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WestJet Group provides update about Sunwing transaction

The WestJet Group on March 10, 2023 issued a statement following the Government of Canada's issuance of an order finding that the proposed acquisition of Sunwing Vacations and Sunwing Airlines is in the public interest, taking into account certain measures. "We are pleased that the regulatory review of the transaction is now complete," said Angela Avery, WestJet Group Executive Vice-President and Chief People, Corporate & Sustainability Officer. "We thank the Minister of Transport and the Commissioner of Competition, and the staff of Transport Canada, the Competition Bureau, and the Canadian Transportation Agency, for their efforts to review the transaction." The issuance of the order is an important milestone in the process toward closing the transaction.

WestJet Group provides update about Sunwing transaction, March 10, 2023, www.westjet.ca

Minister of Transport marks fourth anniversary of the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 tragedy and announces commemorative projects

On March 10, 2019, Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 crashed near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, claiming the lives of 157 people, including 18 Canadians and many others with ties to Canada. The Government of Canada stands in solidarity with their families and loved ones who continue to live with a profound sense of loss. We continue to keep those who were lost in our thoughts and in our hearts. On its tenth anniversary, ten Canadian not-for-profit organizations will receive funding to support projects that commemorate the diverse interests and passions of the victims. The commemorative projects will contribute to youth-focused, environmental, humanitarian and

community-based causes in Canada and Africa and will be a lasting tribute to the efforts and interests of the victims.

Minister of Transport marks fourth anniversary of the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 tragedy and announces commemorative projects, March 10, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Government of Canada approves acquisition of Sunwing Vacations and Sunwing Airlines by WestJet Airlines Ltd. with strict terms and conditions

On March 10, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that following Transport Canada's assessment of the public interest, which incorporated the findings of the Commissioner of Competition, and consultations with Canadians, consumer protection groups, unions and industry, the Government of Canada has approved the acquisition of Sunwing Vacations and Sunwing Airlines by WestJet Airlines Ltd., subject to strict terms and conditions that are in the interest of Canadians. In determining the proposed purchase is in the public interest, the government considered a broad range of factors, such as levels of service, social and economic implications, the financial health of the air transportation sector, and competition. Given the current air sector landscape, it was important to ensure that the final agreement offered the best possible outcome for Canadians. The acquisition will help maintain the stability of the sector as Sunwing will continue to provide more affordable vacation packages to Canadians, while being financially supported by WestJet. The acquisition will also result in enforceable terms and conditions intended to protect the interests of travellers.

Government of Canada approves acquisition of Sunwing Vacations and Sunwing Airlines by WestJet Airlines Ltd. with strict terms and conditions, March 10, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

✈️ Air Canada to Launch New Montreal-Amsterdam Summer Flights

Air Canada on March 15, 2023 announced the addition of new, non-stop seasonal flights between Montreal and Amsterdam for this summer. Mark Galardo, Senior Vice President Network Planning and Revenue Management at Air Canada said "We continue to see strong demand for travel to Europe and we are thrilled to increase service and add new, non-stop service between Montreal and Amsterdam for summer 2023, complementing our year-round service between Toronto and the Dutch capital. With up to double daily flights between Canada and Amsterdam this summer from two of our global hubs, customers on both sides of the Atlantic have an abundance of convenient choices to visit and explore each other's countries and beyond. Customers can start planning ahead and book with confidence. We look forward to welcoming you onboard."

Air Canada to Launch New Montreal-Amsterdam Summer Flights, March 15, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada Named One of the 50 Most Engaged Workplaces for Sixth Consecutive Year

