

SUMITOMO ELECTRIC BECOMES FIRST TIER ONE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIER TO PARTNER WITH GOMENTUM STATION

Components and software supporting autonomous vehicle safety and connectivity to be tested

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Concord, Calif. – November 9, 2017 – GoMentum Station is proud to announce a new partnership with Sumitomo Electric, a respected tier one automotive supplier of electronics that support autonomous and connected vehicles. Sumitomo Electric is the first supplier to collaborate with GoMentum Station and its partners on advancing automated vehicle technology. Sumitomo Electric’s research and development subsidiary in Silicon Valley, Innovation Core SEI, leads the collaboration.

Designated as one of ten automated vehicle proving grounds by the United States Department of Transportation, GoMentum Station features more than 20 miles of paved roadway including city-like roadway grids, twin 1400 foot tunnels, overcrossings, undercrossings, railroad tracks, a mini-city, and other urban infrastructure that provides a realistic environment for testing automated and connected technologies.

Sumitomo Electric specializes in the development of materials, components, and software for critical functions including vehicle-to-vehicle, vehicle-to-infrastructure, and intra-vehicle communications, sensors, and vehicle safety. With 248,000 employees worldwide, Sumitomo Electric delivers technology for most popular automotive brands. “Tier one” suppliers directly provide the majority of components used by automotive manufacturers.

“Sumitomo Electric products form the ‘nervous systems’ of the latest vehicles, and our efforts with GoMentum Station complement testing at our own testbeds in Japan and elsewhere,” explains Mark Jansen, head of Autonomous and Connected Vehicles for Innovation Core SEI in Silicon Valley. “Our goal is to test future vehicle developments in real-world settings, safely and at scale. GoMentum Station offers a uniquely realistic setting close to our Silicon Valley lab, and we’re looking forward to accelerating our advanced technology testing at this world-class proving ground.”

As the managing entity for GoMentum Station’s activities, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is excited about the new partnership. “Not only is Sumitomo Electric a well-regarded tier one supplier, they are also an excellent community partner”, says CCTA Executive Director Randy Iwasaki. “I have been impressed with the company’s focused efforts to support local hospitality businesses in Concord. Their partnership with GoMentum Station is not only advancing much needed autonomous vehicle technology, but is already benefitting the local economy.”

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About Sumitomo Electric Group

The Sumitomo Electric Group has international operations in five business segments: Automotive, Infocommunications, Electronics, Environment & Energy, and Industrial Materials. For more information about Sumitomo Electric, please visit <http://global-sei.com/>

About GoMentum Station

GoMentum Station in Concord, California is where the Contra Costa Transportation Authority leads and facilitates a collaborative partnership among multiple automobile manufacturers; original equipment manufacturers and Tier 1 suppliers; communications suppliers; technology companies; researchers and academia; public agencies and other partners. At GoMentum Station, technology, innovation and commercialization converge to redefine the next generation of mobility. More information about GoMentum Station is available at gomentumstation.net

About the Contra Costa Transportation Authority

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is a public agency formed by Contra Costa voters in 1988 to manage the county's transportation sales tax program and oversee countywide transportation planning efforts. With a staff of twenty people managing a multi-billion dollar suite of projects and programs, CCTA is responsible for planning, funding and delivering critical transportation infrastructure projects and programs that connect our communities, foster a strong economy, increase sustainability, and safely and efficiently get people where they need to go. CCTA also serves as the county's designated Congestion Management Agency, responsible for putting programs in place to keep traffic levels manageable. More information about CCTA is available at ccta.net