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Urban.MASS has launched its driverless, autonomous electric “pods” capable of travelling on both road and rail.

The company says its breakthrough flocc® technology will, for the first time, combine door-to-door on-demand ride hailing transport with high frequency, accessible and sustainable mass transit to provide seamless, zero-emission passenger and cargo journeys across cities.

The world's first fully operational site is planned to open in 2025 at the National Railway Museum, Locomotion, in Shildon.

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The first phase of industry engagement on new Passenger Service Contracts will begin on 4th November, bringing Government and stakeholders together to ensure a joint focus on a more passenger-focused railway for the future.

New Passenger Service Contracts (PSCs) will be introduced as a key tool in rail reforms, establishing a new way of working between the public and private sector to provide high-quality, punctual and reliable passenger services.

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Rail passengers activating emergency alarms on Greater Anglia trains have caused over 17 hours of delays in just six months.

The train company is reminding passengers that activating the emergency alarm delays trains for all passengers – and it's not the best way to get help.

From 1st April to 4th September 2021 there were 89 incidents of passengers activating the emergency alarm, causing 1,032 minutes of delays and nine cancellations.

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Television presenter Fearne Cotton and former footballer and pundit Paul Merson are the latest speakers to be announced for Rail Wellbeing Live which will run virtually over two days (17 to 18 November).

Fearne will talk about how to find joy in every day and Paul will share his experience of battling addiction during his footballing career.

Rail Wellbeing Live is open to Britain's 240,000-strong rail workforce for free, where suicides are among the highest in the UK workforce at 1.6 times the national average.

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