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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### ✈️ **WestJet Cargo receives approval on behalf of Transport Canada certifying its 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighters**

WestJet Cargo on March 20, 2023 announced that it has received Transport Canada's approval and official certification of its four 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighters (BCF). Following certification, WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group will expeditiously implement three freighters into service, as dedicated aircraft that will fulfill the large-scale needs of businesses, freight forwarders, shippers and individual customers across North America. The fourth of WestJet Cargo's dedicated freighters is expected to join the accompanying fleet later this year, following the completion of its conversion. "Today is a long-awaited milestone for WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group, that will now enable us to disrupt the air cargo industry in Canada by providing our customers with more choice, competitive prices and the exemplary customer service synonymous with the WestJet brand, but unique to the air cargo industry," said Kirsten de Bruijn, WestJet Executive Vice-President, Cargo. "We thank Transport Canada for its dedication to certifying these aircraft, which will serve to better support Canada's national transportation supply chain through increased competition and capacity within Canada's air cargo market."

*WestJet Cargo receives approval on behalf of Transport Canada certifying its 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighters, March 20, 2023, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)*

#### ✈️ **Drone Delivery Canada wins grant from green fund**



Source: Inside Logisitcs

Drone Delivery Canada Corp. has been awarded a grant of up to \$75,000 from the Downsview Aerospace Innovation and Research (DAIR) Green Fund for its clean energy drone delivery solution. DDC was selected as one of eight winners of funding provided by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) through the DAIR Green Fund. It provides financial support for projects that demonstrate an impact on the future of aerospace through sustainable and green aviation technologies and solutions.

*Drone Delivery Canada wins grant from green fund, March 22, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### CP and KCS set to combine on April 14, 2023



Source: Inside Logistics

Canadian Pacific has said that on April 14, 2023, it will exercise the authority granted by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board's (STB) March 15 final decision and combine with Kansas City Southern (KCS) to create Canadian Pacific Kansas City. CP also announced the executive leadership team that will lead CPKC. CP president and CEO Keith Creel will become president and CEO of CPKC.

*CP and KCS set to combine on April 14, 2023, March 19, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



#### Canadian Pacific commences offers to exchange and consent solicitations for seven series of Kansas City Southern notes for new Canadian Pacific Railway Company notes



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific on March 20, 2023 announced the commencement of offers to exchange any and all validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) and accepted notes of seven series, each previously issued by Kansas City Southern ("KCS" and such notes, the "Old Notes"), for notes to be issued by Canadian Pacific Railway Company ("CPRC" and such notes, the "CPRC Notes"), a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Railway Limited, a Canadian corporation ("CPRL", and, together with CPRC, "Canadian Pacific") and to be unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured basis by CPRL, as described in a table on their website.

*Canadian Pacific commences offers to exchange and consent solicitations for seven series of Kansas City Southern notes for new Canadian Pacific Railway Company notes, March 20, 2023, [www.cpr.ca](http://www.cpr.ca)*

## **CN and Diversity Dividends Collective Recognized by ALM's Legalweek Leaders in Tech Law Awards**

CN is pleased to announce that the Diversity Dividends Collective (DDC), of which CN is an inaugural member, has been recognized by ALM's Legalweek Leaders in Tech Law Awards 2023 as a finalist in the "ESG Enablement Through Technology" category. The nomination recognizes successful initiatives that advance environmental, social, and governance causes within an organization or for the broader good, through the use of technology.

*CN and Diversity Dividends Collective Recognized by ALM's Legalweek Leaders in Tech Law Awards, March 17, 2023, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## **CN and Unifor Reach Tentative Agreements**

CN announced on March 20, 2023 that new tentative collective agreements have been reached between Unifor and CN. The collective agreements cover approximately 3,000 CN employees working in various departments such as Mechanical, Intermodal, Facility Management, and in clerical positions in Canada. "We are very pleased to have reached these tentative agreements. CN has always been committed to achieving negotiated settlements to improve the conditions of this important group of employees as we continue our essential work moving the North American economy. We look forward to future collaboration with Unifor."

