

ITEM 7 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 002

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Chair Singh-Allen, Vice Chair Desmond and STA Governing Board Members,

SMUD supports the approval of Item 7, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an MOU regarding implementation of the “Sacramento County Transportation Maintenance, Safety and Congestion Relief Act of 2022 – Retail Transactions and Use Tax” on tomorrow’s Sacramento Transportation Authority Governing Board meeting. The proposed additional \$100 million in funding to the California Mobility Center (CMC) will allow electric transportation technology to be more rapidly developed in our region, benefitting air quality and public health as well as the regional economy.

In April of last year, the SMUD Board of Directors approved the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan - the most ambitious clean energy plan of any large utility in the United States. Under the 2030 Plan, SMUD will eliminate all carbon emissions from our power supply by 2030. Among its many benefits, the 2030 Plan targets Sacramento’s air quality, which is among the worst air quality of any region in the nation. The electrification of transportation is important part of achieving SMUD’s 2030 Plan goals as it is one of the largest carbon emitting sectors in our region.

SMUD has supported the CMC since its inception. We have seen its efforts increase the pace of commercialization and the adoption of electric transportation by providing its clients with unrivaled access to a motivated customer base, a skilled workforce, as the opportunity to succeed in California, the nation’s key market for electric transportation solutions. The CMC is also focused on workforce development – another key element of SMUD’s 2030 Plan - to ensure that we have skilled trades to work in the growing e-mobility space. The CMC and its client companies will create large numbers of new high-paying jobs through innovation and commercialization of clean mobility technology.

Thank you for your support of this item at tomorrow’s Sacramento Transportation Authority meeting.

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