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Mayor de Blasio's NYC Clean Fleet plan calls for a major expansion of electric vehicles (EVs) and charging stations which will result in one of the nation's largest EV fleets on the road. The transition is well under way, but the process will take several years and involve a number of technical, logistical, and infrastructure challenges.

In October 2016, NYC Fleet began research work with a team of five Bard MBA graduate students focused on EV implementation. The group was tasked with developing strategies to support the addition of 2,000 EVs to the City fleet by 2025, a key part of Mayor de Blasio's Clean Fleet plan.

The Bard team met monthly with DCAS and also interviewed key agency fleet managers who are working on the EV program. On May 18 the team presented on their final report to the Fleet Federation.

Key recommendations include increased partnership with electric utilities to install electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) and more direct communication with operators of EVs to understand their needs and experiences. The team also produced training materials for City employees specific to three of the most common models in the City's fleet, the Chevy Bolt EV, Nissan Leaf, and Toyota Prius Prime.

Thanks and congratulations to Jarrid Green, Meghan Altman, Martin Freeman, Sven Thiessen and Olivia Gossett Cooper of Bard for all their hard work on this report, which DCAS will post online at our fleet website.



SPOTLIGHT: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The U.S. Congress officially designated this month in 1978 to recognize the contributions of those whose origins can be traced to Asia and the Pacific. New York's own Rep. Frank Horton sponsored the original resolution.

This month we cast our fleet spotlight on a magnificent 7 of the central NYC Fleet team at DCAS who can trace their heritage to the Far East. In preparing this spotlight feature, we also uncovered that there are 12 separate languages spoken just among the 35 central DCAS fleet staff.

Chief of Staff Sherry Lee, Analyst Daniel Wu, and Analyst David Seto can trace their heritage back to China. China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong are represented in New York with some of the largest and also oldest Chinese communities in North America, including vibrant Chinatowns in downtown Manhattan, Flushing, Queens, and Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

Director of Fleet Safety Mahanth Joishy, Deputy Chief of Staff Stanley John, and Analyst Gary Prasad all descended from Indian ancestry. Mahanth was born in Malaysia, and Gary's ancestry more recently runs through the Caribbean nation of Guyana, part of what we know as "West India." Every year, the West Indian Day Parade and the India Day Parade are two of the largest cultural celebrations in NYC.

Analyst Christopher Towns' family originated from the Philippines, which is made up of over 7,100 Pacific islands. Filipinos are among the fastest growing communities in NYC, and celebrate their independence day on Madison Avenue every year.

Diversity is a strength of DCAS and Fleet and we're proud to recognize Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.