) at DOE. This tracking includes idling as well as speeding, and we remind everyone that vehicles may not idle for more than one minute near school zones.



As we did in July with seatbelt use, we will be reporting to agencies each day in September on their fleet speeding behaviors including near school zones.

Please:

- **Drive slowly.**
- **Be patient and cautious.**
- **Always give children, pedestrians, and bicyclists all the space they need and the benefit of every doubt.**

As per the AAA Foundation, speed significantly influences the risk of severe injury or death for pedestrians hit by vehicles. At 25 mph, pedestrians have a 90% chance of avoiding death. At 42 mph, they're just 50% likely to avoid severe injury or death. At 50 mph, the average risk of death goes up to 75% and reaches 90% at 58 mph.

We have made progress on speeding. Through our Fleet Office of Real Time Tracking (FORT), we track nearly a million miles of driving a week. We have reduced excessive speeding over 50% from levels in 2019 and corrected the increase in speeding tied to the early days of COVID-19. There is however much more progress to be made. Any speeding instance can result in injury, death, and tragedy. We can prevent these events by building and enforcing a culture of safety: every day, every car, every driver, and every mile. Please do your part.

Wishing a Safe and Happy Return to School to Everyone!

NYC Parks 32nd Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show



[NYC Parks 32nd Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show](#) will highlight vendors who support NYC's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, as well as daily operations.

The show is free to all exhibitors and attendees and has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, September 22 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

If you are a vendor or potential vendor who can support Clean Fleet or Vision Zero initiatives and wish to exhibit, please email us at

NYCFleet@dcas.nyc.gov.

In order to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are asking that all attendees wear a mask while attending the show. COVID-19 testing and Pfizer vaccinations will be available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in conjunction with the NYC Fleet Show. For those who have not yet received their first shot, you may qualify for incentives from the City of New York to be vaccinated. For those who have received their first shot, we will have second doses available as well as third shots for those who qualify and attest to the requirements.

Climate Week NYC 2021: Getting it done

[Climate Week NYC](#), taking place September 20-26, returns for 2021 with a focus on fulfilling and increasing commitments made by businesses, governments, and organizations. It is the time and place where the world gathers to showcase leading climate action and discuss how to do more, fast.



Hosted annually by international non-profit the [Climate Group](#) in conjunction with the United Nations, and in partnership with the COP26 and the City of New York, Climate Week NYC is a global opportunity to come together to accelerate climate action and assess progress ahead of COP26.

For more information about Climate Week NYC events, check out [Climate Week NYC's website](#).

Fleet Vision International Summer 2021 Quarter 3



Fleet Vision International is an international magazine aimed at fleet, transport, and operational and workshop depot directors/managers.

[The Fleet Vision International 2021 Quarter 3 edition](#) has now been published and focuses on the City of New York's vehicle telematics and DCAS's Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking (FORT).

DCAS's Inside Citywide Podcast

DCAS's new [Inside Citywide podcast](#) provides a behind-the-scenes look at New York City government. Episode 2 is out now and takes a look at the future of the City of New York's vehicle fleet as it transitions to all-electric by 2040.



COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, please be reminded to wear a mask when operating a fleet vehicle with others in the vehicle. Attached again are the [Department of Health's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines relating to vehicle operation.](#)

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[NYC Fleet Newsletter 358, August 26, 2021:](#) EDF Climate Corps Fellows Support Fleet Electrification

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 357, August 20, 2021:](#) Fleet Agencies Welcome Back Auto High School Interns

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 356, August 13, 2021:](#) Go Wisconsin! Madison Follows NYC's Lead in Fleet Improvement

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