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Air Transport Updates

Air Canada and Government of Canada Conclude Agreements on Liquidity Program

Air Canada announced on April 12, 2021 that it has entered into a series of debt and equity financing agreements with the Government of Canada, which will allow Air Canada to access up to \$5.879 billion in liquidity through the Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) program. "Air Canada entered the pandemic more than a year ago with one of the global airline industry's strongest balance sheets relative to its size. We have since raised an additional \$6.8 billion in liquidity from our own resources to sustain us through the pandemic, as air traffic ground to a virtual halt in Canada and internationally," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada.

Air Canada and Government of Canada Conclude Agreements on Liquidity Program, April 12, 2021, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada to get billions in COVID aid in exchange for restoring domestic routes, refunding cancelled trips

Air Canada will receive a multibillion-dollar relief package from the federal government and in exchange the airline will restore domestic routes and refund customers whose flights were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Months after beleaguered airlines launched negotiations over a bailout, Air Canada and the federal government announced on April 12, 2021 evening that the country's largest airline will have access to up to \$5.9 billion in low-interest loans and equity financing.

Air Canada to get billions in COVID aid in exchange for restoring domestic routes, refunding cancelled trips, April 12, 2021, www.nationalpost.ca

Air Canada to Offer Refunds for All Fares for Flights Affected by COVID-19 since February 1, 2020

Air Canada said that eligible customers who purchased a non-refundable ticket for travel on or after February 1, 2020 but did not fly can now obtain a refund from the carrier by submitting a request online or with their travel agent. The revised COVID-19 refund policy covers tickets and Air Canada Vacations packages purchased before April 13, 2021 for flights cancelled either by the airline or by the customer for any reason. "Air Canada will be offering refunds to all eligible customers whether they cancelled their ticket or if their flight was cancelled by the airline. Customers can now submit refund requests online or through their travel agent and we are committed to processing refunds as fast as possible," said Lucie Guillemette, Executive Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer at Air Canada.

Air Canada to Offer Refunds for All Fares for Flights Affected by COVID-19 since February 1, 2020, April 13, 2021, www.aircanada.ca

Support for Air Canada, Restoration of Regional Routes are Positive Steps towards Recovery

The Canadian Airports Council on April 13, 2021 welcomed the federal government announcement of support for Air Canada as an important step to support the air sector and rebuild Canada's national aviation system post-pandemic.

Support for Air Canada, Restoration of Regional Routes are Positive Steps towards Recovery, April 13, 2021, www.cacairports.ca

WestJet extends sun-flight suspensions until June 4

WestJet on April 13, 2021, announced that it will extend its temporary suspension of international sun flights to destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean until June 4, 2021. "We are extending our suspension with the clear expectation that as more Canadians are vaccinated, government policy will transition," said Ed Sims, WestJet President and CEO. "We continue to advocate for the replacement of mandatory hotel

quarantines with a testing regime that is equitable and consistent with global standards at all points of entry into our country. Alongside an accelerated and successful vaccine rollout, this policy transition will support the safe restart of travel and help stimulate the Canadian economy, where one in ten jobs are tourism related."

WestJet extends sun-flight suspensions until June 4, April 13, 2021, www.westjet.ca

June 21 set as new tentative date for restarting flights by Porter Airlines

Porter Airlines is resetting its tentative date for resuming flights to June 21, 2021. "In recent weeks, there has been open discussion by government officials about easing travel restrictions based on expectations that vaccination programs will be well advanced in the U.S. and Canada by early summer," said Michael Deluce, president and CEO of Porter Airlines. "We recognize that short-term public health measures have been enhanced recently in certain jurisdictions. At the same time, we are looking ahead to summer and preparing for the possibility of some travel restrictions unwinding. We will begin the process of rebuilding our operations as soon as conditions allow based on government decisions." Porter previously set May 19, 2021 as its tentative restart date. Operations were temporarily suspended on March 21, 2020, due to COVID-19.

June 21 set as new tentative date for restarting flights by Porter Airlines, April 12, 2021, www.flyporter.com

The Governments of Canada and Quebec announce a major investment in the Réseau express métropolitain at the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport

On April 15, 2021, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, other ministers and the Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Infrastructure Bank, Mr. Ehren Cory, announced a \$500 million financial package to support Aéroports de Montréal and to enable the construction of the REM station at the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport. The construction of the REM station, an estimated \$600 million project, will be led by Aéroports de Montréal, with financial contribution from the following: 1) **Transport Canada** who is investing up to \$100 million; 2) **Gouvernement du Québec**, through Investissement Québec, who is providing a loan of up to \$100 million; 3) **Canada Infrastructure Bank** who is providing a loan of up to \$300 million; and 4) **Aéroports de Montréal** who is providing up to \$100 million.