*CN and Unifor Reach Tentative Agreements, March 20, 2023, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## **VIA rail receives gold parity certification from women in governance**

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) is pleased to have received the Gold Parity Certification from Women in Governance. This certification recognizes VIA Rail's efforts and achievements in promoting and supporting women's leadership development, career advancement and representation at all levels of the organization.

*VIA rail receives gold parity certification from women in governance, March 14, 2023, [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)*

## **Minister of Transport announces funding in British Columbia to improve rail capacity for the agriculture sector**

On March 17, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of up to \$23 million to Global

Agriculture Trans-Loading Inc., under the National Trade Corridors Fund, for a project that will expand rail capacity in Surrey, British Columbia. With this funding, Global Agriculture Trans-Loading will make several purchases, including: 1. a three-track rail spur; 2. new container lifts; 3. railcar pushers; 4. conveyor belt systems; and 5. bagging equipment. These improvements to rail infrastructure and capacity will enable Global Agriculture Trans-Loading to double their operations and help move agricultural products and grain between different modes of transportation more efficiently. By reducing delays and bottlenecks in the transfer process, Canadian agricultural products will reach global markets faster.

*Minister of Transport announces funding in British Columbia to improve rail capacity for the agriculture sector, March 17, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## **VIA rail Canada to work with the national council of Canadian muslims on diversity and inclusion**

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) and the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) met on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and engaged in a constructive dialogue following the regrettable and saddening incident involving a man who was praying in VIA Rail's Ottawa Station. The conversation focused on common objectives, namely, to ensure that VIA Rail provides an inclusive environment where passengers and employees feel safe practising freedom of religion, including the ability to worship. As part of the discussion, VIA Rail committed to sharing with the NCCM the Corporation's Diversity and Inclusion policies and training program, and to working with the NCCM on any improvements that could be brought to help prevent these incidents in the future.

*VIA rail Canada to work with the national council of Canadian muslims on diversity and inclusion, March 23, 2023, [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **For Week 11, U.S. Carloads, Intermodal Down**



Source: Railway Age

U.S. rail traffic for the week ending March 18, 2023 (Week 11) dipped 9.4% from the same week last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported March 22. U.S. Class I railroads hauled a total of 453,500 carloads and intermodal units, comprising 227,454 carloads, down 2.7%, and 226,046 containers and trailers, down 15.2% compared to 2022. According to AAR, three of the 10 commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2022. Canadian railroads reported 78,381 carloads for the week, up 6.7%, and 59,280 intermodal units, down 9.3% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 11 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,527,311 carloads, containers and trailers, up 2.7%.

*For Week 11, U.S. Carloads, Intermodal Down, March 22, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

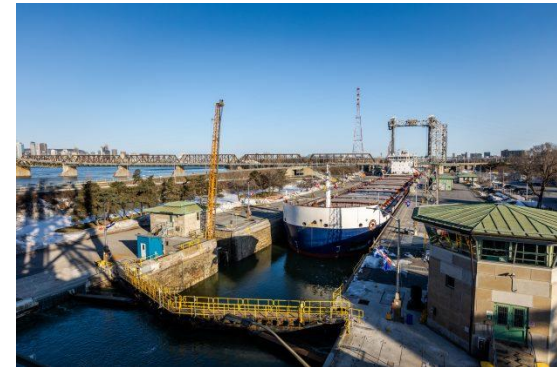
### CANADA

#### **Statement by the Minister of Transport about the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's investigation report on the fishing vessel Chief William Saulis**

On March 22, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, issued this statement about the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's investigation report on the fishing vessel Chief William Saulis. "The safety of Canada's transportation system is paramount. Our hearts continue to go out to the family members and loved ones of the crew members who tragically lost their lives due to the sinking of the fishing vessel Chief William Saulis, on December 15, 2020, near Delaps Cove, Nova Scotia. "I want to thank the Transportation Safety Board of Canada for their work in conducting the investigation and publishing their report. I share their commitment to advancing the safety of Canada's transportation system and I am committed to working with partners to further enhance Canada's marine safety system. "Transport Canada will thoroughly review the investigation report and its recommendation, and I will provide a formal response to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada within 90 days.

