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AltWheels Announces 2026 Award Recipients Advancing the Future of Sustainable Transportation

Leaders from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York to be honored for pioneering work in clean fleets, alternative fuels and sustainable marine transportation

NORWOOD, Mass. — September 23, 2026 — Four transportation leaders who are helping turn sustainability goals into real-world results will be honored at the **23rd Annual AltWheels Fleet Day**, Monday, October 5, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, Massachusetts.

The **2026 AltWheels Award recipients** are **Barry Carr, Director of Clean Communities of Central New York; Ron Gitelman, Senior Fleet Administrator at Yale University; Vincent Micozzi, Director of Fleet for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Vehicle Management; and Drew Rollert, Founder/Owner of Wada Hoppah.**

The awards recognize leadership across clean transportation, state and university fleet operations, alternative fuels and an emerging focus for AltWheels — sustainable marine transportation.

Barry Carr — 2026 Stephen R. Connors Visionary Award

Barry Carr, Director of Clean Communities of Central New York, will receive the **2026 Stephen R. Connors Visionary Award**, which recognizes an individual who exhibits **"Leadership in helping make changes in the environmental sector that positively impact the world."**

For more than 20 years, Carr has worked with utilities, governments, fleets and industry partners to advance cleaner transportation. His work has helped develop and support programs involving **electric vehicles and EV charging, natural gas, renewable natural gas, propane and hydrogen**.

AltWheels is recognizing Carr for his longtime leadership, collaboration and commitment to moving sustainable transportation forward.

Carr will also lead a **Lunch With Experts** discussion on **"Building a Fleet Sustainability Plan,"** giving attendees an opportunity to learn directly from his experience.

Ron Gitelman — Green Fleet Leader Award

Ron Gitelman, Senior Fleet Administrator at Yale University, will receive a **Green Fleet Leader Award** for his leadership and pioneering work in advancing a **greener, more sustainable university fleet at Yale**.

The award recognizes Gitelman's efforts to demonstrate how sustainability can be incorporated into the day-to-day realities of managing a university fleet and his leadership in moving cleaner fleet practices forward.

Gitelman will also bring that real-world experience to the AltWheels stage as a member of **"Fleet Operations Leaders: Managing the Energy Transition — From Pilot to Scale: Lessons from Fleets That Scaled."**

He will join fleet leaders from Massport, the City of Cambridge and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Vehicle Management to discuss what fleets are learning as they move from testing new technologies to implementing them on a larger scale.

Vincent Micozzi — Green Fleet Leader Award

Vincent Micozzi, Director of Fleet for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Vehicle Management (OVM), will receive a **Green Fleet Leader Award** for his leadership and OVM's contributions to advancing **zero-emission vehicles within the Massachusetts state fleet**.

With a light- and medium-duty fleet of nearly **2,700 vehicles**, OVM has grown its zero-emission fleet to **386 vehicles, including 304 battery-electric vehicles and 82 plug-in hybrids**.

Surpassing the **300 battery-electric vehicle milestone** represents significant progress in the Commonwealth's transition toward a cleaner government fleet while continuing to meet the varied operational requirements of state agencies.

Micozzi will also participate in the Fleet Operations Leaders panel, providing attendees with an opportunity to hear directly about Massachusetts' experience deploying zero-emission vehicles at scale.

Drew Rollert — Marine Commercialization Pioneer Award

Drew Rollert, Founder/Owner of Wada Hoppah, will receive the **Marine Commercialization Pioneer Award** for his work as a pioneer in marine commercialization and his leadership in helping move **innovative, sustainable marine technology from concept into real-world applications**.

The recognition is especially timely as AltWheels significantly expands its marine programming in 2026.

Rollert has been out in front helping advance sustainable marine technology and demonstrating the critical next step in innovation: moving new technologies beyond concepts and demonstrations and into practical use.

He will also participate in the event's **“Future of Sustainable Marine”** panel with Ollie Danner, Founder and CEO of Charged Marine, and Nick Planson, Founder and CEO of Shred Electric.

The panel is part of a new marine sustainability focus at AltWheels Fleet Day that also includes indoor and outdoor exhibits, marine technology on display and a dedicated Lunch With Experts discussion.

Recognizing Leadership That Moves Transportation Forward

This year's honorees reflect the theme of the 2026 AltWheels Fleet Day: **“Scaling What Works: Proven Strategies from Leading Fleets.”**

Each recipient represents a different part of the transportation landscape — government fleets, university fleets, alternative fuels and clean transportation, and commercial marine technology — but they share a common thread: **moving sustainable transportation from ideas and pilot projects toward practical, real-world implementation.**

The awards will be presented during AltWheels Fleet Day, a full-day conference bringing together public and private fleet managers, transportation professionals, vehicle manufacturers, technology companies, utilities and clean-energy leaders from across the Northeast.

The October 5 program will feature keynote presentations, expert panels, **Lunch With Experts**, indoor and outdoor exhibits, a **Vehicle Showcase and Ride & Drive**, sustainable marine programming, awards and networking.

AltWheels Fleet Day 2026

Monday, October 5, 2026
Four Points by Sheraton
Norwood, Massachusetts

Registration is open to municipal, state, university and private fleet professionals as well as others working in transportation, energy, sustainability and fleet operations.

The complete agenda, speaker biographies, exhibitors, Vehicle Showcase, Lunch With Experts topics, award recipients, sponsors and registration information are available at **www.altwheels.org**.

About AltWheels Fleet Day

Now in its 23rd year, AltWheels Fleet Day brings together public and private fleet managers, vehicle manufacturers, technology companies, energy providers and transportation experts to share practical strategies for cleaner, safer and more efficient fleet operations.

The 2026 event, **"Scaling What Works: Proven Strategies from Leading Fleets,"** will be held Monday, October 5, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, Massachusetts.

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