

# Transport Minister Rachel Maclean to open RIA Innovation Conference

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The Railway Industry Association (RIA) has announced that Transport Minister Rachel Maclean MP will open its [2021 Innovation Conference](#).

Rachel Maclean MP, who has the future of transport and decarbonisation in her ministerial portfolio, will share her insights on how rail innovation will be crucial for the UK's future transport system.

This year's Innovation Conference, which takes place from 28-30 April 2021, will also feature a wide range keynote addresses, workshops, and extensive virtual networking opportunities around the theme of the *Railway of the Future*.

David Clarke, Technical Director at RIA, said: "We are thrilled to have Transport Minister Rachel Maclean MP as a keynote speaker for this year's RIA Innovation Conference.

"Innovation has a critical role to play in building a greener, more efficient and truly accessible rail network that serves passengers in the future, with the vast potential of new technologies and approaches to help decarbonise and upgrade the UK's railways. It is great to have the Minister open this year's event to

discuss these key issues and look at how the rail industry can support the Government's plans to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic.

"We very much look forward to hearing from Minister Maclean and our fantastic line-up of speakers across the three days - we hope to see you there!"

RIA's award-winning Innovation Conference brings together leading innovators, clients and policymakers from across the sector and beyond, to showcase some of the leading technologies and projects in rail, and help connect members of the industry involved in innovation. The event, which will take place virtually for the first time ever, is open to everyone from across the rail industry and beyond.

Strategic Partners for the Conference include Network Rail and the UK Rail Research and Innovation Network (UKRRIN). The Conference's confirmed sponsors are Platinum Sponsor Knorr-Bremse, Gold Sponsor Altran and Silver Sponsors Porterbrook, Harmonic and Ricardo Rail.