*Statement by the Minister of Transport about the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's investigation report on the fishing vessel Chief William Saulis, March 22, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

#### **St. Lawrence Seaway Begins Navigation Season**



Source: Inside Logistics

Yesterday marked the opening of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System's (Seaway System) 65th navigation season. The Seaway System is a key link in North America's supply chain, connecting the U.S. and Canadian Great Lakes ports with the world. The U.S. Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS) joined its partner, the Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC), at the opening ceremony of the binational waterway, which took place at St. Lambert Lock in Montreal, Canada. "At a time when we are working to strengthen our nation's supply chains, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System plays a central role, helping us move tens of millions of tons of goods each year, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs, and combating climate change," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "As we open the Seaway System's 65th season, it remains a model of international cooperation and a cornerstone of America's trade with the rest of the world." On the Canadian side, the 65th season of the St. Lawrence Seaway kicked off this week with the passage of the Captain Henry Jackman through St. Lambert lock, near Montreal, this season. "The St. Lawrence Seaway is a vital link in the North American supply chain, supporting industries, creating jobs and assisting with sustainable development", said Terence Bowles, president and CEO of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC). "With



its advanced technology, the Seaway provides a reliable transportation route for ships transiting the system carrying a wide range of commodities required by citizens on a daily basis. A few examples are grains for breads and pasta; iron ore and coal for steel used in vehicles and appliances; and cement for bridges and roads. We look forward to greater use of this marine corridor, and are optimistic about a strong start to the navigation season.”

*St. Lawrence Seaway Begins Navigation Season, March 23, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov); and Seaway opens for 65th season, March 23, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## PRPA Enables Greater Access to Surgical Services at Prince Rupert Regional Hospital



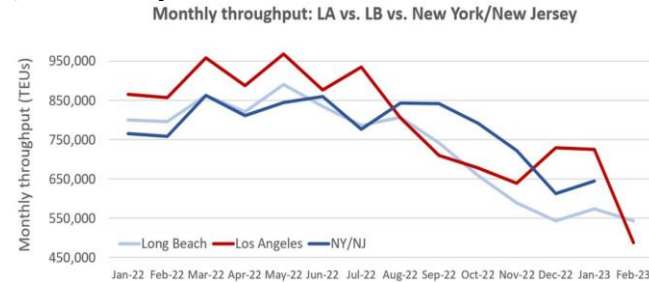
Source: Rupertport

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) has partnered with Northern Health to support its Surgical Equipment Optimization Program at Prince Rupert Regional Hospital. Through a \$60,000 commitment from PRPA’s Community Investment Fund, the regional health authority has purchased a new state-of-the-art laparoscopic surgical tower, enabling the hospital to expand the capacity for many types of surgical procedures.

*[PRPA Enables Greater Access to Surgical Services at Prince Rupert Regional Hospital, March 23, 2023, www.rupertport.com](http://www.rupertport.com)*

## US/WORLD

## LA imports plunge 41% year on year, 33% month on month, 28% vs. pre-COVID



Source: Freightwaves

Container volumes to Southern California ports continue to decline. Los Angeles had expected its numbers to be ugly in February — and they were. “The decline was indeed steep,” acknowledged Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka during a press conference March 17, 2023. Total throughput fell to only 487,846 twenty-foot equivalent units in February, plunging 43% year on year. Last month’s throughput was down 33% from January and 31% from February 2019, pre-COVID. Los Angeles looks like it fell back to third place among U.S. container ports for the month of February. The Port of New York/New Jersey topped Los Angeles during several months in 2022; it has yet to report February numbers but U.S. Customs import data implies it will report higher total throughput than Los Angeles. On March 21, 2023, Long Beach reported February throughput of 543,675 TEUs, coming in 11% above Los Angeles.

