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Driving it forward



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Fleet Vision International – The SHOW keeps growing! We kicked off this year's event with a successful International Collaboration on Safety Round Table at the City of London Offices at Wallbrook Wharf on 2 April.

The event attracted over 50 attendees from organisations such as the Department for Transport, the Parliament's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Road Safety, Global NCAP, the Driving Instructors Association, Wincanton, and many others. Presentations were delivered by Driving for Better Business, Brigade Electronics, the International Association of Transportation Regulators, TSR, and Waymo, focusing on issues such as the safety of grey fleet. You can read the full report on pages 32-35.

The conference on 3 April was the best attended to date and was well received by both exhibitors and attendees. The number of visitors has significantly increased since we launched the event in 2021, thanks in large part to excellent speakers who addressed topics close to the hearts and minds of fleet managers.

I want to congratulate all the winners and honorable mentions at the Fleet Vision International Awards held at the Banking Hall on the evening of 3 April. The awards ceremony was a fantastic event. Comedian Hal Cruttenden had the audience in stitches, as captured in the wonderful photographs on pages 28-31. A big thank you to our sponsors for the FVI Awards: NRG Riverside, Brigade Electronics, and Scarab Sweepers. In my opinion, it was the party of the year – but then again, I might be biased. We danced late into the night, and then woke up the next day wondering, "What's next?"

Well, the answer can be found on pages 40-43. Together with JCB and The Procurement Partnership, we are launching a brand new event aimed at public sector fleet, plant, and procurement managers at JCB HQ in Rocester and at the JCB Kevin Quarry on July 16. The Municipal Fleet and Plant Procurement Event (MFPPE) is an invite-only conference, exhibition, and live demonstration event open to framework member organisations of TPPL.

We have fantastic speakers scheduled, with presentations from JCB about its £100 million hydrogen combustion programme, updates from TPPL regarding the latest procurement framework developments, and Islington's Chris Demetriou, alongside TPPL's Peter Vickers, will discuss how transitioning to an electric fleet with strategic procurement partnerships.

There will also be ample networking time with an ever-growing list of exhibitors. In the afternoon, we will head to the JCB Kevin Quarry for an outdoor static exhibition and live vehicle and plant demonstrations.

If you are a TPPL framework member, don't hesitate to contact marketing@tppl.co.uk to attend this unique event. In the meantime, enjoy this fantastic issue of *Fleet Vision International*!

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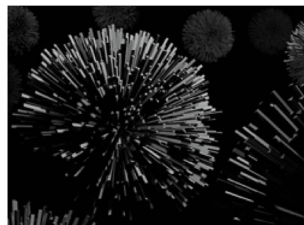
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NYC hits emission targets

The New York Department of Citywide Administrative Services is on course to hit its target of a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2025, Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman told FVI – THE SHOW as he updated delegates on the City’s sustainability progress over the last year.

‘Our Clean Fleet Plan has three basic strategies,’ explained Keith. ‘The first of these is to replace fossil fuels with biofuels, and in November 2023, we announced that we would switch the whole City fleet to renewable diesel – and we have made that transition. Our vehicles now use renewable diesel, and we have been through our first winter. Our Arctic blend winter spec fuel met our needs without interruption to our service.’

Keith explained that renewable diesel has an immediate benefit, including a 60% reduction in GHG emissions. ‘It has no smell. Renewable diesel is cleaning our garages and improving our workplaces – there’s no dirty black smoke. In New York State, we are working on a low-carbon fuel standard. California has one, and it incentivises renewable diesel and electrification. We want that policy in New York State.’

The second strand to the Clean Fleet Plan is

improving efficiencies. ‘When Mayor Adams took office, he announced a reduction in the size of the City fleet and that he would make it more efficient. We have our fleet office real-time tracker, which we used for efficiency gains across the board – fewer vehicles, better fuel use, and reduced commuting. We have also seen maintenance savings through increased numbers of electric vehicles and hybrids.’

The third element of the Clean Fleet Plan is electrifying everything possible as soon as possible, although Keith explained that the City still implements hybrids where electric vehicles are not ready for a specific application. For example, all ambulances in the City are hybrid plug-ins, and the New York Police Department uses hybrids while testing electric vehicles.

‘In 2023, Mayor Adams signed the Electric Vehicles Bill (Local Law 140) to switch the entire City fleet of light and medium-duty vehicles to electric by 2035, with all heavy-

duty vehicles procured from 2028 onwards to be zero-emission. Our EV fleet is currently at 5,400 vehicles and growing, and we are closing in on 20% of the City fleet being electric.’

Another executive order required all senior executives assigned a City vehicle for work to use a plug-in electric model from June 2023 onwards.

Keith said that the City’s charging network has continued to grow to support this transition, with more than 2,200 electric charging ports in the City. ‘In the last two years, we have seen an incredible increase in electric car use, and we expect that to continue. We are trying to move into electric trucks, and at the end of 2024, Mayor Adams announced a grant to assist with purchasing electric trucks.’

There’s also the Advanced Clean Truck Rule in New York State, which holds manufacturers to make a minimum percentage of their overall electric sales every year to help maintain momentum in this area.