VISION ZERO CITIES 2017 SYMPOSIUM

On May 3, 2017 Mayor de Blasio addressed the 3rd Vision Zero Symposium hosted by Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Families for Safe Streets have helped lead the fight for Vision Zero in NYC. This symposium brought together advocates and government agencies from throughout the country and world to discuss and work together to further Vision Zero and traffic safety.

Fleet joined DOT, NYPD, TLC and Health in presenting at the conference. Fleet joined the City of Boston, Volpe at US DOT, ZennDrive, and Phillips Lighting on a panel to discuss the technology improvements in vehicles and street lighting and how these can advance Vision Zero.

A major and critical focus of Vision Zero is improving the design and management of traffic ways and streets. DOT is implementing historic investment in re-designing City streets for safety.

The design of vehicles and trucks themselves, as well as assessment of street lighting and how it impacts drivers, can also play a critical role in improving safety. Improvements such as truck sideguards, automatic braking, vehicle sensors, and advanced telematics can help prevent vehicle crashes and reduce the severity of injuries when collisions do take place. NYC and it’s fleet can play a leadership role in researching and implementing these safety improvements.

Thanks to TA and to all our partners for inviting us to participate again this year.

NYPD AND DCAS PRESENT AT NAFA

Representatives from NYPD and DCAS presented last week in Florida at the National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA) Annual Expo. NAFA is the largest association for fleet managers in the world with members from public and private fleets throughout North America. NAFA has recognized NYC Fleet on a number of occasions including with its first ever Green Fleet Award in Utah in 2008 and again with its Flexy Award for Sustainability in Texas last year.

NYPD presenters included Director of Fleet Services Greg Dimesa and James Korotki, Fleet Operations Supervisor. Among many topics, NYPD presented on their development and testing of ballistic vehicle protection for NYPD vehicles. Mayor de Blasio and Police Commissioner James P. O’Neill announced in January 2017 that bullet resistant windows and doors would be installed on 3,800 patrol units to help protect officers citywide.

Greg and his team led the effort to evaluate technologies to achieve this critical safety goal, balancing levels of protection with cost, installation, access, and other factors. The new protective glass will be installable in approximately 30 minutes, reusable when vehicles are replaced, and maintains the ability of officers to interact with the public.

NYPD is America’s largest municipal police force and this safety innovation will be a national model. Greg was among three fleet professionals nominated for NAFA’s National Safety Award thanks to his work on this initiative.

DCAS also presented discussing our Clean Fleet, Vision Zero, and Shared Servicing initiatives. Thanks to everyone at NAFA for welcoming NYC and for their continued partnership.