*LA imports plunge 41% year on year, 33% month on month, 28% vs. pre-COVID, March 17, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## West Coast dockworker labor talks strained over lunch-break spat



Source: AJOT

Negotiations over a new labor contract for West Coast dockworkers are under increasing strain as their employers say a failure to spread

out lunch breaks has disrupted operations at the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Employers are allowed to stagger shifts around lunch times so there's enough dockworkers available to deliver and receive containers, said the Pacific Maritime Association, which speaks for terminal operators and ocean carriers, in an emailed statement to Bloomberg on Monday. But "beginning last week, ILWU Local 13 has stopped complying with that contract provision," the PMA said, referring to the local chapter of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. The statement is the most visible acknowledgment of a labor disruption since talks began last May, and it comes as cargo volumes drop sharply at the Southern California ports from peak levels a year ago. The threat of union unrest has spurred retailers, manufacturers and other importers to avoid potential shipping snarls by diverting goods to East and Gulf coast. The PMA and the ILWU, which represents about 22,000 dockworkers on the West Coast, had pledged not to comment in the media and to continue working without issues such as slowdowns or lockouts. As recently as Feb. 23, they issued a joint statement saying they were hopeful they would reach a deal soon. *West Coast dockworker labor talks strained over lunch-break spat, March 21, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

Index in January 2023, the region looks set to remain on a downwards trajectory. Throughput at the major West Coast gateway ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach has dropped 38% YoY in February 2023. *Drewry Port Throughput Indices for March 2023, March 23, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



### **Drewry Port Throughput Indices for March 2023**

The Drewry Container Port Throughput Indices are a series of calendar adjusted volume growth/decline indices based on monthly throughput data for a sample of over 340 ports worldwide, representing over 80% of global volumes. The base point for the indices is January 2019 = 100. Drewry has developed a nowcasting model that uses vessel capacity and terminal duration data (derived from our proprietary AIS model) to make short-term predictions of port throughput. Drewry's latest assessment – for March 2023 is as follows: 1. Global Port Throughput Index slid 2.6% MoM / 4.5% YoY in January 2023. A further fall of 5.6% MoM has been estimated in February 2023 by Drewry's Nowcasting model. North America witnessed the largest drop of 11.0% YoY, followed by 8.2% YoY reduction in Europe. 2. The earlier date for the Chinese New Year, with holidays starting in the last week of January, impacted the Greater China Port Throughput Index. Shenzhen witnessed the largest monthly fall, with handling down by 0.9 mteu/-30% MoM, followed by Guangzhou, which handled 0.5 mteu fewer containers in January 2023. Shanghai throughput was down 13% MoM / 7.4% YoY, while the ports of Ningbo and Tianjin bucked the trend with 43.9% and 64.2% MoM growth, respectively. 3. The Drewry European Port Throughput Index tumbled -8.2% YoY in January, while the only region that posted annual growth was the Middle East and South Asia, where traffic was up 3.6% YoY. 4. Despite a small monthly uplift in the North American Port Throughput



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### OTA on Hand for Announcement to Increase Labour Force Through Immigration Program



Source: Ontruck

Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced on March 18, 2023 that the Ontario government is doubling the number of economic immigrants it selects in 2025 to over 18,000 to help solve the province's critical labour shortage. "From 9,000 immigration spots in 2021 to over 18,000 in 2025, today's announcement is a significant win for the people of Ontario and will help us control our economic destiny by selecting more of the skilled immigrants we know are well-placed to succeed and build stronger communities for all of us," said McNaughton. "On behalf of Premier Ford and the people of Ontario, I want to thank Minister Fraser and the federal government for their commitment to meet us at the table and land this historic immigration increase."

*OTA on Hand for Announcement to Increase Labour Force Through Immigration Program, March 18, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

#### CTV: ESDC Investigates Carrier for Driver Inc-Related Complaints



Source: Cantruck

A Brampton trucking company is under investigation by the federal government after a group of former long-haul drivers claimed it's withholding at least \$115,000 in unpaid wages from them. Canada's Labour Program confirmed to CTV News Toronto that it's investigating a GTA trucking company after receiving complaints made under Part III of the Canada Labour Code, which covers standard hours, wages, vacations, and holidays. According to more than a dozen former employees, composed entirely of immigrants to Canada, CTV reports, the company owes more than \$115,000 in unpaid wages. While ESDC investigates, the workers have yet to see any money back and company is seemingly still operating, they said.

