Ford Taps Kansas City to Assemble All-Electric Ford E-Transit; Builds Out $3.2B North American EV Manufacturing Footprint

- Ford is investing an additional $100 million in its Kansas City Assembly Plant and adding approximately 150 full-time jobs to begin producing the all-new E-Transit on the heels of the all-electric F-150 announced in September; E-Transit arrives late 2021, F-150 electric 2022

- E-Transit, to be revealed Thursday, is part of Ford's $11.5 billion-plus investment in electrification through 2022. The Mustang Mach-E starts reaching customers next month

- Ford is investing approximately $150 million in Van Dyke Transmission Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich., to make e-motors and e-transaxles for new electric vehicles, including the all-electric F-150. This will retain 225 jobs

- Ford is increasing production plans for the fully electric F-150 at the historic Rouge Plant in Dearborn, adding 200 permanent jobs in addition to a previously announced 300 jobs and part of a $700 million investment in building the all-new F-150 and all-electric F-150

- Kansas City and Dearborn plants, together with Oakville, Ontario and Cuautitlan, Mexico, assembly plants, will support the first phase of Ford's growing North American electric vehicle plans

CLAYCOMO, Mo., Nov. 10, 2020 – Ford Motor Company announced today that its Kansas City Assembly Plant will build the all-new E-Transit van, part of a more than $3.2 billion investment in Ford's North American manufacturing facilities to produce a series of new electric vehicles for commercial and retail customers.

The new E-Transit will join the all-electric F-150 announced in September and the all-electric Mustang Mach-E, which begins arriving in dealers' showrooms next month. The new entries support Ford's plan to electrify its iconic and most popular vehicles, including its commercial vehicles. The all-electric F-150, which will be assembled at the new Rouge Electric Vehicle Center in Dearborn, Mich., arrives in mid-2022. The E-Transit arrives in late 2021.

Ford's is building out its manufacturing footprint across North America – working with local and national governments – to lead the transition to electric vehicles and meet consumer demand in the coming years. Electric vehicles are a key part of Ford's commitment meet the requirements of the Paris Accord and achieve carbon neutrality globally by 2050.

"We're taking our most iconic vehicles and using fully electric technology to deliver even more performance, productivity and capability for customers," said Kumar Galhotra, president, Americas and International Markets Group. "We are building out the North American manufacturing footprint to support this growth. This is just the first chapter with more new electric vehicles and more investment to come."

Ford is investing an additional $100 million in its Kansas City plant and adding approximately 150 full-time permanent jobs to build the E-Transit, a zero-emissions version of Transit, America's best-selling commercial van.

The all-electric E-Transit will be unveiled Thursday and starts arriving in dealerships in 2022. The electric van investment in Kansas City is in addition to the $300 million Ford invested for the launch this year of the all-new F-150 at that plant. The plant employs approximately 7,500 workers.

E-Transit is part of Ford's more than $11.5 billion global investment in electrification through 2022.

"Ford's strategy is different – we are delivering affordable, capable electric vehicles in the heart of the retail and commercial market rather than six-figure status vehicles," Galhotra said. "With a stunning Mustang Mach-E crossover, an all-electric F-150 and the new E-Transit, our first wave of EVs in North America will introduce a whole new generation to EVs."

Ford is also investing approximately $150 million in Van Dyke Transmission Plant in Southeast Michigan to build e-motors and e-transaxles beginning in 2021.This will retain 225 jobs at the plant.

Given the strong early interest in Ford's all-electric F-150 since the September announcement, Ford is now increasing production plans by 50 percent versus original plans. To deliver more fully electric trucks, Ford will add 200 new jobs in addition to the 300 jobs previously announced for the new electric F-150.

Ford spends more than $5 billion annually on engineering in America, which includes the development of the all-new, fully electric Transit, the F-150, and the all-new Mustang Mach-E.

"We are investing heavily in our vehicle programs as well as building out our manufacturing capabilities," said Hau Thai-Tang, chief product platform and operations officer. "This will allow us to scale quickly as customer interest in these new products grows."

In addition to electric vehicle manufacturing sites for trucks and vans in the U.S., the company also is investing C$1.8 billion (U.S. $1.35 billion) to transform its Oakville Assembly Complex in Ontario starting in 2024 to include next-generation battery-electric vehicles. It will mark the first time ever that an automaker has produced full BEVs in Canada for the North American market.

Ford also is planning to produce an additional electrified vehicle at its plant in Cuautitlan, Mexico, where the Mustang Mach-E is produced. The new vehicle will share a similar electrified platform as the Mustang Mach-E, delivering manufacturing and engineering efficiencies.

"Our electric vehicle business is a dynamic source of growth," says John Savona, vice president, North American manufacturing. "We're setting ourselves up for profitable business now and in the future."

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