

Vivarail supplies train stock for US 'Pop-Up Metro' concept

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For the second time, **Vivarail** has sent battery train stock to America as it looks to a “Pop-up Metro” concept.

On 9 April two cars were shipped to Baltimore. They will join their sister vehicles in Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania, where they will undergo testing and demonstrations.

They are being used as part of a concept where trains are put into action on underutilised lines. These “Pop-Up Metro” lines offer lower cost, lower risk and faster starts, Vivarail says.

Henry Posner III, chairman of **Vivarail** shareholder Railroad Development Corporation said: “There’s a lot of excitement about the possibilities that our Pop-Up Metro proposition brings to the Americas.

“With two trains we are now positioned to act on multiple opportunities at the same time. This is critical in positioning Pop-Up Metro as an alternative for the industry at a time when both rail access and decarbonisation have become national priorities. It also helps that the trains are stylish and comfortable.”

Steve McBride, managing director of Vivarail said: “We’re incredibly proud that the technology we created in the UK is leading the way for battery-powered train operations in the Americas.

“This opens up a new market for Vivarail’s technology and shows that battery-power is a viable and efficient solution to decarbonise the railway.”