The Governments of Canada and Quebec announce a major investment in the Réseau express métropolitain at the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, April 15, 2021, www.tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport applauds NAV CANADA's decision to continue all air navigation services to Canadian communities

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, issued this statement "As Canada's Minister of Transport, I am pleased to see that NAV CANADA has committed to no closures at air traffic control towers or flight service stations, as well as at northern and remote locations, across the country. I also welcome NAV CANADA's commitment to maintaining a continuous dialogue with their employees, stakeholders and communities as Canada's air transport sector responds to the ongoing pandemic. Maintaining appropriate service in our local communities will allow NAV CANADA to continue to provide air navigation services required to support industry today and throughout the recovery."

Minister of Transport applauds NAV CANADA's decision to continue all air navigation services to Canadian communities, April 15, 2021, www.tc.gc.ca

How the CTA will be processing Air Canada refund-related complaints resulting from the pandemic

The Canadian Transportation Agency will confirm whether applicants who filed complaints with us have had those resolved with the airline. The process to receive a refund linked to the financial support announced for Air Canada is distinct from the CTA's complaints process. The CTA will continue to process complaints unless passengers inform us they do not wish to pursue their complaints with us further (e. g., if a passenger receives a refund and is not seeking any further remedies). In the interests of fairness, the CTA processes most complaints on a first-in, first-out basis.

How the CTA will be processing Air Canada refund-related complaints resulting from the pandemic, April 15, 2021, www.cta-otc.gc.ca

U.S. Airlines February 2021 Passengers Decreased 61% from February 2020 (Preliminary)

U.S. airlines carried 61% fewer scheduled service passengers in February 2021 than in February 2020 (preliminary), according to data filed with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) by 22 airlines that carry more than 90% of the passengers. February 2021 was the fifth straight month of year-over-year declines slightly above 60%. The large airlines carried 26.5 million passengers in February 2021 (preliminary), compared to 67.6 million passengers in February 2020 and 3.0 million in April 2020, which was the lowest monthly total in BTS records dating back to 1974. The previous low was 14.6 million passengers in February 1975.

U.S. Airlines February 2021 Passengers Decreased 61% from February 2020 (Preliminary), April 13, 2021, www.bts.gov

Make Drones a Part of the Overall Transport System

Drones should be treated as a part of the whole transport system and of society more broadly. Only then will we all reap the full economic and social benefits from drone technology. This was ITF Secretary-General Young Tae Kim's core message in his keynote for the "Drone Enable" symposium organised by ICAO, the International Civil Aviation Organization, held online today, 13 April 2021. In his speech, Secretary-General Kim outlined five areas "that should be at the forefront of our thinking when we consider how drones should be integrated" into the transport system. The five areas are: consider the economics of drones; create public acceptance for drones; regulate drones' impact on the environment; **use** cases for drones; and make infrastructure for drones.

Make Drones a part of the overall transport system, April 13, 2021, www.itf-oecd.org

U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Initial Steps Toward Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection Program, Encourages Businesses, Especially Small Businesses, to Begin Preparing for the Application Process

On April 14, 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced initial steps toward launching the Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection (AMJP) program, and is encouraging small businesses who may be eligible for funding under this program to begin preparing for the application process. \$3 billion available soon for eligible businesses

hurt by the pandemic to help cover employee compensation costs for up to six months

U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Initial Steps Toward Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection Program, Encourages Businesses, Especially Small Businesses, to Begin Preparing for the Application Process, April 14, 2021, www.dot.gov

January 2021 U.S. Airline Traffic Data

U.S. airlines carried 30.8 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in January 2021, seasonally adjusted, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS), down 0.9% from December 2020. BTS reported 27.7 million domestic passengers and 3.1 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in January 2021. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS. See the tables that accompany this release on the BTS website for summary data since 2016 (Tables 1-24) and complete data since 2000.

January 2021 U.S. Airline Traffic Data, April 15, 2021, www.bts.gov

Climate action, flight shaming, trains-over-planes laws, and sustainability. While activists and politicians focus on CO2 emissions, they may be missing the bigger picture.

