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✈️ **Minister of Transport announces expanded Canada-Colombia Air Transport Agreement to allow unlimited flights and destinations**

On December 2, 2022, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced the recent conclusion of an expanded air transport agreement between Canada and Colombia. The expanded agreement allows designated airlines of both countries to operate an unlimited number of passenger and cargo flights to an unlimited number of destinations in Canada and Colombia. This is a significant increase from the previous agreement, which allowed 14 passenger and 14 cargo flights per week. Colombia is currently Canada's largest South American international air transport market. The expanded agreement will allow airlines of Canada and Colombia to better respond to the needs of this growing air transport market.

Minister of Transport announces expanded Canada-Colombia Air Transport Agreement to allow unlimited flights and destinations, December 2, 2022, www.tc.gc.ca

✈️ **Air Travel Consumer Report: September Consumer Complaints Down 15.6% from August, Yet Remain Three Times Higher Than Pre-Pandemic Levels**

The U.S. Department of Transportation on December 2, 2022 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of September 2022 and 3rd quarter 2022 numbers (nine months data) for on-time performance, consumer complaints received, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. There was a 15.6% decrease in air travel service complaints from August to September; however, complaints are more than 380% above pre-pandemic levels in September

2019.

Air Travel Consumer Report: September Consumer Complaints Down 15.6% from August, Yet Remain Three Times Higher Than Pre-Pandemic Levels, December 2, 2022, www.dot.gov

✈️ **WestJet announces new service to Japan and Europe as part of planned expansion from YYC Calgary International Airport**



Source: WestJet

WestJet on December 5, 2022, as part of its wider growth strategy, announced its 2023 summer 787 Dreamliner routes from YYC Calgary International Airport, unveiling Tokyo, Japan, as its first destination in Asia with new service to Narita International Airport. The airline is also creating greater two-way tourism opportunities and increasing connectivity between Western Canada and Europe with new service between Calgary and Barcelona, Spain and Edinburgh, Scotland along with increased frequencies on existing European routes. Today's announcement comes as WestJet prepares for broader expansion within Canada and North America over the

coming months. Positioned perfectly to connect Western Canada to the world, WestJet's 787 flying from Calgary will see the airline take flight to eight transoceanic destinations in 2023. With 40 weekly departures strategically scheduled to maximize connecting capacity across 24 Western Canadian communities, the airline will offer more competitive options for its leisure and business guests and cargo customers as it fulfills its new strategic direction.

WestJet announces new service to Japan and Europe as part of planned expansion from YYC Calgary International Airport, December 5, 2022, www.westjet.ca

WestJet announces commitment to grow Alberta's Indigenous tourism industry



Source: WestJet

WestJet on December 6, 2022, announced an agreement with Indigenous Tourism Alberta (ITA) to bolster support for Indigenous travel and tourism businesses and create meaningful employment opportunities for Indigenous Canadians as the airline grows its global presence. The announcement was commemorated by an official signing of a memorandum of understanding at ITA's annual Gathering in the presence of more than 300 travel and tourism partners and government representatives on Treaty 6, Métis Region 4, Edmonton, Alberta. "We are grateful to build upon our meaningful partnership and continued collaboration with ITA as we work together to foster important opportunities for Indigenous travel and tourism businesses and entrepreneurs right here in our home province," said Angela Avery, WestJet Group Executive Vice-President and Chief People, Corporate & Sustainability Officer. "As Alberta's home carrier, we provide service to seven communities across the province and have built our global hub in Calgary, which benefits all of Western Canada. Indigenous tourism and the history, stories and culture that accompany it, are essential to growing Alberta's visitor economy and provide meaningful opportunities to advance economic and cultural reconciliation."

WestJet announces commitment to grow Alberta's Indigenous tourism industry, December 6, 2022, www.westjet.ca

WestJet Cargo confirms the launch of four Boeing 737-800 freighters



Source: AJOT

WestJet Cargo, the air cargo division of WestJet, has spent the last few months putting a solid structure in place in order to take its cargo activities to another level. Kirsten De Bruijn, WestJet Executive Vice President of Cargo is confident about the future: "WestJet Cargo is about to enter a very promising and exciting period in its development. The arrival of our new fleet will enable us to meet the rising demand of the Canadian market, more than ever before." 2023 will undoubtedly be a significant year for WestJet Cargo.

WestJet Cargo confirms the launch of four Boeing 737-800 freighters, December 7, 2022, www.ajot.com

Air Canada Readies for Summer 2023 in Canada with New and Restored Services, and Increased Frequencies



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on December 6, 2022 announced a new service between Montreal and Fort McMurray that will launch next June 2023 as part of the carrier's Canadian summer schedule. For summer 2023, Air

Canada is also restoring suspended services and increasing frequencies on popular routes across Canada, as the company augments its Canadian network following the pandemic. "As the country's flag carrier, Air Canada's increased Canadian summer schedule further reinforces our role in providing critical connectivity to Canadians coast-to-coast. Our new Montreal-Fort McMurray service brings easier access from eastern Canada to one of the critical economic hubs of Alberta. And with the prudent restoration of suspended routes and increased frequencies on others, we are improving our customers' options for domestic travel. We are looking forward to an exceptional summer, with service on 97 domestic routes to 51 Canadian airports, making us the largest Canadian carrier, with the most seats and capacity available for travellers," said Mark Galardo, Senior Vice President of Network Planning and Revenue Management at Air Canada.

