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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **Transport minister, airline and rail executives to appear before Commons committee looking into travel chaos**

Transport Minister Omar Alghabra and Sunwing and Via Rail officials will be among those answering to a House of Commons committee for holiday travel problems faced by hundreds of Canadians. Airline and rail executives, along with Canada's Transport Minister Omar Alghabra, will be called to a parliamentary committee to explain their roles in the travel chaos passengers experienced over the holidays that left many stranded. MPs on the House of Commons transport committee met on January 9, 2023 and agreed unanimously on a witness list for a series of meetings to talk about the travel issues. Airline companies, like Sunwing, WestJet and Air Canada will be called, along with representatives from Via Rail. The committee also wants to hear from airport authorities, passengers rights' advocates and passengers themselves. Winter storms in British Columbia and across eastern Canada scuttled dozens of flights in the lead up to Christmas. Sunwing Airlines had major problems during those storms, leaving many Canadian travellers trapped in Mexico. VIA Rail left hundreds of passengers stuck on the tracks after weather brought down a tree on the tracks just before Christmas. Conservative MP Mark Strahl said in addition to hearing from executives, the government should hear from Alghabra because he has ultimate authority over the system.

*Transport minister, airline and rail executives to appear before Commons committee looking into travel chaos, January 9, 2023, [www.nationalpost.ca](http://www.nationalpost.ca)*

#### **WestJet Cargo is ready for take-off in 2023**



Source: AJOT

While WestJet Cargo can be proud of the impressive achievements it has accomplished in the last twelve months, there is a lot more to be expected from the Canadian carrier in 2023. For WestJet Cargo, 2022 will certainly be a year to remember. The essential changes of the last few months have indeed been key in building the foundations for its future success. To start with, working with GTA contributed to massively increase its services and shipping capacities in Canada. Moreover, launching a new cargo platform in partnership with SmartKargo, new routes such as Los Angeles (LAX) and Orlando (MCO) and the announcement of 4 dedicated freighters to start operating in the new year have all contributed to affirm WestJet Cargo's position as a strong player in the demanding Canadian air freight market. But it is above all by strengthening the team dedicated to cargo that WestJet Cargo has distinguished itself. The appointment of Kirsten De Bruijn as Executive Vice President, followed by the arrival of Bharat Bhatia as Head of Cargo Operations and Hao Cai as Manager of Network Planning, Revenue Management & Interline Analytics will certainly reap great rewards for the carrier in the coming months. In 2023, WestJet Cargo is due to continue to follow its clear vision to be the up and coming cargo carrier, providing customers with

creative, agile and flexible solutions and always committing to reliability.

*WestJet Cargo is ready for take-off in 2023, January 9, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **Canada's Airport Council Welcomes Interim NEXUS Solution**



Source: CACairports

*The Canadian Airports Council (CAC) President, Monette Pasher, on January 11, 2023 issued the following statement: "The Canadian Airports Council is pleased by the recent announcement regarding the NEXUS program. NEXUS is an important tool that helps the high volume of Canada-U.S. travellers move smoothly between our two nations, reducing processing times at airports, and improving the overall passenger journey. We're encouraged by this progress and by the commitment of our government partners to find an interim solution for travellers on both sides of the border."*

*Canada's Airport Council Welcomes Interim NEXUS Solution, January 11, 2023, [www.cacairports.ca](http://www.cacairports.ca)*

## **Air Canada December 2022 Operational Accomplishments**



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada made extensive preparations for the winter holiday season, which is typically one of the peak travel periods of the year. This year, more than 2 million customers were anticipated to fly with the carrier and it began preparing early in the fall, readying equipment, hiring additional staff and setting a prudent schedule. It made accomplishments in 1. Staffing: for December 2022, Air Canada had 35,681 employees, an increase of more than 1,000 from pre-pandemic, December 2019, when it had 34,653 employees available per customer than prior to the pandemic. 2. Operations: Although severe winter weather across North America disrupted all travel modes, Air Canada operated continuously throughout period. From Dec. 22 to Jan. 8, it flew approximately 17,000 flights. 3. Baggage: Despite winter disruptions that can result in an increase in delayed baggage Air Canada delivered bags with their customers at rate of 97.3%. This rate has improved to 98.7% in the last few days. 4. Customer Care: Recognizing the impact of the weather upon the air transport system, Air Canada voluntarily implemented a goodwill rebooking policy during the holidays. This gave customers who wished to change their flights the option to do so at no cost.

*Air Canada December 2022 Operational Accomplishments, January 12, 2023, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## **Porter Airlines unveils premium onboard catering and entertainment partners**

Porter Airlines is unveiling the details of its updated premium in-flight service offering, with an emphasis on partnering with high-quality Canadian brands. Porter is elevating economy air travel 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 in economy air travel today. The new aircraft and in-flight amenities come into service on February 1, 2023. Porter's onboard experience transforms expectations for economy air travel. Each partner was carefully selected for its locality, quality ingredients, brand alignment, and focus on sustainability. "All of our food and beverage partners are Canadian, deeply passionate about their craft, and have strong relationships within their communities," said Kevin Jackson, executive vice president and chief commercial officer, Porter Airlines. "Porter is aligning our brand with premium partners who emulate our values and the distinct service that we pride ourselves in delivering. With a focus on high-quality products, generous service and competitive prices, our passengers will experience economy air travel in a way that no other airline is offering." Porter's existing signature in-

flight service - PorterClassic - featuring complimentary beer and wine served in glassware, along with a selection of premium snacks, will continue to be part of the journey on both the De Havilland Dash 8-400 and Embraer E195-E2 aircraft.

