
DCAS Publishes Safe Fleet Transition Plan Update

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In partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center, DCAS published the first formal update report to the Vision Zero Safe Fleet Transition Plan (SFTP). First announced and published in May 2017, the SFTP outlines a series of safety investments that the City will make in all fleet vehicles. The SFTP also lists other technologies that are being implemented in more targeted projects or that are being assessed or tested.



In the first two years of SFTP, City agencies, through DCAS, procured over 22,000 safety features on fleet units. These features include upgraded telematics, truck side-guards, surround and backup alarms, driver alert systems, heated mirrors, and automatic braking systems.

The updated plan includes two major safety advances. The City will now require high vision trucks whenever they are available in the marketplace. High vision trucks greatly reduce line of sight disruptions for drivers, enabling a more complete view of roadway conditions, especially of pedestrians and bicyclists. The City already uses high vision designs for sanitation trucks, fire engines, and some other truck models.



The plan will also require driver alert systems for light duty vehicles. Driver alert provides real-time and immediate feedback to drivers regarding potential hazards on the road. Both of these advances, and the others outlined in the plan, will be required in fleet contract specifications moving forward.

DCAS first announced these changes at the 5th Annual Vision Zero Fleets Forum at Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. At the event, the fleet and technical staff who worked on the plan from 12 City agencies were also thanked and recognized. The agencies were: DSNY, DEP, DCAS, DOHMH, DOC, DOE, DOT, DPR, FDNY, NYPD, NYCHA, and TLC. Many thanks also to Alexander Epstein at U.S. DOT Volpe and his team who worked on the plan.

We will have much more to say on the forum in future newsletters.

Please see the DCAS [announcement](#).

The full SFTP Update Report can be downloaded [here](#).

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