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SAC METRO AIR DISTRICT AND TOYOTA HELPS GREEN TECH REDUCE EMISSIONS AND PROMOTE ELECTRIC VEHICLES WITH VEHICLE DONATION SUPPORTING MOBILITY HUB

SACRAMENTO (September 3, 2020) – Green Technical Education & Employment (Green Tech), a popular community-based organization in Sacramento, is pleased to announce a generous donation of eight Mirai vehicles from Toyota Motor Company. The Mirai is an innovative hydrogen fuel cell vehicle, with a range of nearly 300 miles on a full tank of hydrogen fuel with zero toxic emissions.

“We are absolutely ecstatic about this donation from Toyota,” said Simeon Gant, Executive Director and founder of the nonprofit Green Tech, “It’s a first step toward introducing our community to green tech and clean cars and helping people get around town with zero emissions, while cutting our carbon footprint significantly.”

The donation is part of the Green Tech Net Zero Mobility Hub, an innovative micro-transit concept developed by Green Tech and the Sac Metro Air District.

The land for the Mobility Hub is a .3-acre lot in the Del Paso Heights Neighborhood of North Sacramento and was generously donated to Green Tech by the City of Sacramento. The lot is situated on the corner of Grand Avenue and May Street, a major traffic thoroughfare and historically blighted corner in the community.

Upon completion, the lot will hold Toyota’s eight hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and two all-electric plug-in vehicles. Construction and development of the lot is expected to be complete by November 2020.

The purpose of this project is to provide rides for Green Tech students to get to job training and actual jobs throughout the City of Sacramento. In addition, Green Tech is partnering with the Black Child Legacy Campaign, Robert’s Family Development Center, Mutual Assistance Network, Sierra Health Foundation and the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency to offer rides to their service recipients, primarily low income, people seeking employment, single parents, and seniors in need of rides to doctor’s visits.

“I’m very pleased that dedicated community initiatives such as the Black Child Legacy Campaign will benefit from this car share program and the mobility hub,” said Chairman of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Air District Board Director, and CARB Board Member Phil Serna. “The project will serve one of Sacramento’s great neighborhoods by providing safe and reliable transportation options, so residents have the independence necessary to access essential services, school and jobs all while minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.”

The Green Tech Net Zero Mobility Hub is supported by the Air District and is part of California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

“This is a win-win for the residents utilizing the Hub’s services and the community in general and clean transportation solutions,” said Sac Metro Air District’s Air Pollution Control Officer, Alberto Ayala. “Not only will the participants have access to the latest zero-emission electric vehicle technology to take necessary trips and get to needed services, the community in general will benefit from partaking in the transformation towards tailpipe pollution-free electric mobility taking place all over the state and world right before our eyes.”

Green Tech, a community-based, not-for-profit organization for public benefit was established in 2008 in response to Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

“The Sac Metro Air District is pleased to continue to be a partner with CARB and contribute to advancing the state’s clean tech and climate goals,” said City of Sacramento Councilmember Eric Guerra, who is also the current Chair of the Air District Board.

Since its inception Green Tech has introduced career opportunities to protect the environment to nearly one thousand youth and young adults in Northern California. The Green Tech Net-Zero mobility Hub continues this effort offering career opportunities and reducing the carbon footprint with an emphasis on communities of color and “at promise” youth from diverse backgrounds.

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