

Mayor Adams Announces \$10M Federal Grant for City of New York Electric Fleet Vehicles

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The year is off to a great start with some exciting news. Mayor Adams, DCAS Commissioner Dawn M. Pinnock, and NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez announced on January 4, 2023 that [the City of New York has received \\$10.1 million in Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement \(CMAQ\) funds.](#) These funds are supplied by the Federal DOT and are administered by the NYC DOT.

At the announcement, we were joined by Julie Tighe, president of the New York League of Conservation Voters, and Joy Gardner, executive director of Empire Clean Cities.



Commissioner Pinnock announcing the \$10 million grant.

These federal funds will support our largest-ever purchase of electric trucks. The purchase will total 924 electric vehicles, prioritizing electric trucking with 360 Ford E transit vans, 150 Ford E Lightning Pickups, 25 Global electric street sweepers, and 7 Mack electric garbage trucks. The funds will also support the purchase of 382 GM Bolts. These zero emission units will replace gas and diesel units in the City fleet.

In total, over 21 agencies and offices will be receiving electric fleet vehicles through this initiative. These units will be used to support skilled trades, park and street maintenance, inspections, and more.

This purchase constitutes the first large buy of all-electric pickups and vans for the City fleet. Pickups and vans total nearly 6,000 vehicles in our fleet or 25% of the on-road fleet. These 510 vans and pickups are a major step forward towards our goals to electrify this part of the fleet by 2035. We had our first E-transit vans and our first E-Lightning on display at the event, along with Bolts, an electric sweeper, and some of our newest solar carports.



A new Ford E Transit Van and Ford E Lightning Pickup Truck on display at the announcement.

The grant will also support 315 additional Level 2-overnight chargers, adding to the over 1,360 electric ports that DCAS currently operates to support our growing electric fleet. We will be rolling out the vehicles and chargers through summer of 2023.



Mayor Adams charging up a new electric Ford Lightning Pickup Truck.

Federal DOT through CMAQ has supported NYC Clean Fleet initiatives for over three decades. We discussed our history with CMAQ in a previous newsletter. Today's \$10.1 million award is our largest single grant and a major step forward for fleet electrification.

We want to thank everyone involved with the event, especially Susan McSherry and Mark Simon of the NYC DOT and Eric Richardson, Sherry Lee, and Tamika Johnson of DCAS.



Commissioner Pinnock and Rodriguez, and Julie Tighe, with Fleet Chiefs Kerman, Harte, and Dorcean from DCAS, DSNY, and DOT.

NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

Save the Date: 34th Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show

The 34th Annual Equipment and Vehicle Show will take place on May 11, 2023 at Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. The show is hosted every year by DCAS in collaboration with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, and highlights vendors who support the City of New York's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives.

To register and learn more, visit [DCAS's website](#).

34th Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show

Thursday, May 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Rain Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Flushing Meadows Corona Park,
Queens, by the Unisphere

Fleet Vision International: The Show

The 2023 [Fleet Vision International: The Show](#) will take place on April 26 and April 27 in London. Registration link, speakers, and full agenda will be posted soon.



COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.

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[NYC Fleet Newsletter 412, December 9, 2022:](#) Take Action When Private Vehicles Hit City Cars

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 411, December 2, 2022](#): DCAS Partners With American Lung Association on Biofuels Training

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