Air Canada has been recognized as one of Achievers 50 Most Engaged Workplaces® for 2023. It is the sixth consecutive year Air Canada has won the award, given for innovative engagement and recognition practices that elevate the employee experience. It is the sixth consecutive year Air Canada has won the award, given for innovative engagement and recognition practices that elevate the employee experience. "At its heart, Air Canada is a customer service business, and we rely on our highly motivated and dedicated employees to deliver on that promise each and every day. We put a premium on all our people throughout our company because each of them is essential and they are the best at what they do. We are always devising new ways to support them so that they can continue to succeed, and it is gratifying that Achievers recognizes these efforts," said Arielle Meloul-Wechsler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and Public Affairs at Air Canada. The Achievers 50 Most Engaged Workplaces® is one of several awards Air Canada has already won this year for its workplace engagement and employee practices. The carrier has also been named: 1. One of "Montreal's Top Employers" for 2023 by Mediagroup Canada for the 10th consecutive year. 2. One of Canada's Best Employers 2023 by Forbes for the eighth consecutive year. 3. Winner of the 2023 HRD Innovative HR Teams Award for Forward-Thinking HR Programs.

Air Canada Named One of the 50 Most Engaged Workplaces for Sixth Consecutive Year, March 16, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

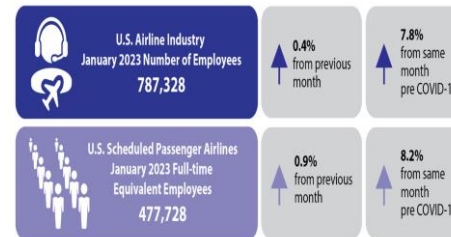
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✈️ Secretary Buttigieg Urges Congress to Pass Legislation to Ensure Fee-Free Family Seating for Parents

On March 13, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg sent a letter to the U.S. Congress proposing legislation for Congress to pass that would guarantee that young kids can sit next to their parents without getting charged a junk fee. If passed, this legislation would ensure fee-free family seating on all U.S. airlines. President Biden called for Congress to pass legislation to ban these junk fees in the State of the Union.

Secretary Buttigieg Urges Congress to Pass Legislation to Ensure Fee-Free Family Seating for Parents, March 13, 2023, www.dot.gov

✈️ U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Added 3,093 Jobs in January 2023; Employment Remains 7.8% Above Pre-Pandemic January 2019



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment increased to 787,328 workers in January 2023, 3,093 (0.39%) more workers than in December 2022 (784,235) and 56,944 (7.80%) more than in pre-pandemic January 2019 (730,384). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 503,754 workers in January 2023 or 64% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines added 4,583 employees in January 2023 for a twenty-first consecutive month of job growth dating back to May 2021. Delta led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 1,499 employees; United added 1,256; and Southwest added 1,058. U.S. cargo airlines employed 279,337 workers in January 2023, 36% of the industry total. Cargo carriers lost 964 employees in January. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, decreased employment by 910 jobs.

U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Added 3,093 Jobs in January 2023; Employment Remains 7.8% Above Pre-Pandemic January 2019, March 10, 2023, www.bts.gov

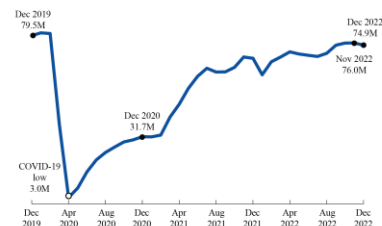
Air Travel Consumer Report: December 2022, Full Year 2022 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation on March 16, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of December 2022 and calendar year 2022 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. The ATCR is designed to assist consumers with information on the quality of services provided by airlines. For more data information consult the DOT website.

Air Travel Consumer Report: December 2022, Full Year 2022 Numbers, March 16, 2023, www.dot.gov

Full Year 2022 U.S. Airline Traffic Data

Figure 1. Monthly Passengers on U.S. Scheduled Airlines (Domestic + International), Seasonally Adjusted
December 2019–December 2022



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 194 million more passengers in 2022 than in 2021, up 30% year-to-year. For the full year 2022, January through December, U.S. airlines carried 853 million passengers (unadjusted), up from 658 million in 2021 and 388 million in 2020. The annual data is as follows: 1. Systemwide enplanements (853 million) were down 8% from the all-time annual high (928M) reached in 2019. 2. Domestic enplanements (751M) were down 8% from the all-time annual high (812M) reached in 2019. 3. International enplanements (102M) were down 11% from the all-time annual high (115M) reached in 2019.

