

## **DCAS, US DOT Kick Off Clean Fleet Transition Plan**

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In 2017, DCAS and the US DOT Volpe Center completed our first [Safe Fleet Transition Plan \(SFTP\)](#) as part of Vision Zero. This plan is a comprehensive outline of safety improvements for the design and operation of City vehicles. The original SFTP followed a [report on truck side-guards](#) completed by DCAS and US DOT in 2015. The SFTP was [updated in 2018](#) and DCAS hopes to have more to announce on the next phases of the safety plan soon.

[Mayoral Executive Order 53 of 2020](#) codified the Safe Fleet Transition program. The order also called on DCAS to develop and publish a similar Clean Fleet Transition Plan (CFTP) for electrifying and cleaning our full scope of City fleet units.

EO 53 requires the City of New York to go all-electric for its 30,000 vehicles by 2040. The CFTP will delve in detail into this effort, outlining available fleet and charging options in each category of fleet operation and identifying areas where we need to push for further market development. The City of New York tracks 160 separate types of fleet units in the fleet management system called NYC Fleet Focus. With so many types of fleet units, electrification is a complex challenge. The CFTP will also look at opportunities and barriers for charging vehicles as the electrification program scales up, and at interim steps such as further hybrid implementation for areas where electric is not yet available.

In addition to discussing the City fleet, this plan will also be part of our Fleets of the Future effort and will offer a blueprint for private commercial fleets and other public fleets to follow our lead.

Dr. Alexander Epstein oversees transportation energy sustainability and vehicle-based safety projects at the Volpe Center and will again lead our efforts on the US DOT side. Volpe has already conducted entrance meetings with all the major fleet agencies including NYPD, FDNY, DSNY, DEP, Parks, DOT, and DOC as well as NYCHA. Eric Richardson and Jon Eills will lead the effort for the City. The release of the first CFTP is planned for the end of 2021. The plan will be updated every two years.

Thanks to US DOT Volpe, all the fleet agencies, and DCAS Legal and Procurement for their work on the clean and safe fleet initiative.

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### ***Congratulations to Joel Rosenblatt, Parks***

Congratulations to Park Supervisor at Parks Fleet Services Joel Rosenblatt on his retirement after 40 years with NYC Parks. Shown below with a vehicle from those olden days, Joel is a

dedicated parkie who is always ready to lend a hand and help fleet get its work done. Best wishes on a safe and happy retirement.



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## 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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