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## **CALIFORNIA MOBILITY CENTER AND SMUD SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FACILITY IN DEPOT PARK, SACRAMENTO**

**September 2, 2020 – SACRAMENTO** The California Mobility Center (CMC) and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) signed a lease agreement on a 43,000 sq.ft. facility in Depot Park, Sacramento. The CMC will occupy 25,000 sq.ft. of the facility space and SMUD will retain 18,000 sq.ft.

The CMC will use the space as its statewide office headquarters, expected to be fully operational by October 1, 2020. The facility will also serve as a commercialization center to develop global innovation in the future mobility sector, which CMC aims to launch in Q1 2021.

The new facility will be jointly run by the CMC and one of their strategic partners, PEM Motion. PEM Motion, located in Aachen, Germany, is well-respected in the future mobility industry worldwide, providing engineering expertise, consulting services and a successful track-record in setting up ramp-up factories. With its experience and global network, PEM is in perfect position to bring excellence to the CMC's new facility.

With ample space that the Depot Park facility provides, the CMC will conduct prototyping, testing, digitizing and manufacturing. The facility will also serve to assist clean mobility startups and established companies to prototype and commercialize new future mobility products.

"This represents a huge milestone for the CMC," said Mark Rawson, chief operating officer for the CMC. "Having secured space for activities in the advanced manufacturing and prototyping facility, we can now forge ahead with the wider plans for the CMC and our community will benefit from the opportunities to train, retrain and enter the clean mobility workforce."

Depot Park is situated in the Power Inn area of Sacramento, close to the CMC's eventual home of the proposed Sacramento State University campus at Ramona Avenue. This campus is within the city's zoned Sacramento Center for Innovation, and CMC's mission for future workforce training, R&D and economic development is well aligned with the City's goals for the Sacramento Center for Innovation.



“We are extremely excited to see the CMC come to fruition after years of hard work,” said Sacramento City Council Member, Eric Guerra. “The city is committed to supporting this important economic driver for the region and adjacent South Sacramento neighborhoods, especially given the challenges and impact the COVID-19 pandemic has created. “

The CMC will begin commercial operations in Q4 2020 in a controlled manner in anticipation of a coordinated market launch January 1, 2021.

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Kris Kalmbach of Cushman & Wakefield and Neal Best of Best Consulting represented SMUD and the CMC and David Nicholson and Bryce MacDonald of Cushman & Wakefield represented the landlord LINK.

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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.

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