



Item 8: California Energy, Power, & Innovation Collaborative.

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Charge Yard Purpose

- Establish laboratory to conduct interoperability and electric vehicle charging equipment conformance testing
- Accelerate development of certification procedures
- Develop next-gen charging features
- Self-sustaining operations after 5 years



Source: American Center for Mobility



Proposed Agreement – Cal EPIC



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- Located in Sacramento's Depot Park
- Partnered with CharIN and Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute
- Will conduct end-to-end testing including bidirectional electric vehicle charging
- Will host large indoor and outdoor events



Benefit to Californians



Source: Charge Hub



Source: CharIN



Source: CharIN

Seamless and more reliable charging experience for drivers

Accelerates Plug and Charge capability

Convene industry and facilitate knowledge sharing



Staff Recommendation

- Approve grant agreement of \$4,000,000
- Adopt staff's recommendation that this project is exempt from CEQA