

The Vision Zero Story

Launched in 2014, Vision Zero has one clear goal: eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries on our roadways. The City must not regard traffic crashes as mere “accidents,” but rather as preventable incidents that can be systematically addressed. No level of fatality on city streets is inevitable or acceptable.

Through Vision Zero, the City is using every tool at its disposal to improve the safety of our streets. This includes a historic \$900 million investment under Mayor Eric Adams to redesign roadways, protect cyclists, and make public transportation more accessible and efficient. The City has also turned on speed cameras 24/7 to slow down traffic, especially near schools. An inter-agency Vision Zero task force works together, under the Mayor’s Office leadership, to implement a comprehensive approach to street safety.

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New Yorkers deserve safe streets. But, each year in New York City thousands of people are seriously injured and hundreds are killed in traffic crashes. That is why DCAS is a proud partner in the Vision Zero initiative to help make our roads safer for all New Yorkers.

DCAS is enhancing the safety of the City's vehicle fleet and providing a road map for other private and public fleets through several key initiatives:

1. Intelligent Speed Assistance

Speeding is the leading cause of serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways. When installed, intelligent speed assistance (ISA) technology restricts a vehicle's maximum speed and prevents the operator from exceeding the local speed limit. DCAS has started to implement ISA on fleet vehicles to test its effectiveness as a tool to regulate and standardize safe driving.



2. High Vision Trucks

Trucks and other large vehicles have limited driver visibility. In a conventionally designed truck, a driver may not be able to see the ground in front for over 25 feet. Using new high-vision truck cabs, drivers of City trucks can better see their surroundings. The City is committed to purchasing high vision trucks where available and is pushing truck manufacturers to supply more high vision truck models.



3. Truck Side Guards



Side-impact collision can result in pedestrians or cyclists sliding under large vehicles. To reduce this risk, barriers called side guards are installed on all trucks in the City's fleet.

New York City is leading the nation with more than 4,500 vehicles equipped to date. This technology is standard on trucks in many parts of the world.

4. Real-Time Vehicle Tracking

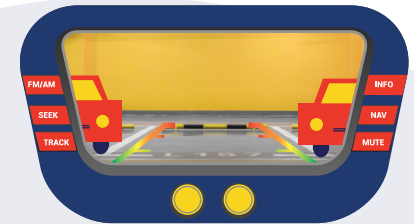


DCAS opened the Fleet Office of Real Time Tracking (FORT) to better utilize telematics to monitor the use of the City's fleet. Agencies receive live alerts and reports about vehicle collisions, speeding, hard braking and accelerating, and maintenance

alerts. Over 27,000 city vehicles and school buses now utilize telematics through DCAS. This is the nation's largest program of live vehicle tracking for public vehicles.

5. Safety is Not a Luxury

DCAS is working with car manufacturers to decouple enhanced safety features from luxury packages. Vehicle buyers should be able to invest in automatic braking and driver alerts without being required to also get sun roofs or leather seats.



6. Surround Cameras and Back Up Sensors

Truck operation is essential, but difficult work. Conventionally



designed vehicles create a visual line of sight obstructions. This can pose a risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and children in a crowded city like ours. Until high vision models are fully available, DCAS is retrofitting existing trucks with surround cameras to

provide drivers an additional tool to see beyond obstructions. DCAS has installed over 1,500 surround cameras so far.