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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Canada's Airports Celebrate Airports Safety Week



Source: CAC

Canadian Airports Safety Week is returning this year from September 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2022. Despite the ongoing challenges that airports are facing as the COVID-19 pandemic persists, airports are still prioritizing safety and working to commemorate this week with peer learning and sharing best practices. Canadian Airports Safety Week is held to promote healthy and safe work practices amongst airport employees. It is led by the Canadian Airports Council (CAC), in collaboration with 17 participating airports across the country.

*Canada's Airports Celebrate Airports Safety Week, September 9, 2022, [www.cacairports.ca](http://www.cacairports.ca)*

#### Government of Canada makes important investments at Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport

On September 8, 2022, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that the Government of Canada is making important safety investments at the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport.

Through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program, the Government of Canada is providing the airport with \$370,000 for the purchase of a sweeper, used to keep runways and taxiways clear of ice and snow.

*Government of Canada makes important investments at Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport, September 8, 2022, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

#### Minister Alghabra marks coming into force of new regulations on refund requirements for flight cancellations or lengthy delays outside of an air carrier's control

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, issued this statement on September 8, 2022 on new regulations by the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) to ensure Canadians' interests are protected when they travel by air: "Passengers have rights and they need to be respected. Our government was the one who put in place the *Air Passenger Protection Regulations* in 2019 to ensure their rights are safeguarded throughout their travel journey. "With travel volumes continuing to increase, I am very pleased to see that the Canadian Transportation Agency's new *Regulations Amending the Air Passenger Protection Regulations* are now in force. "Starting today, the new regulations, which amend Canada's existing *Air Passenger Protection Regulations*, apply to flights that are cancelled, or where there is a lengthy delay, for reasons outside of an air carrier's control, including major weather events or a pandemic, where it is not possible for the carrier to complete the passenger's journey within a reasonable time. "The COVID-19 pandemic revealed a gap in Canada's passenger protection framework, with flights delayed or cancelled due to situations outside an airline's control and where carriers could not rebook passengers within a reasonable time, like a global pandemic. These new regulations will correct this gap."

Minister Alghabra marks coming into force of new regulations on refund requirements for flight cancellations or lengthy delays outside of an air carrier's control, September 8, 2022, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

## ✈️ **Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, August 2022**

In August 2022, the number of international arrivals to Canada rose sharply from August 2021, continuing the recovery, but not yet reaching levels recorded before the COVID-19 pandemic. Compared with August 2021, there were over five times (835,800) as many non-resident visitors arriving from abroad at Canadian airports equipped with electronic kiosks. US residents took 1.1 million trips to Canada through land ports with electronic sensors in August 2022. This is the second consecutive month the number exceeded one million. At the same time, the 1.3 million Canadian residents returning by air from visiting abroad via kiosk-equipped airports was almost three times greater than in August 2021. Compared with August 2021, nearly 1.7 million more Canadian residents—for a total of nearly 2.0 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 August 2022. Complete counts for August will be available with the release of "Travel between Canada and other countries" on October 24, 2022.

*Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, August 2022, September 12, 2022, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## ✈️ **Air Canada re-certified to carry live animals**

Air Canada has become the first airline to be re-certified by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for the safe transport of live animals by Air Canada Cargo. IATA awarded Air Canada Cargo with the Center of Excellence for Independent Validators for Live Animals Logistics (CEIV Live Animals) recertification following successful completion of the verification process.

*Air Canada re-certified to carry live animals, September 15, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## ✈️ **Air Canada to Acquire 30 ES-30 Electric Regional Aircraft from Heart Aerospace**



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on September 15, 2022 announced a purchase agreement for 30 ES-30 electric-hybrid aircraft under development by Heart Aerospace of Sweden. The revolutionary regional aircraft, expected to enter service in 2028, will generate zero emissions flying on battery power and yield significant operational savings and benefits. Under the agreement, Air Canada has also acquired a US\$5 million equity stake in Heart Aerospace. "Air Canada has taken a leadership position in the industry to address climate change. The introduction into our fleet of the ES-30 electric regional aircraft from Heart Aerospace will be a step forward to our goal of net zero emissions by 2050," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada. "Already, Air Canada is supporting the development of new technologies, such as sustainable aviation fuels and carbon capture, to address climate change. We are now reinforcing our commitment by investing in revolutionary electric aircraft technology, both as a customer for the ES-30 and as an equity partner in Heart Aerospace." The ES-30 will allow Air Canada to serve regional and commuter routes more sustainably, providing low-emission connectivity to local communities over the medium-to-long term. It will be capable of carrying 30 passengers seated three across (in a 2X1 configuration), with a galley and lavatory.

