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## **CALIFORNIA MOBILITY CENTER ANNOUNCES \$1.4 MILLION IN CARES ACT FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM**

*Funding enables CMC to train 500 people in emerging sector before the end of the year*

**September 23, 2020, SACRAMENTO, CA** – The Sacramento City Council approved last night more than \$1.4 million in CARES Act funding for the California Mobility Center (CMC), which is slated for a soft launch in October this year. The City’s funding will help the CMC launch its Workforce Training Career Pathways Program. The program will provide much needed retraining opportunities for more than 500 Sacramentans displaced from the labor force due to COVID-19. The program includes job-readiness and technical training for advanced manufacturing jobs that provide higher paying sustainable wages in a growing sector within the Sacramento region.

The CMC, headquartered in California’s capital city, will serve as a global innovation and commercialization hub for the future mobility sector, and will assist clean mobility startups and established entities with prototyping, testing, digitizing, manufacturing and the commercialization of new products in the clean mobility sector.

The Center will identify demand for new training programs and through its partner network of universities, community colleges and community organizations, it will align existing programs to the requirements of the clean tech mobility industry. This will ensure the region’s workforce is at the forefront of the latest industry innovation and will benefit from new job opportunities created by the CMC.

“We are very grateful to the City of Sacramento for their strong support. This new workforce training program is a holistic and integrated approach to provide the future mobility sector with trained workers. Interns and students from the adult training programs, colleges and universities will work alongside the CMC, mobility startups, and other manufacturing companies in the region,” said Mark Rawson, Chief Operating Officer of CMC.



With key support from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), the CMC has established strong partnerships with technical training providers and community-based organizations such as Los Rios Community College District, Sacramento State University, Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy, La Familia Counseling Center, Greater Sacramento Urban League, Asian Resources Incorporated, Charles A Jones Career & Education Center and Sacramento Valley Manufacturing Initiative.

“The CMC is a comprehensive program that accelerates technology innovation to the marketplace, while creating clean, green, good paying jobs in our community,” said Arlen Orchard, SMUD CEO and Board Chair of the CMC. “This career pathways program will ensure that residents disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, have new career opportunities and can fully benefit from the California Mobility Center and the companies it attracts to the region.”

The CARES Act funding will enable the CMC to train 500 people before the end of the year and it will facilitate the placement of up to 100 interns at local advanced manufacturing companies – paving the way for future workforce development in this emerging sector.

“So many families have lost their jobs and are hurting. The CMC will help unemployed Sacramentans immediately re-enter the workforce in a highly trained industry seeing exponential future growth,” said Sacramento City Council Member, Eric Guerra. “The CMC, located in South Sacramento, is the perfect catalyst to get our region’s economy thriving after such challenging times.”

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**About:** The California Mobility Center (CMC) is a public-private partnership led by global thought leaders in clean technology innovation including the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). The CMC aspires to be the leading global innovation and commercialization center for future mobility, strategically located in Sacramento. Its location puts the CMC in close proximity to world-class educational institutions, leaders in clean mobile technology, award-winning utilities and to California government that leads the United States and world in producing policies around green mobility and technology.

The \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provides assistance for State, Local and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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