Full Year 2022 U.S. Airline Traffic Data, March 16, 2023, www.bts.gov

FedEx readjusts air network again amid sharp volume declines

FedEx will reduce flight hours by more than 10% and park more aircraft this quarter because of continued low demand for parcel and freight shipping, executives said on March 16, 2023. An 8% cut in aircraft utilization, sidelining nine cargo jets and downsizing to smaller aircraft on certain routes helped the integrated express logistics provider generate \$1.2 billion in year-over-year savings during the 2023 fiscal third quarter. The cost reductions, along with mass layoffs, offset 45% of total revenue declines, said CEO Raj Subramaniam during an earnings briefing. The air and international unit was the major contributor behind lower revenue and income at FedEx Corp. FedEx Express generated 8% less revenue and adjusted operating income plunged 81% year over year.

FedEx readjusts air network again amid sharp volume declines, March 16, 2023, www.freightwaves.com



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Rail Transport Updates

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CP announces ratification of new collective agreement with Soo Line BLET

Canadian Pacific said on March 14, 2023 that members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) have ratified a new five-year collective agreement covering approximately 300 employees working on CP's Soo Line subsidiary. Keith Creel, CP's President and CEO said "We thank the BLET for working collaboratively to reach this negotiated collective agreement. The ratification of this agreement, which provides improved pay and flexibility, is a positive for our railroaders, further demonstrating CP's commitment to reaching new negotiated collective agreements."

CP announces ratification of new collective agreement with Soo Line BLET, March 14, 2023, www.cpr.ca

Joint Statement by Transport Canada and the Province of British Columbia on future of the Vancouver Island Rail Corridor

On March 14, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, and the Province of British Columbia's Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Rob Fleming, issued the following statement: "Over the last 18 months, British Columbia and Canada have carefully considered the future of the Island Rail Corridor. In support of our shared ongoing commitments to reconciliation, our governments have decided that reversion of the land bisecting the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation reserve is the first step in the process of developing a shared vision for the future of the corridor with First Nations. In September 2021, the British Columbia Court of Appeal asked the federal government to decide by March 14, 2023, on restoring the railway corridor or allowing a segment of lands to vest in

Canada for the use and benefit of the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation... Since then, both governments have been reviewing studies... Canada and the Province of British Columbia acknowledge the importance of this corridor. As a result, we will begin a formal engagement process with affected First Nations on the next steps of the corridor for the mutual benefit of the province and First Nations. A partnership-driven approach represents the best way for moving forward together and achieving a collective vision for the corridor that benefits everyone."

Joint Statement by Transport Canada and the Province of British Columbia on future of the Vancouver Island Rail Corridor, March 14, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

CP-KCS merger wins approval



Source: Railway Age

The U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) has approved the merger of CP and KCS to form Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), the first single-line railway connecting the U.S., Mexico and Canada. The decision authorizes CP to exercise control of KCS as early as April 14, 2023, at or after which point CP and KCS would combine to create

the new CPKC. CP said in a statement it is reviewing the full 212-page decision in detail and in the coming days will announce its plans with respect to the creation of CPKC. “The Board expects that this new single-line service will foster the growth of rail traffic, shifting approximately 64,000 truckloads annually from North America’s roads to rail, and will support investment in infrastructure, service, quality, and safety.” To address any potential anti-competitive harm, the Board is imposing numerous conditions design to protect competition. “To help enforce that obligation, the Board will require CPKC to justify in writing, upon customer request, rate increases over a certain level on interline movements, subject to the gateway obligation. If disputes arise over whether CPKC’s actions are commercially reasonable, CPKC must afford rail customers an arbitration option to resolve disputes, but the Board also will remain available to expeditiously decide gateway-related disputes. In this way, this decision seeks to enable a more efficient and competitive CPKC system, while minimizing CPKC’s ability to wield new market power to the detriment of its shippers.”