Porter Airlines unveils premium onboard catering and entertainment partners, January 12, 2023, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)

## US/WORLD

### ✈ Air Cargo Demand Softens in November



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for November 2022 global air cargo markets showing that demand softened as economic headwinds persist. Global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs\*), fell 13.7% compared to November 2021 (-14.2% for international operations). Capacity (measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers, ACTK) was 1.9% below November 2021. This was the second year-on-year contraction following the first last month (in October) since April 2022. International cargo capacity decreased 0.1% compared to November 2021. Compared to pre-COVID-19 levels (November 2019), there was a smaller contraction in overall demand (-10.1%), while capacity was down 8.8%. Several factors in the operating environment should be noted: 1. Global new export orders, a leading indicator of cargo demand, were stable in October 2022. For major economies, new export orders are shrinking except in Germany, the US, and South Korea, where they grew. 2. Global goods trade expanded by 3.3% in October 2022. Given the softening in air cargo demand, this suggests that maritime cargo was the primary beneficiary. 3. The US dollar appreciated sharply, adding cost pressure as many costs are denominated in US dollars. This includes jet fuel, which is already at elevated levels. 4. The Consumer Price Index for G7 countries decreased from 7.8% in October 2022 to 7.4% in November 2022, the largest month-on-month decline in 2022.

Inflation in producer (input) prices reduced to 12.7% in November 2022, its lowest level so far in 2022.

*Air Cargo Demand Softens in November, January 9, 2023, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

### ✈ Air Passenger Market Analysis November 2022

Recovery momentum sustained in November 2022. The major highlights were: 1. In November, industry-wide RPKs increased by 41.3% year-on-year (YoY), reaching 75.3% of pre-pandemic levels. 2. The global domestic market now stands at 77.9% of 2019 levels. While passenger traffic within China P.R. has not recovered, no further decreases were observed. Other major domestic markets presented wide-ranging but still strong traffic results this month. 3. International passenger traffic nearly doubled from last November, achieving 85.2% YoY growth and 73.7% of November 2019 levels. Major international routes continued to deliver strong results and tracked near pre-pandemic levels. 4. Industry-wide seat capacity, measured in available-seat kilometers (ASKs), grew slightly compared to October in seasonally adjusted terms. Overall, seat capacity continued to maintain a strong positive trend.

*Air Passenger Market Analysis November 2022, January 9, 2023, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

### ✈ Passenger Recovery Continues in November

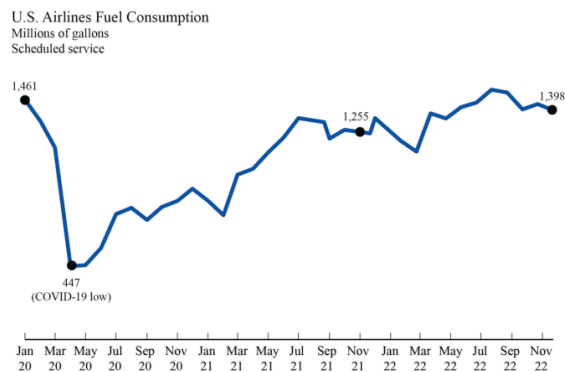


Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the air travel recovery continued through November 2022. **Total traffic** in November 2022 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 41.3% compared to November 2021. Globally, traffic is now at 75.3% of November 2019 levels. **International traffic** rose 85.2% versus November 2021. The Asia-Pacific continued to report the strongest year-over-year results with all regions showing improvement compared to the prior year. November 2022 international RPKs

reached 73.7% of November 2019 levels. **Domestic traffic** for November 2022 was up 3.4% compared to November 2021 with travel restrictions in China continuing to dampen the global result. Total November 2022 domestic traffic was at 77.7% of the November 2019 level. “Traffic results in November reinforce that consumers are thoroughly enjoying the freedom to travel. Unfortunately, the reactions to China’s reopening of international travel in January reminds us that many governments are still playing science politics when it comes to COVID-19 and travel. Epidemiologists, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and others have said that the reintroduction of testing for travelers from China can do little to contain a virus that is already present around the world. And China’s objections to these policy measures are compromised by their own pre-departure testing requirements for people traveling to China. Governments should focus on using available tools to manage COVID-19 effectively—including improved therapeutics and vaccinations—rather than repeating policies that have failed time and again over the last three years,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General. *Passenger Recovery Continues in November, January 9, 2023, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

**U.S. Airlines’ November 2022 Fuel Cost per Gallon Down 3.8% from October 2022; Aviation Fuel Consumption Down 3.2% from Pre-Pandemic November 2019**



