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DCAS Expands Solar Carport Network

By: Keith Kerman and Nate Koszer

DCAS Commissioner Dawn Pinnock announced on February 10, 2023 that [DCAS will be adding 71 freestanding solar carports to our existing network](#) of 85 solar carports. DCAS's solar network is the largest of its type in the country.

The solar carports are completely free from the electric grid. All power is generated from the sun and is stored in electric batteries connected to each unit. The carports are mobile and can be readily moved by forklift and flatbed truck for more optimal placement or in emergencies. As the position of the sun changes throughout the day, the solar arrays tilt and adjust to best capture available sunlight.



Recently installed free standing solar carport.

These units will be assigned to City agencies to support electric vehicle charging. Agencies operating and receiving carports include NYC Emergency Management, NYC Parks, the Department of Sanitation, the New York City Police Department, the Department of Correction, the Department of Transportation, DCAS, the Department of Design and Construction, the Department of Education, the Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, and NYC Housing Authority. DCAS expects to get at least 20 years of use from each carport. [Our first solar carport debuted in September 2015.](#)

The new carports have a storm resilient design with the electric battery elevated above the ground. The battery was on the ground level for our first generation of carports and we did experience flood damage on a number of units during Hurricane Ida. This new design will greatly eliminate that risk.



Solar carports charging NYC Department of Sanitation vehicles.

The primary purpose of these carports is to support agency fleet charging and emergencies. However, DCAS does currently offer three carports for [general public access](#), and we will be looking to expand public access as the rollout continues this spring and summer.

These units will join over 1,400 other chargers in the DCAS network, one of the largest in the country. DCAS plans to add at least 500 chargers in the next year, including fast chargers, the solar carports, level 2 (slow) chargers, and other resilient charging models.

Thanks to DCAS Fleet Chief of Staff Sherry Lee, Deputy Agency Chief Contracting Officer Masha Rudina, and Assistant Fleet Commissioner Brent Taylor for their work on this initiative.

Check Out These Exams Now Open for Application

The civil service exam application period for [Auto Body Worker](#) and [Automotive Service Worker](#) are open until February 28, 2023.

To apply for these exams, visit the [application portal](#), and check out our [upcoming exams page](#) to see which exams will be released soon. To receive monthly emails about City jobs and NYC civil service exams, consider subscribing to DCAS's [NYC Jobs Newsletter](#).

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 information, speakers, and the full agenda [are now available](#).

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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.

This Past Week: February 5 - February 11

From the shelter at Brooklyn Cruise Terminal to the streets of midtown where we [joined volunteers to distribute food](#), this city proves every day that when we all do a little, we can accomplish a lot.



Check out past editions of the Fleet Newsletter

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 417, February 3, 2023](#): DCAS Partners With the Department of Youth and Community Development To Promote Youth Employment

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 416, January 13, 2023](#): Mayor Adams Announces Initial Results of Intelligent Speed Assist Pilot

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 415, January 5, 2023](#): Mayor Adams Announces \$10M Federal Grant for City of New York Electric Fleet Vehicles

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 414, December 30, 2022](#): Fleet Year in Review, 2022

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 413, December 22, 2022](#): Department of Correction Installs Fleet's First Solar Canopy

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