CP-KCS merger wins approval, March 16, 2023, www.cpr.ca; and CP-KCS merger approved, March 16, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Canada Investing C\$18.6MM to Boost Supply Chain Fluidity



Source: Railway Age

The government of Canada is allocating funding to a rail park in the Winnipeg, Manitoba, metro region, and for a Port of Nanaimo (British Columbia) study in an effort to boost supply chain fluidity. Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra on March 15, 2023 reported that up to C\$18 million will be invested in a 665-acre rail park project at CentrePort Canada, a 20,000-acre inland port in the Rural Municipality of Rosser. The rail park will offer access to road and rail as well as Winnipeg’s James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. The funding will help cover the costs of a second mainline switch; several kilometers of additional track; a lift station; and connections to access roads.

Canada Investing C\$18.6MM to Boost Supply Chain Fluidity, March 16, 2023, www.railwayage.com

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AAR Reports Rail Traffic for week ending March 11, 2023



Source: AJOT

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on March 15, 2023 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending March 11, 2023. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 458,629 carloads and intermodal units, down 7.6 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending March 11 were 229,246 carloads, down 1.5 percent compared with the same week in 2022, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 229,383 containers and trailers, down 13.0 percent compared to 2022. Three of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2022. Canadian railroads reported 79,559 carloads for the week, up 6.7 percent, and 59,978 intermodal units, down 12.7 percent compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 10 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported a cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,389,650 carloads, containers, and trailers, up 3.1 percent.

AAR Reports Rail Traffic for week ending March 11, 2023, March 15, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Marine Transport Updates

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Port of Halifax: Accumulated container statistics

The Port of Halifax released its container statistics for the fourth quarter of 2022 and for the calendar year 2022 on March 10, 2023. Total container traffic in TEUs for the 2022 fourth quarter was 153,127 down 5.1% (i.e. 161,309) from the same quarter in 2021. Total container exports for this period was 75,407 TEUs down 4.7% (i.e. 79,135) from the same period a year earlier. Total container imports for this period was 77,720 TEUs down 5.4% (i.e. 82,147) from the same period a year earlier. For the calendar year 2022, total container traffic was 601,700 TEUs up 1% (i.e. 595,755) from the calendar year 2021. Total container exports for this period was 286,533 TEUs down 2.2% (i.e. 292,839) from the same period a year ago. Total container imports for this period was 315,167 (i.e. 302,916) TEUs up 4.0% from the same period a year ago.

Port of Halifax: Accumulated container statistics, March 10, 2023, www.portofhalifax.ca

Statement by Minister of Transport on the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's investigation report on the MV Ingenika

On March 8, 2023, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, issued this statement on the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's accident investigation report on the MV Ingenika. "Our hearts go out to the family members and loved ones of the crew members who lost their lives or were injured due to the sinking of the tugboat, ..." "I want to thank the Transportation Safety Board of Canada for their work in conducting the investigation and publishing its report..." "Transport Canada will thoroughly review the investigation

report and its recommendations, and I will provide a formal response to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada within 90 days. This response will build on the actions we have already taken in response to this incident, including a compliance program that is specific to small tugs like the MV Ingenika, new inspection measures, and participating in the creation of the Pacific Regional Tow and Workboat Safety Advisory Group to discuss safety issues and promote best practices in the industry."

Statement by Minister of Transport on the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's investigation report on the MV Ingenika, March 8, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Containers outbound from Montreal undergoing extra CBSA scrutiny



Source: Inside Logistics

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has stepped up inspections of export containers leaving the Port of Montreal. In a note to customers, Maersk said that as of March 1, CBSA had increased the number of export exams in Montreal. Containers are being referred to the Entrepôts LaFrance examination facility for a full destuffing and

exam. The customs agency is stepping up the inspections to try to intercept increased stolen property and contraband being exported from Canada. Maersk said customers should expect delays if an export container is selected for a full destuffing and inspection. Import containers are not impacted. The charges for inspection range from \$850 for a 20-foot box up to \$1,500 for a 45-foot containers, plus \$350 for drayage to and from the LaFrance facility.