For decades, the aviation sector has been working systematically to reduce its impact on the planet. The long-running development of sustainable fuels and CORSIA (the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation), adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a United Nations specialized agency, are among the main pillars for greener skies. To reduce jet-fuel burn and the consequent carbon emissions, airlines have employed multiple strategies to control and remove onboard weight and waste. In the 'GREEN' ADVANCES Chapter of Jetliner Cabins: Evolution & Innovation, Author Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT, examines a range of technical triumphs and exceptional achievements across the product spectrum: air travellers can rest assured that their carbon footprints are in very good hands.

Approximately 10,000 words; 100 illustrations; 80 website links.

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Rail Transport Updates

Canadian Pacific, Kansas City Southern Assert Right to Have Transaction Reviewed Under Waiver Granted to KCS in 2001

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited ("CP") and Kansas City Southern ("KCS") on April 12, 2021 made a filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") asserting their right to have the STB review their combination under a waiver the STB granted to KCS in 2001. The filing was made in response to objections to the application of the KCS waiver that were filed with the STB by competitors and others. Surface Transportation Board Has All Tools Necessary for Full Public Interest Assessment, the Filing says and it is the First U.S.-Mexico-Canada rail network that would create new competition and benefits for customers

Canadian Pacific, Kansas City Southern Assert Right to Have Transaction Reviewed Under Waiver Granted to KCS in 2001, April 12, 2021, www.cpr.ca

Rail service disruptions may be 'flashpoint' in CP-KCS merger proposal: Consultant

As Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KSU) press the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to approve their proposed merger, the issue of rail service is going to serve as a "key flashpoint," according to an executive with consulting firm FTR Transportation Intelligence. "You've always had service impacts. You've always had service hiccups, in some cases dramatically to shippers, and they've generally been of a long duration of several years," said Todd Tranausky, FTR vice president of rail and intermodal. Tranausky, speaking during a recent webinar on rail and intermodal market dynamics, was referencing previous mergers, such as Burlington Northern Railway and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway becoming BNSF in 1995. "How much service pain are shippers and regulators willing to tolerate? How much deviation from the five-year average or from 2020 levels are they going to allow as this carrier works through an integration with this carrier?" Tranausky continued.

Rail service disruptions may be 'flashpoint' in CP-KCS merger proposal: Consultant, April 13, 2021, www.freightwaves.com

Justice Department, CP and KCS spar over rail merger process

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Canadian Pacific (NYSE: CP) disagree on whether CP's use of a voting trust during its proposed acquisition of Kansas City Southern (NYSE: KSU) will interfere with how regulators review the merger. To facilitate the merger, CP and Kansas City Southern (KCS) plan to establish a voting trust to acquire KCS shares, pending shareholder approval. CP says that putting KCS shares in a voting trust will insulate KCS from control by CP until the Surface Transportation Board (STB) reviews the merger. CP contends the trust will enable KCS to pursue its independent business and growth plans. Once STB completes its review of the proposed acquisition, both companies would be integrated, according to CP.

Justice Department, CP and KCS spar over rail merger process, April 14, 2021, www.freightwaves.com

VIA rail announces resumption of the Toronto–Winnipeg portion of the Canadian

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) announced on April 12, 2021 that it will be providing additional essential intercity transportation options by resuming the Toronto to Winnipeg portion of the Canadian which will enable one full round-trip per week starting May 17, 2021.

VIA rail announces resumption of the Toronto–Winnipeg portion of the Canadian, April 12, 2021, www.viarail.ca

AAR Week 14: Carload, Intermodal Traffic Up

Total U.S. rail traffic for the week ending April 10, 2021 rose 24.5% over the prior-year period, according to an Association of American Railroads (AAR) report released April 14, 2021. For the 14th week of 2021, there was a total of 513,724 carloads and intermodal units, with carloads coming in at 233,300, a 17.4% increase vs. the same week in 2020, and U.S. weekly intermodal volume coming in at 280,424 containers and trailers, a 31.2% increase. Canadian railroads reported 79,509 carloads for the week, a rise of 7.7%, and 75,499 intermodal units, an increase of 14.4% compared with the same week in 2020. For the first 14 weeks of 2021, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,120,832 carloads, containers and trailers, rising 6.9%.