Air Canada Readies for Summer 2023 in Canada with New and Restored Services, and Increased Frequencies, December 6, 2022, www.aircanada.ca

Aeroplan and Emirates Skywards Kick Off Joint Loyalty Program Partnership

Air Canada and Emirates have expanded their partnership to offer frequent flyer members joint loyalty programme benefits. Aeroplan Members will also benefit from earning and redeeming points on all flights operated by Emirates — with access to more than 130 destinations across six continents — via the airline's home and hub, Dubai. Emirates Skywards members can now earn and redeem miles on all flights operated by Air Canada, accessing a network of more than 220 destinations worldwide. The agreement was signed yesterday by Dr. Nejjib Ben Khedher, Divisional Senior Vice President Emirates Skywards, and Mark Youssef Nasr, Senior Vice President, Product, Marketing, e-Commerce, Air Canada and President, Aeroplan, at the Emirates Group headquarters in Dubai.

Aeroplan and Emirates Skywards Kick Off Joint Loyalty Program Partnership, December 8, 2022, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada Gets an Early Jump on U.S. Summer Travel with New Routes to JFK Airport from Toronto, Montreal



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on December 8, 2022 announced three new U.S. routes, including service from Toronto and Montreal to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, and Toronto to Sacramento as part of its trans-border summer schedule. For summer 2023, Air Canada will also restore 13 trans-border services and increase frequencies on more than a dozen popular routes to the U.S. in rebuilding its global network following the pandemic. "Air Canada is very pleased to offer customers the most choice of any carrier flying to the U.S. for Summer 2023, where we will operate more than 400 daily flights on 95 routes to 47 destinations. We are getting an early start with new routes to JFK from both Toronto and Montreal beginning March 26, and Toronto-Sacramento in June. As well, we will restore previously suspended routes and increase frequencies on existing routes as we rebuild our transborder schedule," said Mark Galardo, Senior Vice President of Network Planning and Revenue Management at Air Canada.

Air Canada Gets an Early Jump on U.S. Summer Travel with New Routes to JFK Airport from Toronto, Montreal, December 8, 2022, www.aircanada.ca

Porter Airlines challenging North American aviation with new flying experience that elevates economy travel

Porter Airlines is unveiling an exceptional new economy air travel experience that challenges what every North American airline offers. Building on its distinct, longstanding regional service, Porter will elevate economy flying for everyone in its greatly expanding network. Coinciding with the airline's strategy to grow in markets throughout

North America using new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, as well as its existing De Havilland Dash 8-400 fleet, travellers will enjoy a new level of generosity and thoughtful service that is non-existent today in economy air travel. Free WiFi, fresh meals, enhanced legroom and new all-inclusive economy experience among features added to existing signature onboard service.

Porter Airlines challenging North American aviation with new flying experience that elevates economy travel, December 6, 2022, www.flyporter.com

Porter Airlines reveals first Embraer E195-E2 destinations, between Toronto Pearson and Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal

Porter Airlines is introducing the first three routes with its new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Vancouver International Airport (YVR), Ottawa International Airport (YOW), and Montreal–Trudeau International Airport (YUL). For the first time in its 16-year history, Porter is bringing its distinguished approach to service, emphasizing style, care and charm, to Western Canada. Flights between Toronto Pearson and Vancouver give travellers the ability to fly across the country with an airline that prioritizes enjoyable economy air travel for every passenger. Porter has long-standing relationships with Ottawa and Montreal, representing the first two destinations served when the airline started flying in 2006 from Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ). Passengers can now choose to travel with Porter using two Toronto airports on these popular routes, with the start of Pearson service. Montreal and Ottawa will continue playing important roles in Porter's network as new destinations are introduced in 2023. Service begins in February 2023 with multiple daily, non-stop flights, increasing over time for additional flexibility.

Porter Airlines reveals first Embraer E195-E2 destinations, between Toronto Pearson and Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal, December 8, 2022, www.flyporter.com

Provincial funding to help YVR go electric



Source: Inside logistics

A pilot project is linking Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to B.C. clean-technology companies that can help electrify its operations. YVR has a net-zero by 2030 commitment and wants to become the world's greenest airport. The government of B.C. is investing up to \$11.5 million to develop the new initiative and create a unique marketplace that matches innovators of clean, made-in-B.C. technology with industry buyers looking for clean-tech solutions.

Provincial funding to help YVR go electric, December 6, 2022, www.insidelogistics.ca

Government of Canada makes important investments at two Saskatchewan Airports

On December 6, 2022, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that the Government of Canada is making important safety investments at two Saskatchewan Airports. Through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program, two airports in Saskatchewan will receive over \$1.7 million from the Government of Canada for projects and equipment that will help maintain safe airport operations for passengers, crews, and airport workers. The airports receiving funding are: in La Ronge \$ 1,261,190 and in Prince Albert \$542,000.

Government of Canada makes important investments at two Saskatchewan Airports, December 6, 2022, www.tc.gc.ca

✈ Airport activity, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 brought an abrupt end to 10 consecutive annual increases in air passenger volumes. In 2021, the pandemic continued to put a damper on Canadian aviation. The total number of passengers enplaned and deplaned at Canadian airports was 46.2 million in 2021, similar to 2020 (-0.4%) but still 71.7% below the 2019 pre-pandemic level. These totals mask sub-annual differences between 2020 and 2021, the two years impacted by the pandemic. As reported earlier based on data from airlines, while the majority (roughly 70%) of passengers in 2020 were flown in the first three months of the year, more than four in five passengers were carried in the second half of the year in 2021. Passenger traffic decreased in 2021 at three of Canada's four largest airports. Toronto Pearson International Airport, Vancouver International Airport and Montréal Trudeau International Airport each saw decreases in passenger traffic of 4.8%, 2.7% and 3.9% respectively. This largely reflected the lag in international passenger volumes, compared with domestic passengers. Calgary International Airport was the exception, with traffic increasing by 11.0%.

