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### **Innovation sought for East Anglia rail**

Rail users across East Anglia will have a chance to put forward their ideas for improving local services this month when a series of “Innovation Roadshows” is held across the region.

Jointly organised by the Transport Systems Catapult and independent passenger watchdog Passenger Focus, the roadshow will comprise four workshops, each taking place between 12-2pm, in Norwich (24<sup>th</sup> February), Ipswich (25<sup>th</sup> February), Cambridge (26<sup>th</sup> February) and Chelmsford (27<sup>th</sup> February).

The roadshow is being run ahead of the new East Anglia Rail Franchise competition, with the aim of increasing the amount of innovation undertaken by the next franchise winners.

“There is clearly still plenty of innovation that can be brought into the rail sector, and who better to ask for ideas than the people who use the railways on a daily basis,” said the Transport Systems Catapult’s John Mooney following the announcement of the workshop dates.

“We are really keen to hear from people of all backgrounds – business leaders, technology experts or just regular rail passengers – who have innovative ideas that can be applied to rail journeys.”

Participation in the workshops is free, with spaces allocated on a first come, first served basis. To register for one of the events, head to the events section of the Transport Systems Catapult website ([www.ts.catapult.org.uk/events](http://www.ts.catapult.org.uk/events)). Further questions about the roadshow can be emailed to [john.mooney@ts.catapult.org.uk](mailto:john.mooney@ts.catapult.org.uk)

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