

CONCORD — In the latest proof of the Bay Area's prominence in self-driving vehicle technology, Honda announced it will partner with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to test automated and connected vehicle technology at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

The Japanese automaker plans to test its self-driving Acura RLX sedan at the former military base, which includes about

100 acres of land, including a secure testing facility. "The Concord Naval Weapons Station is an ideal proving ground to augment Honda's research and development efforts because it is a controlled environment that can be continuously modified to represent a wide array of settings that an automated vehicle must navigate, especially for urban operation," Paul Cummings, a spokesman



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Honda sees Concord's GoMentum as "an ideal proving ground" for automated vehicle research, joining Mercedes-Benz in picking the site.

for Honda Research Institute USA, said in a news release.

The transportation authority announced the partnership with

Honda and formally introduced the GoMentum Station project

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Feeding schoolkids on break



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Food for Thought: Programs provide needed nourishment

Jane Kaasa, above, from Temple Beth Hillel, and other volunteers, left, load boxes of food Tuesday at Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond. Temple Beth Hillel's "Food for Thought" program has joined with "Let's Feed the Kids," which is supported by Shell Ridge Community Church, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Kaiser Permanente

Walnut Creek's Cardiac Unit and Saint Mary's College in Moraga, to provide food for children during spring break when they are not receiving subsidized breakfasts and lunches at school. The project is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County under their multifaceted ACTION Food Security Task Force.