Airport activity, 2021, December 8, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

✈ IATA-McKinsey Study Shows Imbalanced Aviation Value Chain



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and McKinsey & Company published a study of profitability trends across the aviation value chain showing that profitability varies widely by sector. The study also shows that in aggregate, airlines underperform on the financial return that an investor would normally expect. While there is no clear path to rapidly re-balance the value chain, the study concludes that there are some key areas—including decarbonization and data-sharing—where working together and burden-sharing will mutually benefit all value chain participants. Highlights from the [Understanding the Pandemic's impact on the Aviation Value Chain study](#) (pdf) include: 1. Capital Destruction: 2. Value Creation: 3. Pandemic Changes.

IATA-McKinsey Study Shows Imbalanced Aviation Value Chain, December 6, 2022, www.iata.org

✈ California airports at risk from climate related flooding

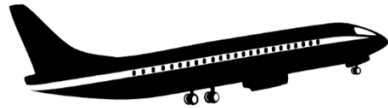
Almost all of California's 43 coastal airports are at risk of flooding due to climate change. Sarah Lindbergh of University of California, Berkeley, found that 39 out of 43 coastal airports in California have assets exposed to projected flooding that could disrupt their operations in the next 20 to 40 years. Lindbergh presented the study on December 5, 2022 at the Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida. Most of California's population and its largest airports are located along the Pacific coastline, which is increasingly impacted by storm surges, sea level rise, and erosion due to climate change. In the next 30 years, sea level along the coast is expected to rise as much as eight inches. All of this means more frequent and far-reaching flooding that will impact critical infrastructure like roads, power plants, and airports.

California airports at risk from climate related flooding, December 6, 2022, www.insidelogistics.ca

✈️ 2022 3rd Quarter U.S. Airline Financial Data

2022 Net Profit: \$2.4 billion

▲ \$0.3B from 2021 Net Profit of \$2.7B



Scheduled Passenger Airlines

Source: BTS

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines reported a third-quarter 2022 after-tax net income of \$2.4 billion and a pre-tax operating income of \$4.7 billion. One year earlier, in the third quarter of 2021, the airlines reported an after-tax net income of \$2.7 billion and a pre-tax operating loss of \$187 million.

2022 3rd Quarter U.S. Airline Financial Data, December 6, 2022, www.bts.gov

✈️ Amount of Blocked Airline Funds Rising



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) warned that the amount of airline funds for repatriation being blocked by governments has risen by more than 25% (\$394 million) in the last six months. Total funds blocked now tally at close to \$2.0 billion. IATA calls on

governments to remove all barriers to airlines repatriating their revenues from ticket sales and other activities, in line with international agreements and treaty obligations. IATA is also renewing its calls on Venezuela to settle the \$3.8 billion of airline funds that have been blocked from repatriation since 2016 when the last authorization for limited repatriation of funds was allowed by the Venezuelan government. "Preventing airlines from repatriating funds may appear to be an easy way to shore up depleted treasuries, but ultimately the local economy will pay a high price. No business can sustain providing service if they cannot get paid and this is no different for airlines. Air links are a vital economic catalyst. Enabling the efficient repatriation of revenues is a critical for any economy to remain globally connected to markets and supply chains," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

Amount of Blocked Airline Funds Rising, December 7, 2022, www.iata.org



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 **Biden avoids rail strike with new deal, but not everyone is happy**



Source: AJOT

Joe Biden signed legislation imposing a deal he negotiated between freight railroads and organized labor, averting a possible strike but risking a divide with rank-and-file union workers who opposed the settlement. “It was tough for me,” said Biden at a signing ceremony at the White House on December 2, 2022, while heralding the bill as the only option to avert a disastrous work stoppage that would have threatened key supply chains ahead of the Christmas holiday. “It was the right thing to do at the moment, to save jobs to protect millions of working families from harm and destruction, and to keep supply chain stable around the holidays.” But the president risks alienating labor activists and workers who have long proven key political allies, further undermining the relationship between Democrats and the white working class, and fomenting pressure to deliver on a key promise -- expanding paid sick leave -- that ranks as unlikely-to-impossible as Republicans take control of the House of Representatives in the new Congress. Biden has said labor unions will have to wait to obtain sick l

leave, which was left out of the contract, but provided no timetable on when he could deliver. Asked when workers could expect those benefits, Biden said: “As soon as I can convince our Republicans to see the light.” An effort by Democrats to amend the deal to include seven days of paid sick leave for workers came up short when it failed to garner the Republican votes needed in the Senate. A sick leave amendment, pushed by independent Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont received 52 votes, short of the sixty votes needed to pass.