AAR Week 14: Carload, Intermodal Traffic Up, April 14, 2021, www.railwayage.com



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Marine Transport Updates

A sweet start to spring at the Port of Toronto

Ports Toronto manager of harbour operations Michael Riehl “crowns” captain Sumit Kumar of the MV Federal Hudson during the Port of Toronto’s 160th annual Beaver Hat Ceremony. In a sure sign that spring is here, Ports Toronto “crowned” captain Sumit Kumar of the MV Federal Hudson with an antique silk and beaver top hat at the annual Beaver Hat Ceremony. The ship was the first ocean-going vessel to arrive in the Port of Toronto this year, travelling from Maceio, Brazil with 22,741 tonnes of sugar for the Redpath Refinery.

A sweet start to spring at the Port of Toronto, April 9, 2021, www.insidelogistics.ca

Partial strike at Port of Montreal as union, employers dig in

Longshoremen at the Port of Montreal are set to begin a partial strike on April 13, 2021 after their employers moved to suspend guaranteed minimum pay in response to a 11% plunge in cargo volumes. The Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 375 stopped short of calling a full-blown strike at Canada’s second busiest port. Longshoremen won’t work overtime on weekdays or at all on the weekends, but will handle containers related to the pandemic and provide grain offloading services. The union’s move came after the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) announced it will suspend providing a guaranteed base pay for longshoremen and will instead compensate them for the actual hours worked. The MEA, in a statement, characterized it as a cost-cutting move in response to the drop in cargo volumes “caused by the uncertainty and anxiety triggered by the labor-relations situation.”

Partial strike at Port of Montreal as union, employers dig in, April 12, 2021, www.freightwaves.com

Shippers plead for federal intervention in escalating Montreal port dispute

Shippers called for the Trudeau government to intervene in an escalating dispute between Montreal port employers and longshore workers, Canadian manufacturers and farmers warned of rising economic damage.

Shippers plead for federal intervention in escalating Montreal port dispute, April 12, 2021, www.ioc.com

Port of Montreal faces partial closedown

The Port of Montreal is facing a partial strike situation as the longshore union, CUPE 375, sent a notice on April 10, 2021. Starting April 13, 2021, longshoremen will go on overtime strike and will no longer extend shifts beyond the regular eight hours. The union was responding to a notice from the Maritime Employers’ Association (MEA), in which it said it would remove the income guarantee and stop paying four hours that are not worked. The MEA said in a LinkedIn post that the move was in response to a “substantial 11 percent volume drop in March [at the port], caused by the uncertainty and anxiety triggered by the labour relations situation.” The MEA also said it plans to “continue its efforts to conclude a negotiated collective agreement as soon as possible”.

Port of Montreal faces partial closedown, April 13, 2021, www.insidelogistics.ca

Government of Canada continues to strengthen measures to protect Southern Resident killer whales

Government officials announced protective measures for this year and beyond on April 14, 2021. The measures include: 1) For the second year, vessels will be prohibited from approaching any killer whale within a 400-meter distance in southern B.C. coastal waters between Campbell

River and Ucluelet, including Barkley and Howe Sound. This is in effect year-round until May 31, 2022. 2) Re-introducing three interim sanctuary zones off Pender Island, Saturna Island and at Swiftsure Bank, in effect from June 1 to November 30, 2021. No vessel traffic will be permitted in these areas, subject to certain exceptions for emergency situations and Indigenous vessels. 3) Putting fishery closures in place for commercial and recreational salmon in a portion of Swiftsure Bank from July 16 to October 31, 2021, and in the Strait of Juan de Fuca from August 1 to October 31, 2021. These actions will help protect the whales' access to Chinook salmon with minimal disturbance in key foraging areas. 4) The introduction of a new pilot closure protocol for commercial and recreational salmon fisheries in the southern Gulf Islands, whereby fishery closures are triggered by the first confirmed presence of Southern Resident killer whales in the area. Monitoring will begin in the area on June 1, 2021, and once a Southern Resident killer whale is confirmed, fishery closures will be triggered and will remain in place until October 31, 2021. 5) Continuing to help reduce contaminants in the environment affecting whales and their prey. Long-term actions focus on enhancing regulatory controls, monitoring and research, sharing information and data, and expanding outreach and education.