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on January 10, 2023 released U.S. airlines’ November fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.398 billion gallons of fuel, 2.5% less fuel than in October 2022 (1.434 billion gallons) and 3.2% less than in pre-pandemic November 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in November 2022 (\$3.32) was down

13 cents (3.8%) from October 2022 (\$3.45) and up \$1.33 (66.8%) from November 2019. Total November 2022 fuel expenditure (\$4.64B) was down 6.2% from October 2022 (\$4.95B) and up 61.5% from pre-pandemic November 2019. All costs are in current dollars and are not adjusted for inflation. Year-over-year increases in fuel consumption and cost for November include 5.5% in domestic fuel consumption, 52.5% in domestic fuel cost, and 44.5% in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 1.4% from October to November in 2022, while also decreasing 2.1% from November 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

*U.S. Airlines’ November 2022 Fuel Cost per Gallon Down 3.8% from October 2022; Aviation Fuel Consumption Down 3.2% from Pre-Pandemic November 2019, January 10, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

**Air Travel Consumer Report: October Consumer Complaints Down 12% from September, Yet Remain Three Times Higher Than Pre-Pandemic Levels**

The U.S. Department of Transportation on January 10, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of October 2022 for on-time performance, consumer complaints, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. There was a 12.0% decrease in air travel service complaints from September to October; however, complaints are more than 370% above pre-pandemic levels in October 2019.

*Air Travel Consumer Report: October Consumer Complaints Down 12% from September, Yet Remain Three Times Higher than Pre-Pandemic Levels, January 10, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

**Air chaos after U.S. grounds hundreds of flights when computer system goes down**



Source: National Post

The scale of the air traffic disruption reminiscent of the day after 9/11 attacks but U.S. Transportation Secretary said there was no 'direct evidence' of a cyberattack. At various points throughout the day on January 11, 2023 depending on where you lived, you couldn't fly, buy a bottle of wine online, or even hope for a letter from Britain. No one could yet say whether it was the work of cyber criminals or worn-out equipment malfunctioning. It began first thing in the morning with an alert from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration that the computer system called the Notice to Air Missions, or NOTAM, had broken down at 8:28 ET the night before. All pilots are required to check NOTAM before a flight. It keeps a list of all potential adverse impacts on flights, from runway construction to the potential for icing. When it goes down, planes aren't allowed off the ground. By early afternoon, 1,200 U.S. flights had been cancelled and more than 8,200 delayed, according to flight-tracking website FlightAware. Airports in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Atlanta were seeing between 30 and 40 per cent of flights delayed.

*Air chaos after U.S. grounds hundreds of flights when computer system goes down, January 11, 2023, [www.nationalpost.ca](http://www.nationalpost.ca)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

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#### Gov. of British Columbia Issues RFP for Surrey Langley SkyTrain



Source: RailwayAge

Following a thorough evaluation of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submissions, the Government of British Columbia announced on Jan. 3, 2023 that it has invited two teams to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage to design, build and finance the elevated guideway, roadworks and utilities, as well as active transportation elements of the Surrey Langley SkyTrain. The RFQ was posted through BC Bid and closed on Nov. 1, 2022. The Two teams invited to participate in the RFP stage are: 1. South Fraser Guideway Connectors; and 2. SkyLink Guideway Partners.

*Gov. of British Columbia Issues RFP for Surrey Langley SkyTrain, January 6, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

#### Governments of Canada and Ontario invest in Huron Central Railway in Northern Ontario



Source: Inside Logistics

On January 10, 2023, the federal Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alhambra, and federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, Terry Sheehan, announced an investment of up to \$10.5 million under the National Trade Corridors Fund to the Huron Central Railway Inc. for an infrastructure investment in Northern Ontario. The Member of Provincial Parliament for Sault Ste. Marie, Ross Romano, announced additional funding of up to \$10.5 million from the Government of Ontario. Combined with contributions from Huron Central Railway Inc., the total investment in the project is \$31.5 million. The funding will support the rehabilitation of key rail infrastructure to improve the usable life of the track and support Huron Central Railway Inc. in sustaining operations as a viable freight service between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. Improving railway infrastructure will increase the fluidity and reliability of rail service for Northern Ontario while reducing the travel time of railcar traffic.

*Governments of Canada and Ontario invest in Huron Central Railway in Northern Ontario, January 10, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca); and Cash infusion to keep rail freight flowing in Northern Ontario, January 11, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Transport Canada to require more data from railways



Source: Inside Logistics

The federal government has published new regulations requiring Canada's railways to provide additional data about their operations. Amendments to the *Transportation Information Regulations* are intended to increase supply chain transparency and create a better understanding of the performance of Canada's freight rail sector for the benefit of users. Railways will have to comply with the new rules starting on April 4, 2023. Transport Canada said in a release that the amendments "aim to strengthen the accountability of freight rail service providers", by requiring major railways to provide more service and performance information. This information will be published weekly on the federal Transportation Data and Information Hub to provide a better picture of end-to-end freight rail performance.