*CTV: ESDC Investigates Carrier for Driver Inc-Related Complaints, March 17, 2023, [www.cantruck.ca](http://www.cantruck.ca)*

### P.E.I. training program helps aspiring truckers achieve dreams





Source: Today's Trucking

Joel Hancock always wanted to become a truck driver “but never took the time to go do it.” Randeep Kalsi, a pizza delivery driver for the past five years, was aiming to advance his driving career. But they both faced an obstacle. The \$12,000 price tag in Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.) for a 12-week Class 1A driver training course has been a barrier for them and other aspirants to achieve their dreams. A P.E.I. non-profit is helping remove the hurdle and putting more people behind the wheel by paying 80% of the training tuition. Brian Oulton, executive director of the P.E.I. Trucking Sector Council (PEITSC) said the Find Your Drive (FYD) program designed to address the industry’s urgent need for drivers “helps people get their foot in the door.” FYD provides successful applicants with \$9,600 for training. The program offers a living allowance to support students while in school and a post-training, paid work placement with an island-based employer. FYD is open to citizens and permanent residents residing in P.E.I.

*P.E.I. training program helps aspiring truckers achieve dreams, March 20, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

Manitoba needs to recruit, train, and retain a new driver every eight hours, every day, for the next four years to meet industry demand, a trucking organization official warned. The harsh reality of the driver shortage was brought to light as the Manitoba government released its Labour Market Outlook for 2022 to 2026, showing the trucking industry has an expected annual labor gap of 470 transport truck drivers. The report also forecasts there will be 4,300 job openings for transport truck drivers over the next five years. “The gap of 470 drivers is a forecast. The reality is that we need to bring 4,300 people over the next four years into industry to meet demand,” Aaron Dolyniuk, executive director of the Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) told *TruckNews.com*. Job-seekers don’t necessarily think about how the groceries arrived at the store, or how the playground was delivered to the park, Dolyniuk said. “But as industry members, we know that over 90% of goods have been on a truck at some point in their journey from producer to consumer.”

*Manitoba will need 4,300 drivers over next five years, March 22, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*



## Ontario Budget Notes Importance of Trucking; Invests in Infrastructure and Training



Source: Ontruck

The government’s plan takes action to drive growth by lowering costs, getting key infrastructure projects built faster, and attracting more jobs and investment to help businesses, families and workers. Budget 2023 specifically noted that the trucking industry is a leading contributor to the provincial economy. “Ontario’s trucking industry accounts for about one per cent of Ontario’s GDP and approximately 36 per cent of the jobs in the transportation sector,” it stated. “The transportation system is the backbone of Ontario’s export-driven economy, with more than \$3 billion worth of goods moving on Ontario’s highways per day.” To bolster road-based infrastructure, the province

## Manitoba will need 4,300 drivers over next five years



Source: Today's Trucking

confirmed plans to Build Highway 413, Building the Bradford Bypass, Expanding Highway 401 in Eastern Ontario, Twinning the Queen Elizabeth Way Garden City Skyway, Building the New Highway 7 among others. “OTA applauds Transportation Minister Mulroney for her ongoing commitment to investing in critical road infrastructure, which will allow our members to efficiently move the Ontario economy, now and in the future, resulting in increased investment to our province for years to come,” said OTA President and CEO Stephen Laskowski *Ontario Budget Notes Importance of Trucking; Invests in Infrastructure and Training, March 23, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### FedEx soars most in nine months after boosting profit forecast



Source: AJOT

FedEx Corp.’s shares jumped the most in nine months after the courier boosted its profit outlook, signaling efforts to cut costs are helping counter a decline in package volume. Adjusted earnings this fiscal year will be \$14.60 to \$15.20 a share, up from a prior forecast of no more than \$14, the Memphis, Tennessee-based company said. Analysts were expecting \$13.57 on average, according to estimates compiled by Bloomberg. “We’ve continued to move with urgency to improve efficiency, and our cost actions are taking hold, driving an improved outlook,” Chief Executive Officer Raj Subramaniam said in a statement on March 16, 2023. FedEx also revealed third-quarter profit that topped Wall Street’s expectations. Its shares surged 11% at 9:30 a.m. on March 17, 2023 in New York, the biggest intraday gain since June 14. The stock climbed 18% this year through Thursday’s close, well ahead of the S&P 500 Index’s increase. The better-than-expected report triggered a number of upgrades to stock-price targets, including from analysts at TD Cowen, Citi and Susquehanna Financial. Cowen’s

