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## FLEET IN REVIEW

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As we complete another year, fleet continues to make important progress on all fronts. The inter-agency Fleet Federation is now four years old and, together, the City's fleet agencies continue to drive major initiatives in critical areas of safety, sustainability, preparedness, and performance. Below we review just some of what we have achieved:

- **As part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative, Fleet has led a major effort to improve safety and reduce collisions.** We have led nationally in the development and introduction of truck side-guards, working in partnership with the Volpe Center at US DOT. We have trained over 25,000 staff in safe driving and established a new requirement for all authorized drivers. We have introduced speed tracking on over 20,000 fleet units, with that effort continuing. We have established the first citywide program for tracking fleet collisions called CRASH. We are also testing new technologies for safety including driver alerts and working on other changes to fleet specifications.
- **Working with the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, we developed the recently announced NYC Clean Fleet Initiative which will extend our leadership in fleet sustainability.** We have already established a biodiesel standard for all fleet vehicles, expanded use of compressed natural gas, increased our hybrid vehicle fleet which is one of the nation's largest, and implemented NY state's largest electric vehicle (EV) program of fleet units and chargers. We will now work to increase the EV fleet to 2,300 or more and to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50% in ten years. NYC has been recognized by many for these efforts including the Federal EPA, NYS DEC, National Biodiesel Board, National Association of Fleet Administrators, 100 Best Fleets, and more.
- **Working with OMB and DCAS Procurement, we have invested over \$1.19 billion in new fleet equipment** in four years including NYC's two largest annual commitments. We purchased over 13,000 new equipment units.
- **We have hired over 670 new fleet staff including 320 mechanics and 129 service workers** in four years. We have met the challenge of retirements in this critical technical area with fleet's largest hiring program ever.
- **We have expanded NYC's partnership with the automotive high schools** that was led by the great work of NYPD fleet services. We are providing internships and fleet units to train on while supporting direct education and industry engagement. We have also created a direct pipeline to City automotive service worker jobs.
- **We have introduced the nation's largest fleet share program in partnership with Zipcar.** Over 600 city vehicles at six agencies are now shared within their agencies, opening up new possibilities for fleet reporting and optimization. In partnership with the City Council, we codified these efforts in Local Law 41 of 2015.
- **Working with OEM, we completed this year a first Citywide Fuel Emergency Plan.** DCAS also continues to expand the City's fleet of emergency generators, light towers, fuel trucks, forklifts, and pumps, and implemented a successful program with NYC Parks and the federal government to remove storm damaged boats in the water.
- **We introduced automated FleetStat reporting through the new fleet management system** and continue to develop new reporting for fleet services, fuel economy, speeding, and more. Citywide out of service rates showed clear improvement in 2015.
- **We hosted another successful Fleet and Equipment Show and Vision Zero Safety Forum,** expanding our partnership with other public sector and private sector fleets.

**Thanks to everyone in fleet for their great work all year and support of these many initiatives, all while improving daily fleet services. Happy Holidays and New Year!**

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