Containers outbound from Montreal undergoing extra CBSA scrutiny, March 14, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

The Government of Canada invests in improvements to the fluidity of the supply chain in Nanaimo

On March 15, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of up to \$600,000, under the National Trade Corridors Fund, for the Nanaimo Port Authority to study: 1. the expansion of container handling capacity; 2. the development of land near the port to support economic growth, job creation, and trade; 3. and the assessment of potential improvements to the transportation of cargo by sea over short distances between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. For example, the study will determine the possibility of expanding the Vancouver Island's Duke Point Terminal, to help alleviate bottlenecks at Vancouver's deep-sea terminals. It will also explore the feasibility of improving the terminal's infrastructure, providing better connectivity to transfer cargo from barges to rail cars on the mainland. The Pacific region could see increased import/export capacity of goods from the forestry and agriculture sectors, as well as seafood and other food sectors. The Government of Canada continues to make investments to strengthen our supply chain, promote economic growth, and increase the opportunities for our businesses to expand into global markets.

The Government of Canada invests in improvements to the fluidity of the supply chain in Nanaimo, March 15, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport announces a new investment in marine training for Indigenous Peoples, Northerners, and women through the Oceans Protection Plan

On March 16, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced a new investment of nearly \$30 million, through the Oceans Protection Plan, to extend the Marine Training Program for four additional years, and to continue delivering marine training opportunities for Indigenous Peoples, Northerners, and women. Through this investment, the Government of Canada is renewing its partnership with: 1. the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), in collaboration with Camosun College; 2. the Nova Scotia

Community College (NSCC); and 3. the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium (NFMTC). The renewed investment will also provide funding to the Western Arctic Marine Training Consortium (WAMTC) to encourage ongoing marine training opportunities in Hay River, Northwest Territories. This funding will support the capacity of partner institutions to deliver marine training courses, create a safe learning environment and equitable work culture for its students, and increase diversity and recruitment—resulting in more skilled workers entering the Canadian marine industry.

Minister of Transport announces a new investment in marine training for Indigenous Peoples, Northerners, and women through the Oceans Protection Plan, March 15, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

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ZIM reports financial results for the fourth quarter & Year of 2022



Source: AJOT

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd., a global container liner shipping company, announced on March 13, 2023 its consolidated results for the three and twelve months that ended December 31, 2022. Net income for the fourth quarter was \$417 million (compared to \$1.71 billion in the fourth quarter of 2021), or \$3.44 per diluted share (compared to \$14.17 in the fourth quarter of 2021); net income for the full year was \$4.63 billion (compared to \$4.65 billion for the full year of 2021). Its highlights were: 1. Strong Full Year Results: Revenue of \$12.56 Billion, Net Income of \$4.63 Billion, Adjusted EBITDA of \$7.54 Billion, and Adjusted EBIT1 of \$6.15 Billion. 2. Full Year 2023 Guidance: Expect to Generate Adjusted EBITDA of \$1.8-\$2.2 Billion and Adjusted EBIT of \$100-\$500 Million. 3. Declared Q4 2022 Dividend of Approximately \$769 Million, or \$6.40 per Share, Representing, Together with Previous Distributions Made on Account of 2022, Approximately 44% of the Full Year 2022 Net Income.

ZIM reports financial results for the fourth quarter & Year of 2022, March 13, 2023, www.ajot.com



Port of Savannah gains national market share



Source: AJOT

In the latest information from logistics data provider PIERS, the Georgia Ports Authority now handles one out of every 8.8 loaded twenty-foot equivalent container units in the U.S., its highest national market share ever. The Port of Savannah moved 11.4 percent of the nation's loaded international containers for Fiscal Year 2023 through December, with more than 2 million TEUs. GPA's share of the U.S. container trade constituted an increase of 0.7 percent, equating to nearly 120,000 TEUs more than it would have moved at its previous market share. "Our global economy is facing headwinds, but Georgia's deepwater ports continue to deliver dependable performance to keep business thriving," said GPA Executive Director Griff Lynch. "As the nation's top gateway for American farm and factory exports, the Port of Savannah serves as a hub for global commerce, linking every major ocean carrier calling the U.S. East Coast with superior connections to road and rail." Georgia Ports boosted its portion of U.S. container exports to 12.3 percent over the period spanning July through December 2022 – up 0.4 percent compared to the same period in the previous year. Savannah's share of the import market rose nearly three-quarters of a point to 11.1 percent for the fiscal year to date through December.