Helane Becker said in a note that FedEx is “well-positioned to see improving results in the second half of calendar 2023 and into 2024.” *FedEx soars most in nine months after boosting profit forecast, March 17, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### Four ways IT innovation will change supply chains in 2023

We all know we’ve been through two years of crazy upheaval and disruption, and yet it also feels like a golden age of innovation and technological advances. 2023 is going to be the most exciting year yet. Here’s my take on the technologies to watch in the year ahead. 1. Big data as a service (BDaaS); 2. More natural interactions with AI; 3. The rise of “prompt engineering”, 4. IoT delivers (fall in prices); and Data as the common thread.

*Four ways IT innovation will change supply chains in 2023, March 21, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### Eco-driving improvements boost safety, decrease collision risks

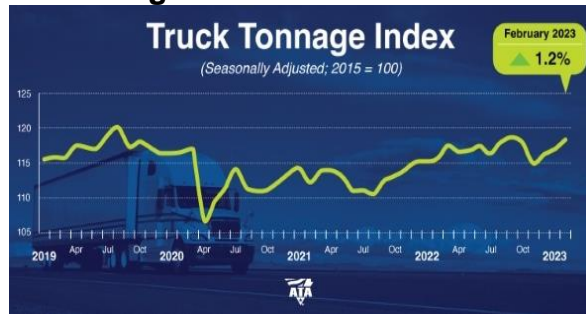


Source: Today's trucking

Eco-driving improvements can lower the risk of a collision or other critical events as well as reduce fuel bills, emerging Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) shows. They can lower insurance costs and increase productivity as well. Such improvements involve maintaining a steady speed, driving smoothly, shifting up sufficiently, and downshifting as late as possible, anticipating traffic, using cruise control, and using technology that offers real-time feedback, said Milad Delavary, TIRF research associate, during a webinar organized by Truckload Carriers Association.

Eco-driving improvements boost safety, decrease collision risks, March 21, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)

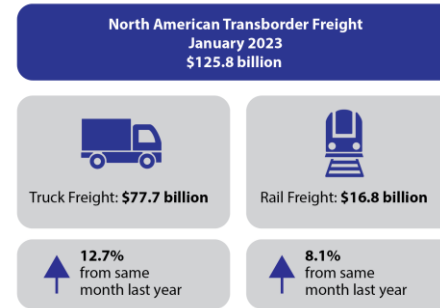
## ATA Truck Tonnage Index increased 1.2% in February



Source: AJOT

American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index rose 1.2% in February after increasing 0.6% in January. In February, the index equaled 118.4 (2015=100) compared with 117 in January. "Tonnage has increased sequentially for the last three months totaling 2.9 percent," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "As a result, the index is just 0.3 percent below the recent high in September. The fact that our index is growing sequentially and on a year-over-year basis demonstrates that contract freight continues to hold up at high levels. "Looking ahead, we continue to see evidence the inventory cycle is improving, which means bloated stocks will stop being a headwind and eventually help truck freight volumes," Costello said. "Increased infrastructure spending will also boost volumes heading into the summer months. However, we expect to see continued freight softness related to lower home construction and slowing factory output." Compared with February 2022, the SA index increased 2.3%, which was the eighteenth straight year-over-year gain, but the largest since October. In January, the index was up 1.4% from a year earlier. In 2022, compared with the average in 2021, tonnage was up 3.5%. *ATA Truck Tonnage Index increased 1.2% in February, March 21, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## North American Transborder Freight up 10.6% in January 2023 from January 2022