*Transport Canada to require more data from railways, January 10, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Statement from VIA rail on the December 2022 travel disruptions

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) issued the following statement on January 10, 2023 regarding the travel delays and train cancellations which occurred from December 23 to December 26: "A severe winter storm along with the derailment of a freight train disrupted VIA Rail's operations from December 23 to 26. Unfortunately, a number of trains, particularly along the Québec City–Windsor corridor and elsewhere in Eastern Canada, were cancelled or delayed for extended periods. We appreciate that passengers were looking forward to holiday celebrations and family get-togethers, and we regret that for many, those plans were disrupted. We didn't meet your expectations and for that we apologize. The daily mission of our 3,200 employees is to put passengers first, and we are committed to providing Canadians with a train service that meets their expectations. While we take pride in the fact that the safety and well-being of our passengers and our staff was always our priority and front and centre in our decision-making, we

also believe that we should have done better in dealing with the situation. We are truly sorry for letting our passengers down. We know, we should have been more forthcoming in sharing information about trains that were delayed and in communicating updates. We also know we should have adopted a different approach in supporting passengers on trains that were delayed for lengthy periods. Therefore, in addition to offering a full refund to passengers, along with travel credits for those whose trains were completely immobilized, we will be reviewing our performance over the four-day period with the help of outside experts. We will be looking at a wide range of issues including our planning for the storm, our operational response, protocol around customer care and our overall communications as well as how we can better accommodate our passengers in order to get them to their destination.

*Statement from VIA rail on the December 2022 travel disruptions, January 10, 2023, [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Results Mixed as 2023 Begins



Source: Railway Age

U.S. freight carload traffic gained ground as 2023 began, while U.S. intermodal volume dropped, according to a Jan. 11, 2023 report from the Association of American Railroads (AAR). For the week ending Jan. 7, 2023, total U.S. carloads came in at 212,962, up 1.4% from the same week in 2022, and U.S. intermodal volume was 203,527 containers and trailers, down 11.8% from last year, AAR reported. Total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 416,489 carloads and intermodal units, down 5.5% from the prior-year period. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week last year. Canadian railroads reported 72,040 carloads for the week ending Jan. 7, 2023, rising 19.5%, and 54,498 intermodal units, falling 4.0% from the same week in 2022. For the first week of 2023, they

reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 126,538 carloads, containers and trailers, increasing 8.1%.

*AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Results Mixed as 2023 Begins, January 11, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*





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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Maersk reports Canada's west coast ports still slow



Source: Inside Logistics

The ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert are among the most congested according to Maersk North America. In a customer update published January 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, the global liner company said its ships are waiting six days at Vancouver and seven at Prince Rupert. No other West Coast ports have waiting times of more than three days, and only Houston, on the Gulf coast, has a vessel line-up on two to 10 days. Port Vancouver's tracking app showed four container ships at berth and one at anchor on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. One Maersk vessel was among these, and it had a berth. Nine grain ships were at berth and 20 remained at anchor awaiting export grain. Maersk also note it is experiencing high impact delays at the yards for both ports and for rail loadings at Vancouver. Yard utilization is over 100 percent in Prince Rupert, at 80 percent in Vancouver. The average rail dwell time at Vancouver is 12.5 days at the moment, and improving, Maersk said.

*Maersk reports Canada's west coast ports still slow, January 9, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### Government of Canada invests in the revitalization of Port Colborne

On January 11, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Services and Member of Parliament for Niagara Centre, Vance Badawey, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Member of Parliament for St. Catharines, Chris Bittle, announced an investment of up to \$22.7 million to support improvements for the Welland Canal under the National Trade Corridors Fund. This investment will have important benefits for the region, such as relieving supply chain congestion and facilitating the movement of goods at the port. The \$45.3 million project will support the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of three wharves located at the Welland Canal in Port Colborne, Ontario. The project aims to revive these wharves, which are currently out-of-service, to support operations and increase capacity of the trade corridor.

*Government of Canada invests in the revitalization of Port Colborne, January, 11, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### Port Everglades picks up CMA CGM West Coast South America service



Source: AJOT

Global ocean carrier CMA CGM's AMERICAS XL service made its first call to Port Everglades on Saturday, Jan. 7. According to CMA CGM, the newly launched AMERICAS XL is the only direct service on the market connecting the West Coast of South America to the East Coast of the United States. Port Everglades is the first U.S. stop on the northbound portion of the service from Cartagena, Colombia, and the rotation will reach down as far south as San Antonio, Chile. CMA CGM also offers fast transshipment connections in Cartagena or Kingston, Jamaica, from Brazil, Asia, Northern Europe, and the Mediterranean. "Port Everglades historically is the primary link to the North-South trade lanes, so CMA CGM is a perfect complement to the ocean carriers already calling South Florida," said CEO and Port Director Jonathan Daniels. "I especially want to congratulate Florida International Terminal (FIT) on bringing this service to our Port. CMA CGM's direct service will give Port Everglades a decided advantage as we will be the first U.S. port of call from South America's West Coast." *Port Everglades picks up CMA CGM West Coast South America service, January 11, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

