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AltWheels Creates Largest Sustainable Fleet Day with Tesla Semi, Electric Trucks, Ride & Drives and Fleet Innovation

23rd annual event will bring public and private fleet leaders, vehicle manufacturers, charging technology, sustainable marine transportation and hands-on vehicle experiences to Norwood October 5

NORWOOD, Mass. — September 2026 — From a Tesla Semi and electric workboat to a hydrogen-powered mobile fast charger and electric vehicles available for Ride & Drive, some of the latest transportation technologies will converge in Massachusetts on **Monday, October 5**, for the **23rd Annual AltWheels Fleet Day** at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood.

This year's theme, **"Scaling What Works: Proven Strategies from Leading Fleets,"** focuses not simply on what might be coming next, but on the vehicles, fuels, technologies and strategies fleet operators are using to create large advantages in sustainability and fleet efficiency. Today nearly one in every four light duty vehicles sold in the U.S. is electric, creating new opportunities as well as new challenges for fleet directors to manage.

AltWheels Fleet Day brings together **municipal, state, university and private fleet managers** with automakers, technology companies, energy providers and transportation experts from across Massachusetts and the Northeast.

The full-day program includes expert panels, keynote presentations, indoor and outdoor exhibits, a large Vehicle Showcase, Ride & Drive opportunities, Lunch With Experts, fleet awards, networking, and much more.

New York City Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman Provides Keynote

Keith Kerman, Deputy Commissioner at the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services and New York City's first Chief Fleet Officer, will deliver the afternoon keynote.

Kerman manages the nation's largest municipal fleet, comprising more than **28,500 vehicles across approximately 50 agencies**, and has helped lead New York City's efforts in fleet electrification, charging infrastructure, telematics, safety and data-driven fleet management. His presentation will give Massachusetts and New England fleet professionals a look at lessons learned while deploying new technology at an extraordinary scale.

Fleet Managers Share What Is Working — and What Isn't

A centerpiece of the 2026 program will be **"Fleet Operations Leaders: Managing the Energy Transition — From Pilot to Scale: Lessons from Fleets That Scaled."**

The panel brings together professionals responsible for real-world fleet operations, including representatives from **Massport, Yale University, the City of Cambridge and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Vehicle Management**, with additional invited fleet leaders.

The conversations are designed give fleet managers practical insight into how their peers are navigating changing vehicle technologies, infrastructure needs, budgets and the transition to new energy sources.

A second panel, **"Navigating the Energy Transition: What is Coming Down the Pike — The Fleet Manager's Technology Toolbox,"** will bring together representatives from Toyota, Anderson Motors, indiGO, Slate, GM Fleet and Ford Pro to examine why there is no single solution for every fleet and what vehicle technologies fleet operators should be watching.

Tesla Semi, Electric Trucks and Ride & Drive Vehicles Come to Norwood

Outside the conference room, attendees will have an opportunity to meet vehicles and test equipment representing a wide range of fleet applications.

The **2026 AltWheels Vehicle Showcase** is expected to include:

- Tesla Semi, Model 3, Model Y and Cybertruck
- Harbinger truck
- Chevrolet Blazer EV
- Toyota bZ Woodland
- Viatec Terex LT40 bucket truck
- Hino truck
- Robo-Street electric garbage truck
- indiGO GO Flow Cargo, GO Flow Ride and GO Dash EV
- Coast to Coast EV Chevrolet Equinox EV
- Honda Prologue
- 2023 Chevrolet Silverado Custom

Additional vehicles are expected from the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cusson Automotive and other participating organizations**.

The showcase is intended to give fleet professionals the opportunity to see technology in a real-world setting, talk directly with the people behind it and get behind the wheel to test drive vehicles.

From Hydrogen Charging to a Battery-Powered Refrigerator-Freezer

The showcase this year will extend beyond vehicles to include charging stations:

HydroCharge will demonstrate its hydrogen-powered DC fast charger and AC generator, with charging available during AltWheels, while **Pioneer e-Mobility** will have its Mini Charger available for vehicle charging.