Source: BTS

Transborder freight by border between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico is as follows (January 2023 compared to January 2022): 1. Total transborder freight: \$125.8 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, up 10.6% compared to January 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada totaled \$61.8 billion, up 8.9% from January 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico totaled \$63.9 billion, up 12.3% from January 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$77.7 billion of freight, up 12.7% compared to January 2022; 5. Railways moved \$16.8 billion of freight, up 8.1% compared to January 2022; 6. Pipelines moved \$10.5 billion of freight, down 8.4% compared to January 2022; 7. Vessels moved \$10.4 billion of freight, up 16.9% compared to January 2022; 8. Air moved \$4.8 billion of freight, up 13.6% compared to January 2022. US-Canada trade in both directions is as follows: 1. Truck \$33b; 2. Rail \$9.3b; 3. Pipeline \$9.6b; 4. Vessel \$3b and 5. Air \$3b. *North American Transborder Freight up 10.6% in January 2023 from January 2022, March 22, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*





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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Travel between Canada and other countries, January 2023



Source: Statcan

In January 2023, the overall number of international arrivals to Canada—non-resident visitors and returning Canadian residents—reached over three-quarters (78.4%) of the level from January 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents of overseas countries took three times as many trips to Canada in January 2023, compared with the same month in 2022, and almost two-thirds (65.9%) of the trips taken in January 2020. US residents took 866,700 trips to Canada in January 2023. This was four times the number of trips taken in January 2022, and 72.1% of those taken in January 2020, before the pandemic. Canadian residents returned from 3.6 million trips abroad in January 2023, more than triple the number from January 2022 and over four-fifths (81.2%) of the pre-pandemic level from January 2020. The number of Canadian residents returning from the United States by air has exceeded its pre-pandemic level since September 2022. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit our new [Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard](#). For more current estimates of international arrivals to Canada, please see the "[Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada](#)" for the February 2023 reference month.

2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)

### US/WORLD

#### Biden-Harris Administration Funds Innovative Projects to Create Safer, More Equitable, Transportation Systems

On, March 21, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced the first round of grants totaling over \$94 million for 59 projects across the country through the new Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program. The competitive grant program, established by President Biden's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides State, local, and Tribal governments \$500 million over five years to leverage technology to create safer, more equitable, efficient, and innovative transportation systems.

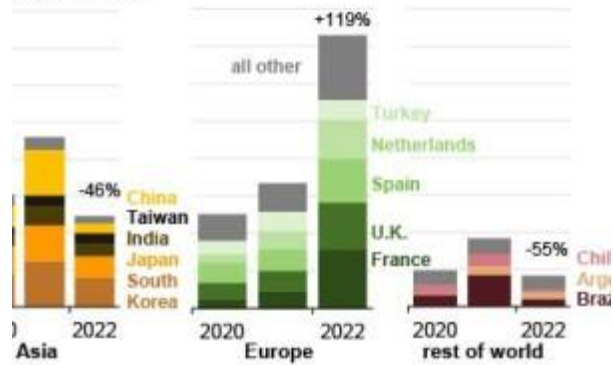
*Biden-Harris Administration Funds Innovative Projects to Create Safer, More Equitable, Transportation Systems, March 21, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

#### Europe was the main destination for U.S. LNG exports in 2022



**U.S. liquefied natural gas exports by destination (2020–2022)**

billion cubic feet per day



Source: AJOT

U.S. exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) averaged 10.6 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2022, increasing by 9% (0.8 Bcf/d) compared with 2021, according to our Natural Gas Monthly. The increase in U.S. LNG exports was driven by strong LNG demand in Europe, high international natural gas prices, and expanded U.S. liquefaction capacity. U.S. LNG exports to Europe increased 141%, or 4.0 Bcf/d, compared with 2021.

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**PANEL:**

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023**

4:30 pm - Registration  
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**CONFÉRENCE PRINTEMPS DE L'IALTAN 2023**

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023 @ 08:00 ET

**"SHIFTS, SHOCKS, AND PARADIGM POPS - CONFIGURING SUPPLY CHAINS FOR A CHANGING WORLD"**

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This will be a hybrid event which means that registrants can choose attend in-person at the KPMG Canada Office or online virtually through Teams. **\*Registration for in-person attendance will be due by Wednesday, May 3\***

**Schedule of events:**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	08:00 – 08:10 ET
SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 1 – 4	08:15 – 12:00 ET
LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER	12:00 – 13:15 ET
SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 5 – 7	13:15 – 16:15 ET
CLOSING REMARKS	16:15 – 16:30 ET

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**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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