

# FIRST TRANSIT SIGNS EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH GOMENTUM STATION FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

First Transit to provide staffing, maintenance and operational support for shared, autonomous shuttles.

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**CONCORD, Calif.** – First Transit announces that it has signed an agreement as the exclusive transit operator partner at GoMentum Station. The partnership will foster research and innovation in the field of shared autonomous vehicle (SAV) application and technology research.

First Transit will join GoMentum Station and use the facility as a test site for innovative transit applications, including a pilot project with EasyMile and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to deploy the first SAV shuttle on public roads in the United States. This pilot project, which began in late 2016, recently launched the second phase of testing at Bishop Ranch, an office park in San Ramon, California.

First Transit is responsible for providing staffing, maintenance and operational support for the two SAV shuttles during the testing and deployment phases of the program.

"The partnership with GoMentum Station allows us to identify new mobility solutions for our customers using SAV technology," said Brad Thomas, president of First Transit. "We see the broad application of SAV technology as a great first and last mile solution plus countless other transportation challenges."

GoMentum Station in Concord, California is a 5,000-acre test facility where the CCTA and its partners are accelerating the next generation of transportation technologies. Named by the U.S. Department of Transportation as one of ten federally designated automated vehicle proving grounds, GoMentum Station is the largest secure test track of its kind.

"As a leader in innovative transportation solutions, we are proud to have First Transit as one of our exclusive collaboration partners at GoMentum Station," said Randell Iwasaki, Executive Director of CCTA. "The partnership with First Transit expands the international reach of GoMentum Station, and will provide a unique opportunity for multi-modal testing with a firm that specializes

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in transit operations. This will enable us to explore how automated vehicles can complement and enhance existing mobility options.”

### **About First Transit:**

First Transit, Inc. has 60 years of experience and is one of the largest private-sector providers of mobility solutions in North America moving more than 350 million passengers annually. First Transit, Inc. provides operation, management and consulting for more than 300 locations in 39 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, Panama and India for transit authorities, state departments of transportation, municipalities, hospitals, universities and private companies. First Transit employs more than 19,500 dedicated transit professionals. For additional information, please visit [FirstTransit.com](http://FirstTransit.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 will converge to define the next generation of transportation network infrastructure. More information about GoMentum Station is available at [gomentumstation.net](http://gomentumstation.net).

### **About EasyMile:**

EasyMile is a joint venture between a vehicle manufacturer (Ligier Group) and a high tech company specializing in services robotics (Robosoft). The company provides shared driverless transportation for the last mile that complements mass transportation solutions. This 'green' service addresses short distances that are too long to walk to, from a transport hub to a final destination where cars are either 'off limits' or where parking space is limited or non-existent. It also provides a service for short distances within confined sites. EasyMile autonomous vehicles operate either on demand or follow a set route calling at all stations.

### **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](http://ccta.net).

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