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## Mayor Announces New Fleet Electrification Investment

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On September 22, Mayor de Blasio announced a [major new investment in an all-electric fleet of the future for NYC government](#) by committing \$75 million in additional funding for electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. This is above our current vehicle acquisition and charging program. It's the largest one-shot investment in fleet sustainability in City history.

The investment includes a major expansion of the City's fast-charging network. In the next two years, DCAS will add 275 fast chargers citywide to support fleet and school bus electrification. Two years ago, fleet operated no fast chargers. Today, we operate 90 fast chargers with 24 more in various stages of production. With 275 more sites, DCAS will be able to establish convenient fast charging throughout City facilities. [DCAS is currently offering fast charging to the general public at eight sites](#) and will add at least 20 more public sites through this initiative. Fast charging will be critical as we transition our electric fleet program from light-duty to medium and heavy-duty and to emergency response units.

The City will also replace at least 300 gas units with electric units through a central DCAS buy. This will be in addition to the agency acquisition programs. This investment will go to electric police cars, our first electric cargo vans, and additional light-duty electric cars and SUVs. We will have more on this and additional electric vehicle orders in upcoming newsletters.

DCAS will also launch its first program of repowering existing diesel trucks to all-electric. These retrofits will focus on support trucks such as box vans, rack trucks, utility trucks, and small dumps. Repowering, or retrofitting, will enable DCAS to gain momentum and additional experience with truck electrification as we wait for more electric truck models to make it to the marketplace.

Eight years ago, FDNY and DCAS began work on installing hybrid and plug-in eligible battery power units to the City's ambulances. These units reduce emissions, fuel, and maintenance costs while keeping our City's EMTs ready to deploy at a second's notice. FDNY and DCAS have now completed an order of 78 additional hybrid-electric ambulances. With this procurement, we are now on the verge of a complete ambulance fleet deploying this innovative green technology.

The Department of Correction will also be going electric, procuring its fleet three electric buses for correction use. These will be the first electric correction buses in the world.

The fleet electrification announcement was one of many exciting environmental announcements made by the City in conjunction with Climate Week. It also coincided with the 32nd Annual NYC Fleet Show in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens. Parks and DCAS co-host this event.



On display and out front at this year's show were the City's first all-electric garbage truck, first all-electric patrol police vehicle, hybrid plug-in ambulance, our first all-electric school bus, and an all-electric MTA bus. This is the future of the City's fleet and with the mayor's announcement, we've taken another big step forward.

We will have more to say on a terrific fleet show in future newsletters.



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### 2021 Fleet Visionary Award: Vote Now!

Each year, Automotive Magazine announces their Fleet Visionary Awards as part of their Automotive Fleet & Leasing Association (AFLA) annual conference. The award recognizes

and celebrates those in fleet management who've made a significant impact on making fleets run safer, more sustainable, or more cost efficient using new technologies, methods, or new initiatives.

This year, our DCAS Director of the Fleet Office of Realtime Tracking (FORT) Matthew Aronberg is one of the national nominees and seven finalists.

Matt has helped establish the nation's largest telematics program and manages the tracking for City fleet and school busses. He has advanced analytics on safety, sustainability, efficiency, and compliance. He is an incredibly dedicated, technically skilled, and great City employee, from a family of extraordinary NYC civil servants. Matt has worked with every agency as part of the FORT rollout.

Go to [Automotive Fleet's website](#) to read more about Matt's nomination and to vote for Matt for this year's Fleet Visionary Award winner.



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The Fleet Visionary of the Year Award recognizes and celebrates those in fleet management who've made a significant impact on making fleets run safer, more sustainable, or more cost efficient using new technologies, methods, or new initiatives.

Support your DCAS colleagues by voting for DCAS Director of the Fleet Office of Realtime Tracking (FORT) Matthew Aronberg for this year's award.

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**Climate Week NYC 2021: Getting it done**

[Climate Week NYC](#) returns on September 20-26, 2021 with a focus on fulfilling and increasing commitments made by businesses, governments, and organizations. Climate Week NYC is 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](#).

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### 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).

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### DCAS's Inside Citywide Podcast

DCAS's [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

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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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