Government of Canada continues to strengthen measures to protect Southern Resident killer whales, April 14, 2021, www.tc.gc.ca

Port of Montreal: Why it matters and what a full strike could mean

On April 13, 2021, longshoremen at Canada's second-busiest port began a partial strike, refusing to work overtime on weekends. It came in response to a move by their employers to stop providing a guaranteed base pay regardless of hours worked. Another full strike is an increasingly likely possibility. The longshoremen, represented by Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 375, struck for 12 days last summer after talks with the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) failed to produce a contract. The strike ended with a seven-month truce that expired in March 2021. The labor dispute is hurting the port and the Canadian economy that relies on it. The Montreal Port Authority said cargo volumes fell by 11% in March – this at a time when competitors in Canada and the U.S. are contending with a deluge of container traffic spurred by COVID demand. “When you see this happen, it’s literally a black eye for Canada,” said Corey Darbyson, managing director of Transport Dsquare, a company that serves the port.

Port of Montreal: Why it matters and what a full strike could mean, April 14, 2021, www.freightwaves.com

Container shipping is about to report blockbuster Q1 earnings

Listed container-ship owners and operators won't report 2021 final Q1 results for another month, but three early disclosures give a taste of what's to come. The signals are flashing bright green. Taiwan-listed Evergreen just posted record-breaking monthly operating revenues for March 2021, while Oslo, Norway-listed MPC Containers revised its outlook upward and Hong Kong-listed COSCO Shipping announced preliminary results that shattered analyst expectations. The first quarter is shaping up to be much better than Q4 2020. For most container-shipping companies, it could be the best quarter in their history — at least, until the second quarter.

Container shipping is about to report blockbuster Q1 earnings, April 12, 2021, www.freightwaves.com

Port of Long Beach smashes container records in March

A record number of ocean containers crossed the docks at the Port of Long Beach in March 2021, further underscoring that there will be no slow season this year at U.S. ports. Earlier this week, the Port of Charleston reported record results for March 2021. Long Beach port authority on March 8, 2021 said its terminals handled 840,387 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) last month, surpassing the previous high of 815,885 set in December 2020. March is normally one of the slowest months for maritime trade, as supply chains relax from order peaks associated with U.S. and Chinese holidays. But Long Beach and other ports have been swamped with cargo for the past nine months as people stuck at home during COVID shop online at a record pace and companies try to replenish inventories depleted early in the pandemic when many factories in Asia were forced to close for quarantine reasons and carriers canceled many sailings. The unprecedented surge of imports at container ports is expected to continue at least through the end of the summer, according to the National Retail Federation's monthly *Port Tracker* report on Wednesday.

Port of Long Beach smashes container records in March, April 8, 2021, www.freightwaves.com

Port of Oakland reports record cargo surge in March

An international trade boom is exploding at the Port of Oakland. The Port on April 13, 2021 reported all-time high container volume for import and export cargo in the month of March 2021. It said there's no sign of the global surge in business activity abating any time soon. “Ships are full,

ocean freight rates are sky high and the need for empty containers to ship more cargo is never-ending,” declared Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. “We just don’t see conditions easing in the next several months.” The Port said Oakland received the equivalent of 97,538 20-foot import containers in March 2021. It said it shipped out the equivalent of 94,169 20-foot export boxes. Both totals were single-month records at the 94-year-old Port. March 2021 imports were up 45 percent from the same month a year ago, the Port said. March 2020 was when the Port felt the initial impacts of the pandemic. Exports gained 12 percent year-over-year. The Port said most of its trade was with Asia.

Port of Oakland reports record cargo surge in March, April 13, 2021, www.ajot.co

Cargo surge breaks March, first quarter records at the Port of Los Angeles

The Port of Los Angeles processed 957,599 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in March 2021, a 113% leap compared to March 2020 when global trade slowed to a crawl at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the strongest March in the Port’s 114-year history, its busiest first quarter and by far the largest monthly year-over-year increase.

Year to date, overall cargo volume has increased 44% compared to 2020.

Cargo surge breaks March, first quarter records at the Port of Los Angeles, April 15, 2021, www.ajot.com



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Road Transport Updates

Ontario Invests in Municipal Road and Bridge Repairs

The Ontario government is investing \$30 million to help 14 municipalities repair roads and bridges through the Connecting Links Program. Eligible costs include the design, construction, renewal, rehabilitation and replacement of municipal roads and bridges that connect two ends of a provincial highway through a community or to a border crossing.

Ontario Invests in Municipal Road and Bridge Repairs, April 9, 2021, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Ontario program to help train women, other groups for trucking jobs

The Ontario government is investing \$600,000 in a skills training project in the Waterloo region to prepare 30 women and individuals from underrepresented groups for careers in the trucking industry. The 14-week training, organized by the Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin and the Women's Trucking Federation of Canada, focuses on improving the participants' soft and technical skills.