 **Update: ELD Cross Country Enforcement Landscape January 2023**



Source: Ontruck

Truck drivers and commercial trucks in Canada have now entered a new era of hours-of-service compliance in most provinces as the long-awaited introduction of the third-party certified Electronic Logging Device (ELD) mandate came into force on January 1. The rule applies to all federally regulated carriers and provincially regulated carriers in some jurisdictions, that are already required to operate a logbook. The provincial trucking associations that form CTA have compiled an updated chart which explains what to expect in each jurisdiction with respect to enforcement that started January 1. Click here for details: [23JAN05-PA-ELD Enforcement Chart\\_public](#) CTA is encouraging the supply chain to review and consider the impact of hours-of-service compliance on routes and shipments. For more information on specific provincial rules, please contact the relevant [provincial trucking association](#) directly.

*Update: ELD Cross Country Enforcement Landscape January 2023, January 6, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

 **Top five 3PL trends shaping 2023**



Source: AJOT

Logistics software system provider CartonCloud have shared their predictions for the top 5 trends that will shape how Third-Party Logistics providers will operate in 2023, and it's all about working smarter, not harder. Their team of experts have experience in the industry and work closely with customers and industry partners — giving them a front-row seat to what 3PLs and their customers are seeking into the new year. They've shared their predictions here, for the top five 3PL trends to shape 2023— from revenue boosters to better customer service, here they are. 1 Diversifying services to boost revenue. 2 The importance of Direct Software Integrations. 3 Saving time with hands-off reporting. 4 Track-ability. 5 Deep understanding of tech features and a drive to get the most.

*Top five 3PL trends shaping 2023, January 6, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

 **Mild recession won't cause too much pain to work truck industry: NTEA**



Source: Today's Trucking

Expect a short, mild U.S. recession later this year and a fairly flat commercial vehicle market in Canada, according to work truck association NTEA. Its senior director of market data and research, Steve Latin-Kasper, gave media a work truck market update Jan. 11, 2023. Latin-Kasper said most economic consensus panels are calling for a slight recession early this year, though he expects the downturn to show up in the second half of 2023. Painted cabs move along a conveyor line between Navistar's paint shop and general assembly building in San Antonio, Texas. Latin-Kasper anticipates the U.S. labor market will remain tight, that interest rates will continue to rise until inflation comes down to below 3%, and that the single family housing market will continue to suffer because of those rising interest rates. (Rents are on the rise so multi-unit residential construction, on the other hand, is expected to buck the trend and show strength to the benefit of flatdeckers). "The Fed [U.S. Federal Reserve] is not going to start backing off interest rates in all likelihood until the second half of 2023," Latin-Kasper said. Truck makers are seeing inflation on commodities such as steel and aluminum pull back and supply chain issues are improving, he added.

*Mild recession won't cause too much pain to work truck industry: NTEA, January 11, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

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Source: Today's Trucking



### Trucking in 'slow growth' environment, not recession: FTR

The U.S. general economy and GDP Goods Transport numbers point to a "weak, status quo environment" that's not great for truckers. Just don't call it a recession. FTR held a webinar Jan. 12 dubbed Cutting through the fog: Planning for transportation uncertainty, in which it acknowledged a very mild recession could occur later this year. However, for now, we remain in a slow growth environment, the industry forecaster said.

*Trucking in 'slow growth' environment, not recession: FTR, January 12, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*



### November 2022 Freight Transportation Services Index



Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 1.8% in November 2022 from October 2022, falling for the second consecutive month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). From November 2021 to November 2022 the index fell 0.1%.

*November 2022 Freight Transportation Services Index, January 12, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Other Transport Updates

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#### National tourism indicators, third quarter 2022



Source: Statistics Canada

Tourism spending in Canada grew 3.2% in the third quarter, a sixth consecutive quarterly increase. Tourism gross domestic product (GDP) (+4.2%) and jobs attributable to tourism (+3.7%) also rose in the third quarter. Despite the tourism sector's continued recovery in the third quarter, tourism spending remains below the fourth quarter of 2019 level (by 18.4%), before the COVID-19 pandemic. Spending by international visitors was 32.2% below pre-pandemic levels, a slower recovery than that of tourism spending in Canada by Canadians, at 13.5% below pre-pandemic levels. Passenger air transport (+5.8%) contributed the most to the growth in tourism spending in the third quarter, followed by accommodation (+2.9%) and food and beverage (+2.4%) services.

*National tourism indicators, third quarter 2022, January 6, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Minister of Transport announces requirement to provide more freight rail data to help strengthen Canada's supply chain



Source: National Post

On January 9, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced amendments to the Transportation Information Regulations to increase supply chain transparency and create a better understanding of the performance of Canada's freight rail sector for the benefit of all rail users. These amendments aim to strengthen the accountability of freight rail service providers, by requiring major railways to provide Transport Canada with enhanced service and performance information. This information will significantly enhance the value of the information being collected and it will be published weekly on the Government of Canada's Transportation Data and Information Hub to provide Canadians with a better picture of end-to-end freight rail performance. Major railways will also provide Transport Canada with additional data to support targeted public policy and other regulatory purposes, including waybill information (such as origin, destination, weight) and traffic data (such as number of carloads, goods, and car types).