Biden avoids rail strike with new deal, but not everyone is happy, December 4, 2022, www.ajot.com



UK rail union rejects offer, Christmas strikes still planned

Britain’s National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers has rejected an offer from the Rail Delivery Group aimed at ending a strike action planned before Christmas. The offer proposed a pay-rise of 4% in 2022 and 2023, but the union claims it is conditional on many changes to working conditions, including job losses, reducing train staff on-board and the closure of all ticket offices. This offer is the first in months, according to the RMT, and comes after the Department for Transport gave the Rail Delivery Group, which negotiates on behalf of rail operating companies, a mandate to make a proposal. This comes as pressure is piling on train companies with a strike action planned for 8 days in December and January as well as an overtime ban from Dec. 18 to Jan. 2 threatening mass rail disruptions. “We have rejected this offer as it does not meet any of our criteria for securing a settlement on long term job security, a decent pay rise and protecting working conditions,” RMT general secretary Mick Lynch said. “The RDG and DfT who sets their mandate, both knew this offer would not be acceptable to RMT members.” RMT general secretary Mick Lynch called for an “urgent” meeting with the Rail Delivery Group tomorrow to negotiate further. Network Rail also made an offer on pay and working practices which the RMT is reviewing. Transport Secretary Mark

Harper called the deal's rejection "incredibly disappointing and unfair to the public, passengers and the rail workforce who want a deal." "Our railways need to modernise," Harper said in a statement. "There's no place for outdated working practices that rely on voluntary overtime to run a reliable 7-day service."

UK rail union rejects offer, Christmas strikes still planned, December 4, 2022, www.ajot.com

Rail Traffic 'Mixed Bag' Continues in November



Source: Railway Age

In reporting U.S. rail traffic for the week ending Dec. 3, 2022, and volumes for November 2022, AAR Senior Vice President John T. Gray said, "As has been the case for months, some sectors continue to show strength while others face headwinds." According to the Association of American Railroads (AAR), U.S. Class I railroads hauled 1,162,736 carloads in November 2022, down 0.9%, or 10,437 carloads, from the same month last year; and 1,230,291 containers and trailers, down 5.4%, or 70,107 units, from November 2021. Combined U.S. carload and intermodal originations last month came in at 2,393,027, down 3.3%, or 80,544 carloads and intermodal units, from November 2021. Total U.S. carload traffic for the first 11 months of 2022 was 11,134,112 carloads, up 0%, or 4,475 carloads, from the same period last year, according to AAR, and 12,552,267 intermodal units, down 4.8%, or 637,473 containers and trailers, from the year-ago period. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first 48 weeks of 2022 was 23,686,379 carloads and intermodal units, a 2.6% decrease from 2021. Canadian railroads reported 81,830 carloads for the week ending Dec. 3, 2022, a 15.1% boost, and 64,023 intermodal units, a 12.7% gain over the same week in 2021. For the first 48 weeks of this year, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,009,581 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.6%.

Rail Traffic 'Mixed Bag' Continues in November, December 7, 2022, www.railwayage.com

Biden-Harris Administration, USDOT Make Available One of the Largest Investments in 50 Years to Expand Intercity Passenger Rail Across America

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on December 7, 2022 issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the availability of almost \$2.3 billion in funding to expand and modernize intercity passenger rail nationwide through the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program (Partnership Program). Thanks to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this announcement marks the strongest commitment to date for the expansion of the national network of intercity passenger and high-speed rail projects. Selected projects will improve existing rail corridors and create new ones, broadening access to intercity passenger rail services for communities across the country.

Biden-Harris Administration, USDOT Make Available One of the Largest Investments in 50 Years to *Expand Intercity Passenger Rail Across America*, December 7, 2022, www.dot.gov



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The Port of Montreal pledges to protect species at risk

Reaffirming and strengthening its commitment to the protection of nature, the Port of Montreal proudly announces its \$50,000 contribution to the Imperilled Species Fund, an initiative of the Space for Life Foundation.

Created to accelerate conservation work and research on species at risk, this Fund will finance research projects targeting several plant and animal species in Greater Montreal's natural ecosystem: the copper redhorse, the monarch butterfly, the chorus frog, the wood turtle and wild garlic. These projects will improve scientific knowledge with a view to evaluating, planning and implementing protective measures.

The Port of Montreal pledges to protect species at risk, December 9, 2022, <https://www.port-montreal.com/>

Port authority, industry partners, test low and zero-emission fuels and technologies at the Port of Vancouver

At Canada's largest port, a variety of low- and zero-emission fuels and technologies are being tested in support of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's goal to create a zero-emission port by 2050. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, together with partners from across the port community, are testing various low- and zero-emission fuels and technologies at the Port of Vancouver, as part of the port authority's efforts to phase out all port-related emissions by 2050 in support of the Government of Canada's goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Through the Low-Emission Technology Initiative, a joint initiative between the port authority and the Province of British Columbia, the port authority and the province have each committed \$1.5 million in funding to support the port community's transition to low-emission energy, including the testing of battery-electric-powered terminal tractors; 100% biodiesel on commercial ferries; a hydrogen-

powered crane; and 100% renewable diesel on a terminal locomotive and one of the port authority's patrol boats.

Port authority, industry partners, test low and zero-emission fuels and technologies at the Port of Vancouver, December 6, 2022, www.portmetrovancover.ca

US/WORLD

4th-busiest US container port in Savannah to get \$410M upgrade



Source: Cargo news

The Port of Savannah plans a \$410 million overhaul of one of its sprawling terminals to make room for loading and unloading larger ships while focusing its business almost exclusively on cargo shipped in containers. The Georgia Ports Authority's governing board approved the project on December 5, 2022 under a plan to expand Savannah's capacity for cargo containers by more than 50% by 2025. "We're taking the Georgia ports from a Southeast gateway to a global

gateway," said Griff Lynch, executive director of the authority, which has seen over a decade of explosive growth at the state-owned seaports in Savannah and Brunswick.