*Air Canada to Acquire 30 ES-30 Electric Regional Aircraft from Heart Aerospace, September 15, 2022, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### 2022 2nd Quarter U.S. Airline Financial Data

2022 Net Profit: \$2.2 billion

▲ \$1.2B from 2021 Net Profit of \$1.0B



Scheduled Passenger Airlines

Source: BTS

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines reported a second-quarter 2022 after-tax net income of \$2.2 billion and a pre-tax operating income of \$4.7 billion. One year earlier, in the second quarter of 2021, the airlines reported an after-tax net income of \$1.0 billion and a pre-tax operating loss of \$3.6 billion.

*2022 2nd Quarter U.S. Airline Financial Data, September 13, 2022, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

### Porter secures sale and leaseback for 12 Embraer E195-E2 aircraft

Porter Aviation Holdings Inc.'s (Porter) wholly-owned subsidiary, Porter Aircraft Leasing Corp., has entered into sale and leaseback and pre-delivery payment (PDP) financing agreements for 12 Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. TrueNoord, and certain funds managed by affiliates of Apollo and serviced by Merx Aviation, are participating in separate transactions for six aircraft each. Porter has now secured lease agreements with five leasing companies for a total of 26 E195-E2s. These aircraft are part of Porter's original order for 30 E195-E2s. Aircraft deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2022.

*Porter secures sale and leaseback for 12 Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, September 15, 2022, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### CP and Unifor begin negotiations



Source: Financial Post

Talks between Unifor and CP Rail opened in Calgary on September 13, 2022. Both sides exchanged proposals and have dates booked in October 2022 to begin negotiations. The current collective agreement, with approximately 1,200 workers from British Columbia to Quebec, who service locomotives and freight cars, and produce track and freight car/locomotive components, is set to expire on December 31, 2022. Unifor said in a statement that its bargaining committee raised numerous issues, including the “heavy-handed disciplinary actions from the employer, wages, pensions, benefits, job security, contracting out and working conditions”. The union is also concerned about contracting-out and the need to re-invest CP record profits back into the workforce.

*CP and Unifor begin negotiations, September 14, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### CN Releases 2021 Sustainability Report Data Supplement

CN on September 14, 2022 published its 2021 sustainability report data supplement. Building on the Company’s full 2020 Delivering Responsibly Sustainability Report, the data supplement outlines key performance metrics in the areas of environment, safety, people, community and economy. Janet Drysdale, Vice-President, Financial Planning and Sustainability said “We are raising our level of ambition to deliver for a sustainable future, to make a meaningful difference for our people, our customers and the many communities where we operate.” The report includes CN’s ESG targets and the progress made in 2021

*CN Releases 2021 Sustainability Report Data Supplement, September 14, 2022, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### Railroads Prepping for Strike Action: AAR (UPDATED) and US rail unions say railroads manipulating shippers



Source: Railway Age



The six Class I freight railroads participating in national bargaining will begin taking steps as early as Sept. 12 to manage and secure shipments of hazardous and security-sensitive materials “in light of the possibility of a rail labor strike,” the Association of American Railroads (AAR) said the evening of Sept. 9. The SMART-Transportation Division (TD) and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen spoke out on Sept. 11, 2022. The heads of the two largest rail unions in the U.S. said freight railroads’ delaying shipments ahead of this week’s strike deadline is an attempt to get shippers to increase the pressure on Congress to block a work stoppage by imposing a contract. The heads of the unions that represent engineers and conductors – the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – Transportation Division union and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen union – issued a joint statement blasting the move, which the railroads announced late September 9, 2022. A strike or lockout won’t be allowed until September 16, 2022, but the railroads appear to be bracing for one by saying they would begin curtailing shipments of hazardous materials and other chemicals on September 12, 2022 to ensure carloads of those dangerous products won’t be stranded along the tracks if the trains stop moving. “The railroads are using shippers, consumers, and the supply chain of our nation as pawns in an effort to get our unions to cave into their contract demands knowing that our members would never accept them...”

*Railroads Prepping for Strike Action: AAR (UPDATED), September 11, 2022, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com); and US rail unions say railroads manipulating shippers, September 12, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.com](http://www.insidelogistics.com)*

## US government closely involved in rail talks as deadline nears and Freight railroads reach more tentative agreements



Source: AJOT

Freight railroads and their unions are facing increasing pressure from business groups and the White House to settle their contract dispute before Friday’s looming strike deadline. The pressure stems from concerns that halting railroad deliveries of raw materials and finished products that so many companies rely on would be, in the words of the head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an “economic disaster.” A White House official said President Joe Biden and members of his cabinet were in touch with the unions and railroads Monday as part of their efforts to avert a strike. The National Carriers’ Conference Committee (NCCC), which represents the nation’s freight railroads in national collective bargaining, on September 12, 2022 issued the following statement: We are pleased to announce that the nation’s freight railroads have reached tentative agreements with the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – Mechanical Department. The tentative agreements announced on September 12, 2022 follow the August 16 recommendations of Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) No. 250. They include a 24 percent wage increase during the five-year period from 2020 through 2024 — with a 14.1 percent wage increase effective immediately — and five annual \$1,000 lump sum payments. Portions of the wage increases and lump sum payments are retroactive and will be paid out promptly upon ratification of the agreements by the unions’ membership.