Minister of Transport announces requirement to provide more freight rail data to help strengthen Canada's supply chain, January 9, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

## Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, December 2022



Source: Statistics Canada

International arrivals to Canada—non-resident visitors and returning Canadians—nearly doubled compared with December 2021 but have not yet reached levels recorded before the COVID-19 pandemic. The 611,000 non-resident visitors that arrived from abroad at Canadian airports equipped with electronic sensors in December 2022 were almost double those that arrived in the same month in 2021. In December 2022, US residents took 785,800 trips to Canada through land ports with electronic sensors, over 465,400 more than in December 2021. During the same period, the number of Canadian residents that returned by air from visiting abroad via kiosk-equipped airports (1.3 million) nearly doubled that from December 2021. Compared with December 2021, 645,000 more Canadian residents—for a total of 1.3 million—returned from trips to the United States through land ports with electronic sensors. This release provides a first glimpse of international arrivals to Canada in December 2022. Complete counts for the December reference month will be available with the release of "Travel between Canada and other countries" on February 22, 2023.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, December 2022, January 11, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)

## US/WORLD

## BTS Releases 2020 Government Transportation Financial Statistics

State, local, and federal governments play an important role in the U.S. transportation system, as providers of transportation infrastructure and as administrators and regulators of the system. In 2020, government spending in the U.S. on building, rehabilitating, maintaining, operating, and administering the transportation system totalled more than \$400 billion.

BTS Releases 2020 Government Transportation Financial Statistics, January 6, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)

## U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 4.5% in December 2022 Was Above the December 2021 Level of 3.6% And Was Above the Pre-Pandemic December Level of 2.8% in 2019

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
<b>December 2022</b> 3.3%	<b>December 2022</b> 4.5%
▼ -0.4 change from same month last year	▲ 0.9 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.5% (not seasonally adjusted) in December 2022 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data recently updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) [Unemployment in Transportation](#) dashboard. The December 2022 rate rose 0.9 percentage points from 3.6% in December 2021 and was above the pre-pandemic December level of 2.8% in December 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 December 2022 was 3.3% or 1.2 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in December 2022 was 3.5%.

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## **UK Union Boss Seeks Coordinated Strikes to 'Maximise' Effect**

The boss of one of Britain's biggest transport unions called for coordinated strikes involving tens of thousands of public sector workers including teachers, firefighters and nurses, just as junior doctors consider joining the wave of industrial unrest. "We need to maximize our influence and leverage up across hopefully everyone that's involved in a dispute," Mick Lynch, general secretary of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers said. "So that'll be teachers, health care. I think we've got the fire brigade coming into it soon." Lynch spoke on January 6, 2023 from a picket line on the fourth of five days of train strikes that have crippled much of the UK's rail network. "I hope there will be a spirit of coordination," he added. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's government is grappling with a wave of strikes that's causing widespread disruption to public services. The Royal Mail, public transport workers, National Health Service staff, the Border Force and other parts of the civil service are all striking. Most disputes center around pay, with workers demanding raises that keep pace with Britain's double-digit inflation.

*UK Union Boss Seeks Coordinated Strikes to 'Maximise' Effect, January 6, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **88% of supply chain leaders surveyed fear "inflation and recession will be the biggest factors that will impact businesses in 2023"**

Container xChange released on January 9, 2023 the Container LogTech predictions report for 2023 which highlights important global trends that the shipping and supply chain industry will witness in 2023. The report draws attention to some of the most pertinent issues that industry will witness this year thereby helping professionals to prepare better for navigation. "The overall outlook for the year 2023 for the supply chain industry remains challenging. Europe is hit hard with all-time high inflation; China struggles to cope with the virus and the US continues to witness hinterland transportation challenges and labour unrest. Most of these challenges will stay in 2023. Consumer confidence will pick up, but it really depends on whether we witness more disruptions in the coming times." said Christian Roeloffs, cofounder and CEO, Container xChange, an online container logistics

platform. Most of the experts surveyed foresee that inflation and recession will have a greater impact this year and will be the biggest driver of disruptions.

*88% of supply chain leaders surveyed fear "inflation and recession will be the biggest factors that will impact businesses in 2023", January 9, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **Biden-Harris administration releases first-ever blueprint to decarbonize America's transportation sector**

The Biden-Harris Administration on January 10, 2023 released the U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization. Developed by the Departments of Energy, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Blueprint is a landmark strategy for cutting all greenhouse emissions from the transportation sector by 2050. It exemplifies the Biden-Harris Administration's whole-of-government approach to addressing the climate crisis and meeting President Biden's goals of securing a 100% clean electrical grid by 2035 and reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The Blueprint builds on President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, which together represent historic investments in the future of our nation that will transform how we move and live while we build the backbone of a safer and more sustainable transportation system.