4th-busiest US container port in Savannah to get \$410M upgrade, December 6, 2022, www.decatordaily.com

CMA CGM buys New York/New Jersey terminal operations from GCT



Source: American Shipper

GCT will sell its terminal operations in Staten Island, New York, and Bayonne, New Jersey, to shipping giant CMA CGM. Shipping lines have never amassed more cash than they have in the past two years — and they're spending it freely on everything from new ships to airplanes to tech platforms to terminal operations. France's CMA CGM Group, which operates the world's third-largest ocean carrier, unveiled its latest purchase on December 6, 2022 night. It confirmed it will buy the terminal assets of Global Container Terminals (GCT) in Staten Island, New York, and Bayonne, New Jersey. In recent months, the Port of New York and New Jersey has emerged as the country's busiest import gateway, at least temporarily stealing the crown from the Port of Los Angeles. The CMA CGM transaction involves two of the port's six terminals. The GCT New York and GCT Bayonne facilities have a combined capacity of 2 million twenty-foot equivalent units per year. According to CMA CGM, the Bayonne terminal can currently handle container vessels of up to 18,000 TEUs in size. The company plans to double terminal capacity by 2030 and allow for ships of up to 22,000 TEUs. CMA CGM plans to increase the Staten Island terminal's capacity by 65% by 2027. CMA CGM Group CEO Rodolphe Saadé said the acquisition "further consolidates our position in the United States" and "reinforces the services we provide to U.S. customers and their supply chain efficiency." The two terminals will be operated as multi-user facilities with current management remaining in place. CMA CGM's new push in the East Coast terminal market follows its

November 2021 purchase of the remaining 90% stake it did not own in Los Angeles' Felix Marine Services terminal from private equity seller EQT Infrastructure III. GCT is owned by the Ontario Teachers' Pension Fund (37.5%), IMF Investors (37.5%) and British Columbia Investment Management (25%). After divesting its East Coast terminal operations to CMA CGM, GCT will continue to own its two terminal operations in Vancouver, British Columbia: GCT Deltaport and GCT Vanterm.

CMA CGM buys New York/New Jersey terminal operations from GCT, December 6, 2022, www.americanshipper.com

FMC members seek anti-trust power over ocean carrier agreements



Source: JOC

Two of the five Federal Maritime Commissioners want to put agreements, particularly those among ocean carriers, on a tighter leash, by allowing the agency to issue the same injunctions as can courts.

FMC members seek anti-trust power over ocean carrier agreements, December 7, 2022, www.joc.com



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In the parcel industry, 2023 looks like revenge of the shipper

It has been a difficult three years for parcel shippers. Base rates and accessorial charges have spiked to record levels. They've been told in blunt and public terms to pay up or pound sand. Many saw their volumes capped during the past two peak seasons. They've lost their money-back guarantees on everything but the parcel carriers' most expensive services. It's doubtful that guarantees will ever be restored across the board. But the worm appears to be turning as 2023 nears. Shippers are expected to recapture the leverage that they held for years prior to the pandemic. With everything being negotiable, shippers will push hard to beat back the record general rate increases (GRI) that take effect over the next few weeks. "It's a buyer's market," said Jason Murray, co-founder of Shipium, a provider of multicarrier delivery options for e-commerce companies.

In the parcel industry, 2023 looks like revenge of the shipper, December 2, 2022, www.freightwaves.com

Penske adds two heavy duty EVs to fleet



Source: Inside logistics

Daimler Truck North America (DTNA) has delivered two battery electric production model Freightliner eCascadia semi-trucks to Penske Truck Leasing. The delivery of these heavy-duty electric vehicles is a significant milestone for both companies and marks the culmination of collaboration on design, refinement and field-testing that kicked off nearly five years ago. "Interest in electric vehicles continues to grow as our customers seek to further reduce emissions," said Paul Rosa, senior vice president of procurement and fleet planning at Penske.

Penske adds two heavy duty EVs to fleet, December 5, 2022, www.insidelogistics.ca

THRC Career Expressway Program Offers Trucking Employers Training Grants and Wage Subsidies

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Source: Ontruck

Trucking HR Canada, along with a coalition of industry partners including the Canadian Trucking Alliance, are working together to address the growing labour shortage in the trucking sector. Trucking HR Canada's *Career Expressway* supports employers in the trucking and logistics sector in accessing, training, and developing a skilled workforce. The program offers several streams of training grants and wage incentives to employers who are working to grow and strengthen their talent pool, and in turn contribute to a sustainable and competitive supply chain. Through *Career ExpressWay*, industry employers could

be eligible to access up to \$10,000 in training grants and wage incentives for new driving and in-demand non-driving roles. The financial wage incentives will support employers with recruitment for other in- demand occupations.

THRC Career Expressway Program Offers Trucking Employers Training Grants and Wage Subsidies, December 5, 2022, www.ontruck.ca

BrightDrop electric vans rolling off the line in Ontario



Source: Inside Logistics

At an official opening event on December 5, 2022 attended by prime minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario premier Doug Ford, GM and BrightDrop celebrated the reopening of GM's Cami plant, which has been retooled to make the EVs. "Electric-vehicle manufacturing in Canada is no longer something that's happening in the future. It's here and it's now. That's good for Canada, and good for the planet," said GM Canada president Marissa West. The company also announced that DHL Express Canada will be its first Canadian customer. While the number of vans DHL has ordered was not disclosed, BrightDrop has already produced 155 Zevo 600s for its launch customer, FedEx. Most of those vans were delivered in the Spring of 2022, and are on the road in the US.

BrightDrop electric vans rolling off the line in Ontario, December 6, 2022, www.insidelogistics.ca

MTO Issuing Reminder & Info that ELD Enforcement Begins Jan 1

MTO's Carrier Program Development Office is actively reminding the trucking industry that Ontario's Electronic Logging Device (ELD) mandate will begin enforcement on Jan. 1, 2023. MTO is sharing with industry information documents and material which explains the

mandate, including application and exemption criteria, details regarding operator and driver responsibilities, as well as links to web content.