Port of Savannah gains national market share, March 14, 2023, www.ajot.com



MSC takes delivery of new record containership



Source: Inside Logistics

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) has taken delivery of the world's latest record-breaking containership. The *MSC Tessa* has a capacity of 24,116 TEUs, stacked up to 25 layers deep. It was built China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) shipyard Hudong-Zhohghua, in Shanghai. The total length of the ship is 399.99 metres, more than 60 metres longer than the current largest aircraft carrier in the world, the shipyard said. It is 61.5 metres wide, and the deck area is similar to four standard football fields. It can carry more than 240,000 tons of cargo. The conventional diesel-engine ship is equipped with a hybrid scrubber desulfurization device, a unique bulbous bow, a large-diameter propeller, and energy-saving ducts, all intended to reduce fuel consumption.

MSC takes delivery of new record containership, March 16, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



The Suez Canal sets a new record



Source: AJOT

The 400-meter-long Ever Gifted helped set a record in the Suez Canal. It is one of the world's most important waterways - and now it has set a new record when it managed to get 107 ships with a total capacity of 6.3 million tons through the Suez Canal in a single day without waiting, says the head of the Suez Authority, Admiral Ossama Rabiee. The record was achieved by 56 ships in the southbound convoy -

incidentally led by one of the world's largest container ships, Ever Gifted, at 400 meters - and 51 ships in the northbound convoy. And according to Rabiee, the new record would not be possible without the new project, which has managed to make better use of the capacity of the Suez Canal and provide the opportunity for the transit of the very largest ships, such as the Evergreen-owned giant.

The Suez Canal sets a new record, March 1, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Canada Post opens first all-electric depot, unveils electric truck



Source: Inside Logistics

Canada Post in the second week of March 2023 opened its first depot using battery-electric corporate delivery vehicles in Nanaimo, British Columbia and unveiled an all-electric truck. The depot will use 14 fully electric cargo vans for collection and delivery services, replacing internal combustion vehicles. As part of Canada Post's plan to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, the company has committed to electrifying half of its national fleet of approximately 14,000 vehicles by 2030 and the entire fleet by 2040.

Canada Post opens first all-electric depot, unveils electric truck, March 10, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Kriska Transport buys Liberty Linehaul's Canadian, U.S. operations



Source: Today's Trucking

Kriska Transportation Group (KTG) has acquired the Canadian and U.S. operations of Liberty Linehaul, adding 72 tractors and 157 trailers and expanding its reach into the U.S. Liberty Linehaul is based in Ayr, Ont., and Liberty Linehaul West in Los Angeles, Calif., where it expanded to in 1997 – 10 years after its founding. It provides cross-border LTL and truckload services as well as domestic U.S. haulage on the west coast. The winner of multiple awards, Liberty is known for its classic-styled, burgundy colored trucks and trailers.

Kriska Transport buys Liberty Linehaul's Canadian, U.S. operations, March 10, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

Purolator spending \$1 billion on fleet electrification



Source: Today's Trucking

Purolator expects to invest approximately \$1 billion to electrify its Canadian network over the next seven years. This includes a plan to purchase more than 3,500 fully electric last-mile delivery vehicles and the electrification of more than 60 terminals across Canada. Purolator's investment in environmental sustainability, including the electrification of 60 percent of its fleet, is expected to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2030 by 80,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e). This commitment also marks the largest network investment in Purolator's 63-year history, with more than \$100 million to be invested in 2023 alone.