*Biden-Harris administration releases first-ever blueprint to decarbonize America's transportation sector, January 10, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## **U.S. Department of Transportation Releases Five-Year Research, Development and Technology Strategic Plan**

On January 11, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently released its Research, Development and Technology (RD&T) Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026. The new RD&T Plan continues the Department's leadership role in supporting, fostering, and safeguarding transportation innovation so that it meets strategic priorities and objections articulated in the U.S. DOT Strategic Plan. It is also a call for innovation, guided by the Innovation Principles that the Department rolled out in 2022.

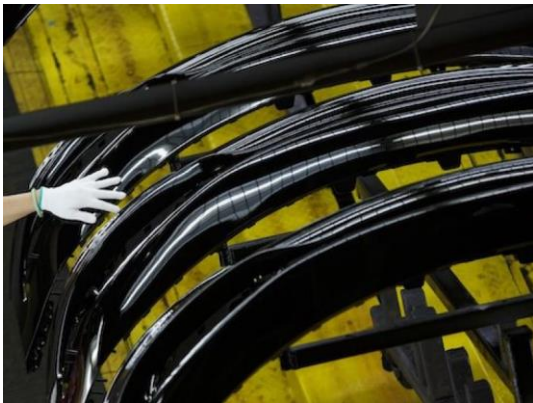
*U.S. Department of Transportation Releases Five-Year Research, Development and Technology Strategic Plan, January 11, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## CEO survey shows supply chains being adapted to meet environmental goals

CEOs around the world are facing business challenges that are hampering their ability to meet sustainability goals. The vast majority (93 percent) of CEOs polled for the 12th United Nations Global Compact-Accenture CEO Study said they are experiencing 10 or more simultaneous challenges to their businesses and 87 percent warned that current levels of disruption will limit delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). While CEOs are increasingly concerned about these headwinds, 98 percent agree that sustainability is core to their role, a sentiment that has grown 15 percentage points over the last 10 years of the study. The study draws on insights from more than 2,600 CEOs across 128 countries, 18 industries, and over 130 in-depth interviews – making this the largest-ever sampling of executives, including the biggest group of CEOs from the Global South, since the start of the CEO study program in 2007.

*CEO survey shows supply chains being adapted to meet environmental goals, January 13, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Mexico, Canada win trade ruling against US on duty free cars



Source: AJOT

Mexico and Canada won a trade dispute with the US over cars shipped across regional borders, providing automakers more incentive to make vehicles in those nations. The decision was included in a final report released on January 11, 2023 by a five-member dispute-resolution panel set up under the 2020 US-Mexico-Canada Agreement. The panel made its preliminary ruling in November 2022, but it wasn't released until this week, after the leaders of the three countries met in Mexico City. Arbitrators "concluded that the United States has breached" an article of the USMCA, the panel said. US Trade

Representative Katherine Tai's office called the ruling "disappointing," arguing it "could result in less North American content in automobiles, less investment across the region and fewer American jobs."

*Mexico, Canada win trade ruling against US on duty free cars, January 12, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*





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US Chapter of CILTNA Presents:  
**Blockchain technology – how its adoption is transforming supply chains, logistics and transportation**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023  
60 Minute Webinar  
6:30 PM CT / 7:30 PM ET

 Dale A. Chrystie, Business Fellow,  
Blockchain Strategist, FedEx

 Moderated by: Andrew Young  
FCILT, US Chapter Chair

Blockchain remains a difficult topic to grasp and although most of us have heard of the technology most have little insight into how it applies in the logistics and transportation industry.  
Dale will present on Blockchain and its growing importance and role in today's supply chains.

Please join the US Chapter on Thursday, January 19th at **6.30 CT/7.30 ET** for their first Chapter Forum of 2023.

Dale Chrystie is a globally renowned expert in this field, he is a business fellow and blockchain strategist for FedEx, based at their worldwide headquarters in Memphis. Dale has been involved with Blockchain since 2017 and presents at conferences around the world on its role in transforming supply chains and logistics. As FedEx founder and Chairman Fred Smith announced back in 2018, "Blockchain has big implications in supply chain, transportation and logistics. It's the next frontier that's going to completely change worldwide supply chains."

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This CILT Member Event is also open for non-members without charge. To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/ciltna-us-chapter-forum-blockchain-technology/>

### Job Postings

#### \* Manager, Service Planning – Long Beach Transit (Long Beach, California)

The position of Service Planning Manager is responsible for managing the activities of the Service Planning Department and directly supervises the personnel within the Service Planning Department. The Service Planning Manager ensures that Long Beach Transit Fixed Route services are designed to achieve customer satisfaction and to support overall community development and growth. The Service Planning Manager monitors the service performance, develops long and short-range transit plans and programs to optimize transit services and ensures that service is in compliance with local, state, and federal mandates.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following:

- Manages and prioritizes service development staff activities to achieve company standards, and business plan objectives
- Oversees the development and production of schedules; ensures that run cutting, scheduling and the operator general bid process is efficient and productive
- Develops department budget including preparation of the annual capital budget
- Provides appropriate data for projecting annual service hours and miles for operating budget
- Actively participates in strategic business planning process