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Traffic flow dashboard



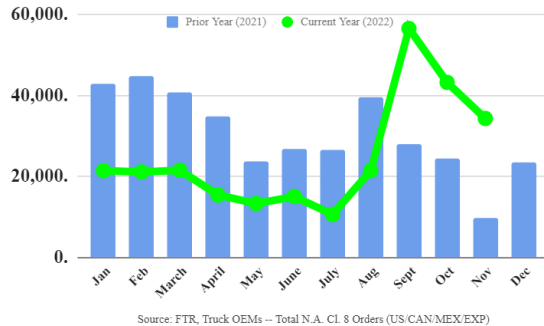
Source: Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada has launched the Traffic Flow Dashboard as a source of experimental statistics to provide information on the traffic flow on selected road segments in the cities of Calgary and Toronto. This dashboard shows traffic count data that are obtained from traffic camera imagery using a computer vision-based system developed at Statistics Canada's Data Exploration and Integration Lab.

Traffic flow dashboard, December 7, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Class 8 orders plummet, but market remains 'strong': FTR



Source: Today's trucking

Class 8 truck orders plummeted to 34,300 units in November 2022, according to preliminary data from industry forecaster FTR, well off the 56,000 ordered in September 2022. However, while orders have slid the past two months, FTR says they are showing "tremendous gains" over last year's weak totals. November 2022 orders were down 20%

from October 2022, but up 254% year over year, FTR reported. "Much of the year appears to have been slotted for production in 2023," said Jonathan Starks, FTR's chief executive officer and chief intelligence officer. "That means further moderation of levels as we get into the new year. The market remains strong despite the economic uncertainties, and production still will be limited to some extent by supply chains and labor." ACT Research, meanwhile, reported Class 8 net orders in November were 33,000 units, while NA Classes 5-7 net orders were 21,400 units.

Class 8 orders plummet, but market remains 'strong': FTR, December 5, 2022, www.todaystrucking.ca

October 2022 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI)



Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.8% in October 2022 from September 2022 falling for the first month after two months of growth, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). From October 2021 to October 2022 the index rose 2.6%.

October 2022 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), December 7, 2022, www.bts.gov



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Delta Nu Alpha names membership and recruitment director

Amrit Aujla has been named director of membership and recruitment at the Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Network.

Aujla is business development manager for TAG Logistics, an Ontario-based business that offers recruiting strategies, safety and compliance training, and business management solutions. He has been a Delta Nu Alpha member since 2018.

The Mississauga-based organization was established by former members of the Toronto Motor Truck Club in 1982. Its members represent transportation sectors including logistics, warehousing, supply chain and materials distribution, liability and risk management, and insurance.

“Together with the existing board members, Amrit will provide the needed level of assistance to help The Delta Nu Alpha as it recharges its direction to provide meaningful and informative educational meetings in an atmosphere of learning through good fellowship,” nominating committee chairman Bill Clark said in an announcement to members.

Delta Nu Alpha names membership and recruitment director, December 9, 2022, <https://www.trucknews.com/>

Note: Amrit Aujla is also a CILTNA Member. Congratulations from all of us, Amrit!

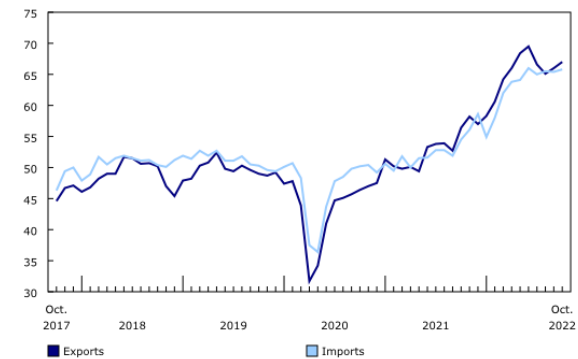
Canadian international merchandise trade, October 2022

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Merchandise exports and imports

billions of current dollars



Source: Statistics Canada

In October 2022, Canada's merchandise exports rose 1.5%, while imports increased 0.6%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade surplus with the world widened from \$607 million in September to \$1.2 billion in October. Consult the "[International trade monthly interactive dashboard](#)" to explore the most recent results of Canada's international trade in an interactive format. A large proportion of import and export transactions are completed in US dollars and must be converted to Canadian dollars to compile monthly trade statistics. When the Canadian dollar depreciates against the US dollar, converted monthly trade values in Canadian dollars are higher. In October 2022, the average value of the Canadian dollar decreased 2.1 cents US compared with the average value in September 2022, falling to 73.0 cents US, its lowest level since May 2020. When expressed in US dollars, Canadian exports were down 1.3% in October, and imports decreased 2.2%. The value of the Canadian dollar rose 1.4 cents US in November 2022, which will have a downward effect on trade values for that reference month.

Canadian international merchandise trade, October 2022, December 6, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 4.6% in November 2022 Was Below the November 2021 Level of 6.1% But Was Above the Pre-Pandemic November Level of 3.3% in 2019

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
November 2022 3.4%	November 2022 4.6%
▼ -0.5 change from same month last year	▼ -1.5 change from same month last year

Source:BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.6% (not seasonally adjusted) in November 2022 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data recently updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) [Unemployment in Transportation](#) dashboard. The November 2022 rate fell 1.5 percentage points from 6.1% in November 2021 but was above the pre-pandemic November level of 3.3% in November 2019. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was above overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in November 2022 was 3.4% or 1.2 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in November 2022 was 3.7%.

