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SUBJECT: Automotive and Advanced Transportation Programs
(aka Roadrunner Motors) – Project Work Group Appointment and Charge

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Dear Colleague:

I invite you to serve on a facility planning work group (Work Group) to advise the Superintendent/President and me regarding the planning and design of the Automotive and Advanced Transportation programs' new facility in Cathedral City. In this role, the Work Group will review and make recommendations about the program and design within the project's time and budgetary constraints.

This project will entail construction of up to 20,000 assignable square feet of new space and associated outdoor space/parking to support the programs. The new facility would include classrooms that open directly to the lab so one instructor can have line of sight for students in the classroom and students in the lab.

The replacement facility will provide general classroom and teaching laboratories and support space. The replacement facility will provide specialized classrooms (up to nine) and teaching laboratories (up to five). One large-scale main laboratory would be able to accommodate up to 12 lifts. Active storage, an electric charging station and a Compressed Natural Gas filling station are planned. A small amount of office space is planned, along with an industry partner conference/seminar room, parking for class vehicles (instructional program) and parking for students and faculty. The site will be near the largest concentration of automobile repair shops, parts stores, body shops, rental car agencies, and auto dealers (12 dealerships) in the Coachella Valley, and the sites under consideration offer zoning compatible with the planned use.

The initial estimated project budget is approximately \$20 million. The campus will implement this project through the MAAS Bond Office. The anticipated project completion date is 2022. The Work Group will participate in major milestones, such as review of the space program, schematic design and design development in support of the project. The Work Group is charged with helping to steward the project with respect to scope of work, schedule and budget.

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The Work Group meetings will begin in Fall 2019, and meetings will be most intensive during the early planning and design period. It is my hope that you will be able to accept this appointment; please contact John O. White, Executive Director – Bond Programs and Facilities Planning (760-565-4827, or jowhite@collegeofthedesert.edu) if you are unable to serve.

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