- Develops new and innovative service concepts that continuously improve the quality of Long Beach Transit services and the communities we serve
- Coordinates all service quality issues and works with other transit systems, developers, city/county agencies, and the community in the development of new transportation services
- Provides data to appropriate departments in the preparation of Short- and Long-Range funding marks for annual budget process
- Oversees the development of the Short-Range Transit Plan, National Transportation Data Base, State Transit Performance Measures, Title VI, and other statistical reporting and operational analyses
- Participates in the development of operational policies and procedures for company services.
- Communicates and implements safety rules, policies, and procedures in support of the agency's safety vision and goals; and maintains accountability for the safety performance of all subordinate employees
- Develops scopes of work for contracts, resolves legal, contractual, and technical issues
- Directs the technical monitoring, analysis, and evaluation of analytical, quantitative, and statistical methods and tools
- Represents LBT before various public, private, and government audiences

#### **EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:**

A bachelor's degree in urban planning, transportation, public administration, or other transportation or management related field, and five (5) years of progressively responsible public transit experience that would demonstrate the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to manage a transportation service development department is required. Experience in service development, project management, and/or planning preferred.

Upon Request, a Driving Record printout is required with application (must be current within the 30 days of the printout).

Salary Range: \$101,241 - \$118,958 (Depending on Qualifications)

#### **Application**

Apply online at [www.ridelbt.com/careers](http://www.ridelbt.com/careers). Online applications must include past work history and be fully completed to be considered. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a complete online application.

Candidate must be eligible to work in the United States. Long Beach Transit does not sponsor H-1B or other related work visas. COVID-19 Vaccine Required.

#### **\* President and CEO (Subsidiary of VIA's TGF) - Quebec, Canada**

The Government of Canada is committed to transforming how people move and live in Canada's busiest region, the Toronto to Quebec City corridor. High Frequency Rail (HFR) is a once in a generation project that will transform passenger rail service in Canada through the creation of a faster, more frequent, more reliable rail service in this corridor. Through a novel procurement approach (i.e., co-development of the project with a private developer), the HFR project will leverage world-class expertise and private sector innovation early in the project. HFR will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve accessibility, increase integration with communities by servicing new cities such as Peterborough and Trois-Rivières and local connectivity through access to other modes of transportation, and contribute to the Government's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

HFR also promises a better future for workers in the passenger rail sector by modernizing, enhancing and greatly expanding service, creating new job opportunities for current and future employees. VIA Rail, its unions and its employees are critical to the success and advancement of the HFR project. VIA Rail is a key partner in the project by providing all necessary support and operational expertise in the delivery of the project and will continue to play a key role across Canada as our national passenger rail provider.

As such, VIA Rail Canada Inc. has been authorized by the Governor in Council to incorporate a wholly-owned subsidiary "VIA-HFR" in accordance with the Canada Business Corporations Act.

VIA HFR will be independent, with the mandate to develop and implement HFR in Ontario and Quebec by developing one or more agreements with the private sector on behalf of the Minister of Transport. It will have its own authorities and resources to deliver the project, as well as a distinct reporting and accountability structure through the Minister to Parliament. VIA-HFR's head office will be located in Montreal.

VIA-HFR is looking for its inaugural Chief Executive Officer (CEO), to lead this new organization in the development of the HFR project. The new CEO who will report to the VIA-HFR Board of directors will be responsible for three principal objectives: 1) establishing the new organization, 2) establishing the skill sets required for the organization to function as the project management office, and 3) undertake the management of the project with the private sector partner to be chosen by the Government of Canada. At this time, the Government of Canada has launched a competitive procurement process and will lead the selection of the Private Developer Partner, with the support of VIA-

HFR who will be instrumental in developing the project and readying it for a final investment decision by the Government of Canada.

As the ideal Chief Executive Officer candidate, you have excelled as a senior executive and have in-depth experience leading organizations and major transportation infrastructure projects within complex multi-stakeholder environments. This has developed your business acumen, along with the operational know-how, to oversee the establishment of the new corporation. As an experienced C-suite executive, you are an inspiring leader and are known for your strategic thinking, your ability to create and translate a vision to action, building high-performing teams, and welcoming and encouraging diverse thought perspectives.

You are a skilled communicator and relationship builder, which is especially evident given your experience working with Indigenous groups and communities.

Your background and experience bring credibility, as well as technical and operational knowledge of the transportation industry, including rail and other related sectors. You also possess an understanding of all aspects of large public infrastructure projects, including acquisition, procurement, P3s, and project management.

You have extensive delivery experience in at least two of the three areas: 1) very large capital investments or infrastructure projects, 2) complex procurement processes, or 3) passenger transportation. As someone known to have worked on sustainable projects, you are well acquainted with environmental impact assessments. You have outstanding communication skills, can operate in both official languages, and appreciate the importance of public affairs.

Click here to apply: <https://boyden.thriveapp.ly/job/1746>

### **\* 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](mailto:Caitlin.Hughes@dot.gov) and [Jeffrey.Purdy@dot.gov](mailto: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:

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

the cover letter, please provide a statement of research interests and experience.



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