U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 4.6% in November 2022 Was Below the November 2021 Level of 6.1% But Was Above the Pre-Pandemic November Level of 3.3% in 2019, December 2, 2022, www.bts.gov



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Improving Safety at Rail Grade Crossings

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022
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We will discuss the ways rail operators, the federal government, university researchers and technology companies are working to improve safety at grade crossings.

Jeff Moller, AVP Transportation Systems & Practices at the AAR (Association of American Railroads) and Vice Chair of the UIC North American region

Andrew Young, the Business Development Director for Passenger at Wi-Tronix and CILTNA Board member and Chair of the US Chapter

CILTNA US Member Forum Webinar – Improving Safety at Rail Grade Crossings with guest speakers Jeff Moller and Andrew Young

Please mark your calendars for our final Chapter Forum Webinar of 2022 on Thursday December 15th at 7.30 ET/6.30 CT. We are returning to the rail industry with a look at the ways rail operators, the federal government, university researchers and technology companies are working to improve safety at grade crossings.

This point of physical intersection of rail with road brings trains, cars, trucks, cyclists and pedestrians together. Maintaining safe 'grade separation' is crucial to avoid accidents. Despite significant progress over the years in reducing fatal incidents there was still 234 fatalities at grade crossings last year in the USA. Jeff Moller and Andrew Young will look at some of the causes of grade crossing incidents and talk about the latest thinking, from policy to technology adoption, to improve the safety at the nation's 200,000 grade crossings.

Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

Jeff Moller is AVP Transportation Systems & Practices at the AAR (Association of American Railroads) and Vice Chair of the UIC North American region. Andrew Young is the Business Development Director for Passenger at Wi-Tronix and CILTNA Board member and Chair of the US Chapter.

If you have friends or colleagues interested in attending this forum talk, we are opening it to non-members this month if they are interested in this topic and would like an insight into the kinds of informative events staged by CILT in North America.

Register at: <https://lnkd.in/g6xVDCuq> or email: USChapter@ciltna.com to book your spot for this webinar.

CILTNA's Pacific chapter held its first in-person event since the pandemic began in the evening of 28 November 2022. Some 70 students, educators and industry professionals met on the theme **Transport, Mobility, Logistics, Supply Chain: Developing Talent for Tomorrow's World**. The event was generously sponsored by *SULMONA Holdings Limited (SHL)*.

Hiring Talent to Run A Railroad

After a networking reception, **Mr. Chad Rolstad, VP Human Resources and Chief Culture Officer of Canadian Pacific Railway** spoke. He is a fifth-generation railroader who has worked 12 years for BNSF and 6 for CP.

Mr. Rolstad outlined CP's extraordinary effort in 2022, in a very competitive labour market, to hire the talent to run the railway. Highlights include:

- CP has attracted 97,000 applicants to date using mainly social media, notably Facebook, and through 65 network-wide hiring fairs;

- after shortlisting, interviews and checks, 3,064 people have been hired to date, 85% for union jobs;
- intensive 6- to 7- month paid training gives new front-line engineering-mechanical-operations workers the right knowledge and skills to work safely;
- housing can be an issue; in Revelstoke BC, CP is building 48 fully furnished employee homes;
- CP considers immigration key to labour supply; and works with government on employer-sponsored work permits and temporary foreign worker programs.

Mr. Rolstad also spoke to CP's current acquisition of **Kansas City Southern** railroad, noting:

- public hearings by the US Surface Transportation Board were held in late September 2022;
- STB approval for CP control is expected Q1 of 2023, then CP would acquire voting rights and full control of KCS;
- a future CPKC network will have vast reach through Canada, US and Mexico, bypassing congested Chicago, accessing multiple ports, and creating new single-line routes.

Gordon Payne Achievement Award at BCIT

CILTNA's Pacific Chapter then announced the inaugural **Gordon Payne Achievement Award**. Gordon, who passed away in 2021, was a Chapter member and a legend of the Vancouver waterfront. He rounded out his career as founder of Harbour Link Container Services Inc. The Chapter decided to honour his memory with the award at the BC Institute of Technology. Working with the BCIT Foundation, the Chapter exceeded its fundraising target to establish a permanent endowment.

A \$1,000 cheque goes annually to an outstanding student entering the second year of the International Business Transportation Management Program at BCIT. The first recipient, **Hai Nhi Ngo**, is an international student from Vietnam.

The Dr. Ken Denike Award in Transportation Studies at University of BC

Chapter member **Joe Sulmona** first paid tribute to the late **Dr. Mike Tretheway**, an intellectual giant and friend of many in the audience. Members of Dr. Tretheway's family were present.

Dr. Sulmona then announced a very generous founding contribution by SHL, his family's business, to endow **The Dr. Ken Denike Award In**

Transportation Studies to fund an annual award towards a UBC undergraduate's tuition fees. In addition, SHL will match contributions from new supporters to a maximum figure. Please find details of this opportunity elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Generously Endowed: Dr. Ken Denike Award in Transportation Studies at UBC

At the CILTNA Pacific Chapter meeting in Vancouver on 28 November 2022, Joe Sulmona, Chartered Member, announced that his family business, SULMONA Holdings Ltd. (SHL) has permanently endowed the **Dr. Ken Denike Award in Transportation Studies** at the University of British Columbia.

The Award will be granted each year to deserving undergraduates who demonstrate interest and capability in the public or private aspects of mobility for both movement of people and goods, and at all scales from micro-active, to urban, regional, national, and international cross-border networks. Students from a variety of UBC undergraduate schools may apply that encourages an interdisciplinary approach to student achievement.

