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First Minister Carwyn Jones yesterday opened the £57 million Eastern Bay dual carriageway link road in Cardiff.

Ffordd Ewart Parkinson is named after the late Cardiff engineer and planner, Ewart Parkinson, will improve links to Cardiff Bay, reducing journey times and helping to ease congestion in the city centre so improving access to the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone and connectivity across the wider city region.

A new row is expected to break out after Reuters and Automotive News Europe reported an alleged agreement to establish a secretive service company to pay massive continuing bonuses to very senior Renault executives.

London based Ardea Partners was named in media report as being instrumental in proposing the Dutch-registered company and its operations which would not have to fully disclose its financial affairs and payments.

Toyota is said to be seeking acquisitions to fast-track technology into its next range of models.

President Akio Toyoda told shareholders it must become more aggressive towards rivals and win additional sales with full EVs and self-driving technology.

Deutsche Post subsidiary StreetScooter GmbH and Ford in Germany are entering a partnership for the manufacturing of battery-electric delivery vehicles.

The chassis of the Ford Transit provides the technical basis and will be equipped with a



battery-electric drive train and fitted with a special body construction based on Deutsche Post and DHL Paket specifications with production scheduled for next month.

DS is accelerating the development of electrified cars.

Starting with DS 7 CROSSBACK, it will be releasing a new model every year, all with an electrified version, hybrid or all-electric, and using knowledge gained through its involvement in the e-series single seater motor racing category.

The 200mph tests of the Bloodhound SSC will be held at Newquay, Cornwall airport in October.

They will precede attempts to hit 1,000 mph in South Africa and it has secured backing from Volvo owner Geely of China.

Ride sharing is going to become the biggest boom in changing transport trends, says a report for [Frost & Sullivan](#).

Research Analyst Albert Geraldine Priya. "The convenience, flexibility and security of mobility services, and the advent of autonomous cars/taxis, will significantly reduce car ownership and increase adoption of new mobility services."

About 41,000 UK drivers have joined 180,000 Dutch VW owners in a class action law suit against Volkswagen.

They are taking action after claiming talks over compensation have broken down and the UK group is being advised by Harcus Sinclair solicitors.