Purolator spending \$1 billion on fleet electrification, March 13, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Ritchie Bros. shareholders approve IAA acquisition, defy co-founder



Source: Today's Trucking

Shareholders of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (RBA) have approved an acquisition of IAA, defying a last-minute request from a corporate co-founder and former president who wanted to scuttle the deal. A special meeting of shareholders was held on March 14, 2023. "We thank our shareholders for their confidence in the Ritchie Bros. team, our strategy and the significant value creation potential we can unlock through the Ritchie Bros. + IAA combination," Ritchie Bros. CEO Ann Fandozzi said in a press release. "We greatly value the varied perspectives that have been shared and the engagement we have had with our shareholders since announcing the IAA transaction." Co-founder David E. Ritchie and former president C. Russell Cmolik issued a public letter to shareholders before the vote, suggesting the merger with IAA would negatively affect the corporate culture.

Ritchie Bros. shareholders approve IAA acquisition, defy co-founder, March 14, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

Urban public transit, January 2023



Source: Statcan

In January 2023, urban transit ridership in Canada reached 118.4 million trips, representing almost three-quarters (73.6%) of the January 2019 level, pre-COVID-19 pandemic i.e. 42.5 million trips fewer. In January 2023, transit agency operating revenues (excluding subsidies) totalled \$267.6 million, an increase of 62.4%, or \$102.8 million, from the same month in 2022. However, this total still represented just over three-quarters (76.5%) of the pre-pandemic January 2019 level.

Urban public transit, January 2023, March 15, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Government of Canada invests in climate change geohazard research in Yukon

On March 14, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of \$3.4 million under the National Trade Corridors Fund for the Enhancing Yukon trade corridor resilience to northern geohazards project run by Yukon University. This five-year research project will build a better understanding of climate change impacts on Yukon's transportation infrastructure by installing sophisticated data loggers at key locations along the highway. This research will help determine how to reduce these impacts to avoid disrupting our supply chains and ensuring goods remain affordable for communities. With additional contributions from both Yukon University and McMaster University, the combined total investment in the project will be nearly \$5 million.

Government of Canada invests in climate change geohazard research in Yukon, March 14, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

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Biden-Harris Administration Opens Applications for First Round of \$2.5 Billion Program to Build EV Charging in Communities & Neighborhoods Nationwide

The Biden-Harris Administration on March 14, 2023 opened applications for a new multi-billion-dollar program to fund electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure in communities across the country and along designated highways, interstates, and major roadways. This is a key step towards the President's goals of building a national network of 500,000 public EV charging stations and reducing national greenhouse gas emissions by 50–52% by 2030. First round of funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure program will help ensure America's zero-emission vehicle future is accessible and equitable, no matter where you live.

Biden-Harris Administration Opens Applications for First Round of \$2.5 Billion Program to Build EV Charging in Communities & Neighborhoods Nationwide, March 14, 2023, www.dot.gov



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Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, February 2023



Source: Statcan

The number of international arrivals to Canada—non-resident trips and returning Canadian-resident trips—tripled from February 2022 but have not yet reached arrivals recorded in February 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic. In February 2023, the 422,400 non-resident arrivals from abroad at Canadian airports equipped with electronic sensors more than doubled those that arrived the same month in 2022. In February 2023, US-resident trips to Canada through land ports with electronic sensors totalled 618,900, over 428,700 more trips taken than in February 2022. In February 2023, the 1.6 million Canadian-resident trips returning from abroad via kiosk-equipped airports almost tripled that from the same month in 2022. Compared with February 2022, there were almost 900,400 more Canadian-resident return trips—for a total of 1.3 million—to the US through land ports with electronic sensors in February 2023.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, February 2023, March 13, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Traffic flow dashboard



Source: Statcan

On March 14, 2023, Statistics Canada reported that it 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, March 14, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

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U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 4.7% in February 2023 Was Below the February 2022 Level of 5.4% But Was Above the Pre-Pandemic February Level of 3.8% in 2020

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) February 2023 3.9%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) February 2023 4.7%
▼ -0.2 change from same month last year	▼ -0.7 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.7% (not seasonally adjusted) in February 2023 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data recently updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. The February 2023 rate fell 0.7 percentage points from 5.4% in February 2022 but was above the pre-pandemic February level of 3.8% in February 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020.