Also on display will be **The ShredCube™**, a portable battery-powered refrigerator-freezer designed to provide cold storage without idling, a generator or shore power.

Together, these technologies demonstrate how fleet sustainability increasingly extends beyond the vehicle itself to charging, energy storage, auxiliary power and the infrastructure needed to keep vehicles and equipment operating.

Sustainable Marine Transportation Joins AltWheels

For the first time, AltWheels Fleet Day will put a significant spotlight on **sustainable marine transportation**.

A **Future of Sustainable Marine** panel will feature Ollie Danner, Founder and CEO of Charged Marine; Nick Planson, Founder and CEO of Shred Electric; and Drew Rollert, Founder/Owner of Wada Hoppah—the first commercial EV ferry on the Charles River..

The outdoor showcase will reinforce that conversation with the **Shred Electric Garvey Skiff**, a U.S.-built all-electric aluminum commercial workboat powered by Flux Marine outboards. The boat is designed for applications including towing, hauling, oyster operations and marine construction. Marine sustainability will also be featured during Lunch With Experts.

Infrastructure Takes Center Stage

As fleets add new vehicle technologies, the question of how to power them has become just as important as the vehicles themselves.

The afternoon panel **“Beyond the Vehicle: Building the Fleet Ecosystem”** will examine energy storage, mobile charging, charging infrastructure and grid sufficiency.

Participants include representatives from **Viatec, Pioneer e-Mobility, Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, National Grid and ChargerHelp!**, with CALSTART moderating the discussion.

The session will address one of the most pressing issues for fleet operators considering electrification: how to develop the infrastructure and support systems necessary to move from a handful of vehicles to larger-scale deployment.

Lunch With Experts Offers Fleet Managers a Seat at the Table

During **Lunch With Experts**, attendees choose a topic and join an expert-led table for an informal, interactive discussion rather than a traditional presentation.

2026 discussions include:

• **AI Tools for Fleet Operations** — Bill Scott, CloudZoom
• **Driving Fleet Performance** — Zach Gilbert, Enterprise Fleet Management
• **Future of Sustainable Marine** — Ollie Danner, Charged Marine, and Nick Planson, Shred Electric
• **Class 8 Trucks** — Lev Khimishman and Roger Fagnant, Tesla
• **Building a Fleet Sustainability Plan** — Barry Carr, Clean Communities of Central New York
• **Charging Infrastructure Planning** — Daphne Dixon, Clean Transportation Coalition – Western Connecticut
• **How Clean Cities Coalitions Can Help Fleets & Tools We Have to Share** — Craig Peters, Capitol Clean Cities of Connecticut
• **Biodiesel** — Steve Russell
• **Do's and Don'ts from a Past Fleet Manager** — Peter Beloli
• Additional fleet and telematics discussions

The format gives fleet professionals an opportunity to ask questions about their own operations and exchange ideas with experts and peers.

AltWheels Seeks Municipal and Private Fleet Participation

AltWheels organizers are particularly encouraging **Massachusetts municipalities and private fleet operators** to attend this year's event.

The program is designed for professionals responsible for vehicles and equipment across municipal government, public works, state agencies, universities, utilities, construction and service companies, corporate fleets, delivery operations and other public and private organizations.

Attendees can spend the day learning from other fleet managers, comparing technologies, meeting manufacturers and infrastructure providers, seeing vehicles firsthand and developing contacts with fleet professionals from throughout the Northeast.

AltWheels Fleet Day 2026
Monday, October 5, 2026
Four Points by Sheraton
Norwood, Massachusetts

The program begins at 8:30 a.m., with exhibits, Vehicle Showcase and Ride & Drive opportunities throughout the day and a networking reception from 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Registration is now open.

Complete speaker biographies, the event agenda, exhibitors, Vehicle Showcase information, sponsors, awards, registration and additional details 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 solutions for cleaner, safer and more efficient fleet operations.

The event emphasizes peer-to-peer learning, real-world fleet experience and opportunities to see emerging transportation technology firsthand.

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