Dr. Sulmona further announced that in addition to its \$80,000 contribution, SHL will match new Award supporters' contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to another \$20,000. SHL's contribution is nearly sufficient to grant an Award for an entire year's undergraduate tuition, and more can be done.

As this UBC award advances CILTNA objectives to encourage new professionals to join our industry, please consider a contribution at this link (<https://give.ubc.ca/dr-ken-denike-award>). If you require further information, please contact Daniel Galpin (He, Him, His), UBC Development Office, Senior Director, Awards, Phone 604 822 3846, Email daniel.galpin@ubc.ca



From L to R: Joe Sulmona of SHL Holdings (the meeting sponsor and benefactor endowing the Dr. Ken Denike Award in Transportation Studies at UBC); his spouse Cathy; and Mr. John Dymond, former BCIT faculty member.



Mr. Chad Rolstad of Canadian Pacific Railway addresses CILTNA Pacific chapter 28 Nov. 2022



Mr Jackie Li (left), BC Institute of Technology faculty member, with BCIT students attending the CILTNA Pacific meeting 28 November

2022 on Developing Talent for Tomorrow's World, at which the recipient of the Gordon Payne Achievement Award was announced.



L to R: John Bourbonniere, Executive Vice President, Harbour Link Container Services Inc. (HLCSI); Ajay Hayer, Employee Relations Manager (HLCSI), David Payne, President (HLCSI) and Bill Wehnert, VP Tidewater Container Services Inc. an HLCSI Company.

Job Postings

* The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) headquarters' Office of Freight Management and Operations (HOFM) is growing!

This Office implements FHWA's freight program and also provides support across many program areas in the US Department of Transportation. HOFM is currently seeking applications for three Transportation Specialists.

Positions include:

Freight Transportation Specialist (GS-2101-13/14) - This person is responsible for overseeing and administering various national freight transportation programs relating to highways and trucking and will serve as a national advisor in providing direction and guidance to

FHWA Divisions, States, and other stakeholder. The position is located in the FHWA Headquarters Office of Operations in Washington, DC.

Freight Transportation Specialist (GS-2101-13/14) - This person is responsible for overseeing and administering the National Highway Freight Program, a national Federal Aid program to the States as well as other freight transportation programs. This person provides direction and guidance to FHWA Divisions, States, and other stakeholders. The position is located in the FHWA Headquarters Office of Operations in Washington, DC.

Truck Size and Weight Specialist (GS-2101-13) - This person is responsible for overseeing and administering the Federal Truck Size and Weight regulations and serves as a national advisor in providing direction and guidance to FHWA Divisions, States, the freight industry, and other stakeholders. The Truck Size and Weight Transportation Specialist is a full-time remote work position.

How to Apply:

We are using the Direct Hire authority to fill this vacancy and will be looking at applications and resumes for this position submitted by December 16, 2022. To apply, prepare a resume describing your work experience applicable to the primary duties and responsibilities of the positions for which you would like to be considered, send your resume directly to Caitlin.Hughes@dot.gov and Jeffrey.Purdy@dot.gov and refer to the position title in the subject line.

You may also complete an application at USA Jobs under <https://lnkd.in/eMr5PTY9> for Transportation Specialist - Direct Hire (FHWA.BIL-2023-0001). If you have already entered an application in USAJobs, please send an email to Caitlin and Jeff indicating your interest in being considered.

* Principal Planner: Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Under the direction of the Director of Freight Planning, the Principal Planner: Freight Planning will be responsible for performing a full range of technical planning, research, analysis, written reports, and outreach activities in the specialized field of freight and goods movement planning. The job requires knowledge of goods movement, the application of tools of analysis, the ability to research freight and related topics and produce reports, as well as the ability of effectively engage and interact with stakeholders in the public and private sector.

To apply, please click here:
<https://njit.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/4582?c=njit>

* **Postdoctoral Scholar in Sustainable Freight Transportation Technologies**

The College of Engineering – Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT) at the University of California, Riverside, is seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral scholar to join our Transportation Systems Research (TSR) group in conducting research related to sustainable freight transportation technologies. Candidates with knowledge and research experience in freight travel demand modeling, vehicle scheduling and routing, vehicle energy and emissions modeling, geospatial data analysis, advanced optimization, machine learning, and high-performance computing, are encouraged to apply.

The TSR group consists of a multidisciplinary team of more than 20 faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff engineers. We conduct research in the areas of advanced vehicles and intelligent transportation systems with a focus on developing and evaluating technologies that improve the travel and energy efficiencies as well as reduce the environmental impact of transportation activities. Several recent and current research projects involve the development

of novel sustainable freight transportation technologies, all the way from conceptualization to design, simulation, prototyping, and real-world demonstration.

Specific activities of the successful candidate may include:

- Develop new vehicle scheduling and routing techniques and evaluate their effectiveness
- Model energy, emissions, and air quality impacts of freight movement
- Conduct field testing of new vehicle scheduling and routing techniques
- Perform mining, analysis, visualization, and interpretation of vehicle activity big data
- Assist in producing high-quality publications, reports, and research proposals
- Support additional related research projects as needed

Please click here to view the view description and qualifications:

https://www.cert.ucr.edu/sites/g/files/rcwecm1251/files/2021-10/2021_TSR%20postdoc%20position_2021.10.27.pdf

Those interested should send their curriculum vitae and a cover letter to certjobs@cert.ucr.edu with the subject “TSR Postdoc Position”. In

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