Ontario program to help train women, other groups for trucking jobs, April 12, 2021, www.insidelogistics.ca

Ontario Identifies First Two Subway Transit-Oriented Communities

The Ontario government has initiated discussions and shared preliminary plans with the City of Toronto to build two proposed transit-oriented communities located at the future East Harbour Transit Hub and Corktown Station along the new Ontario Line subway. Municipal review of these preliminary proposals has formally commenced, and the province will host public consultations with local communities, Indigenous partners and stakeholders starting in the Summer and Fall of 2021.

Ontario Identifies First Two Subway Transit-Oriented Communities, April 12, 2021, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Annual For-hire Trucking Survey, 2019

In 2019, just over 134,000 for-hire trucking companies were active in Canada. These companies generated \$67.8 billion in operating revenue from trucking and related services, while their operating expenses totalled \$59.8 billion. As a result, the operating profits of these companies stood at \$7.9 billion. Companies that primarily haul general freight generated operating revenue of \$44.1 billion and operating expenses of \$39.0 billion. In contrast, companies that primarily haul specialized freight generated \$23.7 billion and \$20.1 billion, respectively. Intraprovincial shipments accounted for the largest share of total operating revenue from trucking by Canadian carriers, at 43.6% (\$27.2 billion), followed by interprovincial shipments, at 19.9% (\$12.4 billion). Lastly, international movements into Canada represented 17.7% (\$11.1 billion) and international movements out of Canada accounted for 18.7% (\$11.7 billion) of the total operating revenue from trucking.

Annual For-hire Trucking Survey, 2019, April 14, 2021, www.statcan.gc.ca

Lineage Logistics makes a second Canadian buy

Earlier this month, Lineage Logistics – the world's largest temperature-controlled industrial REIT and logistics solutions provider – closed on a deal to acquire Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec-based Marc Villeneuve Inc. Acquisition of Quebec-based Marc Villeneuve Inc. adds direct-to-store distribution in Quebec, its second acquisition in Canada.

Lineage Logistics makes a second Canadian buy, April 14, 2021, www.insidelogistics.ca



Ontario Extends Toll Rate Freeze on Highways 412 and 418

On April 14, 2021, Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, announced that Ontario is providing financial relief for people in Durham by extending the toll rate freeze for two more years on the province's publicly-owned Highways 412 and 418. These measures are part of the Ontario government's commitment to review and explore how tolling can meet evolving transportation needs.

Ontario Extends Toll Rate Freeze on Highways 412 and 418, April 14, 2021, www.mto.gov.on.ca



Trucking conditions near all-time high: FTR

Trucking conditions in the U.S. improved further in February 2021, with FTR's Trucking Conditions Index ticking up from 10.37 in January to 11.23. That made February 2021 the best month for truckers since a record reading in October 2020. FTR credits strong capacity utilization and freight rates along with stable volumes, which offset rising fuel prices. FTR projects its TCI will deliver double-digit positive readings beyond Q2, and will remain positive through 2022.

Trucking conditions near all-time high: FTR, April 13, 2021, www.todaystrucking.com



February 2021 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI): Largest monthly decline since the onset of pandemic

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, declined 3.6% in February from January, falling to its lowest level since September, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). The decline in February followed five consecutive months of growth.

February 2021 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI): Largest monthly decline since the onset of pandemic, April 14, 2021, www.bts.gov



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U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Announces Availability of \$1 Billion to Modernize and Create New American Infrastructure

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on April 13, 2021 published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to apply for \$1 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 discretionary grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. RAISE, formerly known as BUILD and TIGER, has awarded over \$8.935 billion in grants to projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico since 2009.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Announces Availability of \$1 Billion to Modernize and Create New American Infrastructure, April 13, 2021, www.dot.gov



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Instructional Assistant Professor – Supply Chain & Logistics Technology Position Available at University of Houston

Position Posted: Instructional Assistant Professor – Supply Chain & Logistics Technology

Description:

The Supply Chain and Logistics Technology (SCLT) program at the University of Houston seeks qualified candidates for a non-tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Supply Chain and Logistics. The anticipated start date is September 1, 2021.

The selected candidate will be responsible for teaching undergraduate

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and certificate courses in the field of supply chain and logistics, and participate in all aspects of the SCLT program, including but not limited to, supporting industry partnerships through our industry advisory board, supporting SCLT conferences, supporting SCLT special initiatives, and serving the department, college, university, and community. Application review will continue until the position is filled.

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