

AUTONOMOUS TRUCK TESTING ACCELERATED AS OTTO AND GOMENTUM STATION ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

GoMentum Station will serve as key testing facility for improving safety and efficiency

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SAN FRANCISCO & CONCORD, California – The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) announced a new partnership today between the agency's 5,000-acre autonomous and connected vehicle testing grounds, GoMentum Station, and autonomous trucking company Otto. This exclusive partnership with Otto marks the beginning of autonomous, commercial vehicle testing at GoMentum Station.

Less than three months after making their mission public, Otto has put forth a rapid, to-market approach that presents a promising solution to the challenge of improving highway safety. Partnership with GoMentum Station, the largest secure test facility in the United States, will allow Otto to rapidly ramp up the testing of hardware- and software-enabled trucks across varied terrain, as well as recreate real-life scenarios in a controlled environment.

"Freight transportation is crucial to the American and world economy," said Randy Iwasaki, Executive Director of CCTA and former Chair of the US Department of Transportation's National Freight Advisory Committee. Trucks carry the greatest share of the nation's freight, moving more than 11 billion tons of freight across America's highways in 2015 alone. "This new technology will not only make travelling safer for commercial drivers and the motorists they share the highway with, it will also increase efficiency in one of our key economic sectors," added Iwasaki.

With more than five trucks now testing at sites throughout the region 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, Otto will be able to use the testing grounds of GoMentum Station to rapidly test new updates and hardware components. The rapid testing will accelerate the time-to-market for Otto as it works to bring on its first commercial partners. GoMentum Station is already a key hub of testing for personal automobiles and shared, autonomous shuttles. Otto is the first and exclusive partner testing autonomous commercial trucks.

"Long-haul transit is vital for nearly 70 percent of the things we buy, but it comes at a cost, and each year there are thousands of preventable deaths on American highways. At Otto, we believe it's our responsibility to introduce safer, self-driving technology to the road," said Lior Ron, Co-founder of Otto. The US Department of Transportation estimates that while commercial freight trucks account for only 5.6 percent of the vehicle miles on US highways, they are responsible for 9.5 percent of highway fatalities. Otto's work at GoMentum Station, with the help of CCTA, will speed the rate at which this potentially life-saving technology can be brought to market.

About Otto

Otto is a team of forward-thinking technologists and innovators, dedicated to revolutionizing the way we approach transportation in America, starting with self-driving trucks. At the heart of Otto's vision is a belief that autonomous technology is the key to creating a more viable, efficient and, above all, safer transportation future. More information about Otto is available at ot.to.

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 will converge to define the next generation of transportation network infrastructure. 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. 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.

About City of Concord

Concord, California is located 29 miles east of San Francisco, adjacent to beautiful Mt. Diablo. The city covers 31.13 square miles. With a 2010 census count of 122,067 residents, it is the largest city in Contra Costa County. For more information about the City of Concord, or the redevelopment of the Concord Naval Weapons Station, please contact Leslye Asera at 925.671.3272 or Leslye.Asera@cityofconcord.org.

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