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Joint Statement by President Biden and President von der Leyen

The United States and the European Union share the most comprehensive and dynamic economic relationship in the world. Our partnership is based on shared values and principles, including the responsibility to protect our planet for future generations and defend our workers. On March 20, 2023, the United States and the European Union are taking new steps to deepen our economic relationship as we build the clean energy economies of the future and address shared economic and national security challenges including standing together to end Russia's war against Ukraine.

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"The Changing Face of the BC Marine Industry: The Evolution from Forests to Fuels"

As globalization and geopolitical tensions have impacted international trade and Canada's economy, it has also changed the way we operate our domestic fleets and terminals on the West Coast.

Over the last 40 years the maritime industry in BC has been undergoing a progressive, major transformation. Over the past 100 years, forestry in BC was king and its existence was the lifeblood of the west coast marine industry.

Today, servicing major new coastal energy projects and the expanded facilities in BC ports has led to major investment in highly advanced vessels and the need for highly trained and qualified mariners. This has opened doors to develop the modern mariner, yet comes at a time of local and worldwide shortages of qualified seafarers.

In our second event in the series "Evolution of the Pacific Gateway: Facing the Challenges of a New Era" we will discuss the specific challenges faced by the marine industry in attracting and retaining a diverse and skilled workforce when opportunities for workers in all sectors seem infinite.

The Pacific Chapter (CILTNA) is pleased to invite you to a Reception/Presentation featuring:

Speakers: **Paul Hilder**, President, Council of Marine Carriers (CMC)

Alex Ruben, Executive Director, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)

BC Ferries and BC Coast Pilots TBA

When: **April 18, 2023**

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4:30pm - Registration

5:00pm to 7:00pm – Reception/Presentation

Where: **Terminal City Club**

837 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

Registration details will follow shortly.

Introducing the Dr. Ken Denike Award in Transportation Studies

The University of British Columbia are pleased to announce the establishment of the Dr. Ken Denike Award in Transportation Studies, thanks to the generous creation of an endowment by alumnus Dr. Luigi G. (Joe) Sulmona.

Named in honour of Dr. Ken Denike, Assistant Professor Emeritus at UBC Geography, the \$3,500 annual award is open to students who demonstrate an interest in the fields related to urban and global transportation, connectivity and mobility, and — importantly — a commitment to an interdisciplinary approach within these themes.

"We are delighted that Ken Denike is being celebrated in this way and so grateful to Joe Sulmona for his generosity in creating this award," says Dr. Geraldine Pratt, head of the Department of Geography. "The commitment to tackling societal challenges from many perspectives lies at the heart of our ever so interdisciplinary discipline. We are keen to support this trans disciplinary award."

The award is open to students across UBC, and Dr. Sulmona, who has previously served as Director of Transportation Planning for the province, is keen to encourage the kind of systems thinking that he

himself benefitted from when completing his PhD at the university. “If we’re serious about sustainability, and about the glue that makes urban, regional, national and international movement possible, we need to encourage integrated thinking,” he says.

“This interdisciplinary approach is essential if we are to help build the leaders of tomorrow to lead change and resolve complex issues. Only in this way can we seriously engage to meet pressing environmental sustainability challenges; and critically understand that effective labour relations, respect for Indigenous peoples, and community acceptance go hand-in-hand with the many public and private transport decisions to come.”

Unlike many awards that are created posthumously, Dr. Sulmona wanted to establish this award during Dr. Denike’s lifetime. “Ken has been my most important mentor, among others in the department and at UBC,” he said.

Dr. Denike has made a notable contribution to the teaching and research of spatial analysis, urban planning, and transportation. He also played a central role in establishing the Vancouver Coastal Health district.

“After developing the Expo Line from design to build, representing Vancouver on study of what became the Canada Line, and working with Joe to get the right-of-way to YVR dedicated, I am excited and proud to be recognized by a scholarship in my name,” says Dr. Denike.

It is Dr. Sulmona’s hope that this award will take its place among other initiatives at UBC, like the Centre for Migration Studies, that are stimulating a cross-disciplinary approach to some of our biggest societal challenges.

To read the full article, please visit:
<https://geog.ubc.ca/news/introducing-the-dr-ken-denike-award-in-transportation-studies/>

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