*US government closely involved in rail talks as deadline nears, September 13, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca); and Freight railroads reach more tentative agreements, September 12, 2022, [www.aot.com](http://www.aot.com)*

## Distributors call on labor unions to accept deal and put the nation first



Source: AJOT

The National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW), which represents the voice of the 7.4 trillion-dollar distribution industry, and employs more than 5 million U.S. workers, issued the following statement on September 14, 2022 in response to the impending freight rail strike “President Biden has proclaimed himself ‘the most pro-union President you’ve ever seen,’ and he (along with his cabinet officials) has personally intervened in attempting to broker an agreement between the nation’s largest railway carriers and the 12 unions representing the rail workers. Unfortunately, even as the rail carriers agreed to a highly generous 14.1% immediate wage increase (with a total increase of 24% by 2024) and significant increases to the union’s already robust benefits, the package still is not enough to prevent the rail workers union from threatening a strike that would cost the US economy more than \$2 billion a day,” said Seth M. Waugh, NAW Vice President, Government Relations. This approach by the unions will cause less stability to the individuals, businesses, and local municipalities who depend on their services and is causing delays in delivering critical and life-saving products across the United States. At the same time, union bosses are actively lobbying Congress to support the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act - a radical wishlist of labor policies that attempts to increase union membership at any cost while strengthening their hand at the bargaining table without regard to the damage the bill would do to the economy. It is time for labor bosses to come to the table in good faith to help our nation, rather than trying to help themselves,” concluded Seth M. Waugh, NAW Vice President, Government Relations.

*Distributors call on labor unions to accept deal and put the nation first, September 14, 2022, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### **BREAKING: Rail strike averted by tentative deal**

There will be no rail strike in the U.S. on September 16, 2022 as the key unions and negotiators for the railroads have reached a tentative agreement. The Association for American Railroads announced early on September 15, 2022 morning that tentative agreements had been reached with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – Transportation Division, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen. It was those unions, representing approximately 66,000 workers, that had yet to come to terms with the National Carriers Conference Committee representing the railroads. Other unions representing a smaller contingent of workers had reached agreement earlier. But the unions that agreed overnight were the largest group of employees still without a deal. If a nationwide rail strike had occurred, it would have been the first

in more than 30 years. The September 16, 2022 deadline was the result of an earlier cooling off period declared by the Biden administration in July. That period was to end on September 16. According to the AAR statement, the deal will give employees a 24% wage increase over five years between 2020 and 2024, and an \$11,000 payout to each union member upon ratification, which is still required.

*BREAKING: Rail strike averted by tentative deal, September 15, 2022, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### **Rail traffic for the week ending September 10, 2022**



Source: Railway Age

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on September 14, 2022 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending September 10, 2022. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 464,261 carloads and intermodal units, down 0.9 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending September 10 were 223,384 carloads, down 0.2 percent compared with the same week in 2021, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 240,877 containers and trailers, down 1.7 percent compared to 2021. Canadian railroads reported 76,704 carloads for the week, up 3.7 percent, and 67,703 intermodal units, up 7.9 percent compared with the same week in 2021. For the first 36 weeks of 2022, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,195,334 carloads, containers and trailers, down 2.5 percent.

*Rail traffic for the week ending September 10, 2022, September 14, 2022, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **ILWU Canada joins international cargo organization**

Canada's International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) (launched in 1948 to represent workers in British Columbia's ports sector) has joined the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA). ICHCA is an independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the safety, security, sustainability, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and goods movement by all modes and through all phases of national and international supply chains.

*ILWU Canada joins international cargo organization, September 13, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### **Strike notice served on Westshore Terminals**

On September 13, 2022 Westshore Terminals Limited Partnership received 72-hour strike notice from Local 502 of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). The notice affects Westshore's coal export terminal at Roberts Bank, British Columbia. Westshore has been in negotiations since October 2021 with Local 502 for a new collective agreement. The previous collective agreement and those of the two other ILWU Locals at the terminal expired January 31, 2022. The negotiations with Local 502 are the first of the three.

*Strike notice served on Westshore Terminals, September 14, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **Shipping lines and container owners in the US struggle to return empty containers to China**

Empty containers are piling up at the depots in the US and Europe; container owners struggle to return boxes to China amidst the peak shipping season. "The disruptions caused by piling up of empty containers in the US will not improve until 2023", Christian Roeloffs, Co-Founder and CEO, Container xChange. Shipping lines and container owners in North America (majorly in the US) are finding it difficult to return containers to China. To add to the present challenges, the US is also facing major trucking issues that are making cargo movement within the country difficult. The US is again in the spotlight according to the monthly container logistic report published on September 9, 2022 by Container xChange, a technology marketplace and operating platform for container logistic companies. "What is happening in the US is that there is already congestion, like every year, because it is the peak shipping season, and everyone is trying to make sure that retailers have enough inventory on the shelves for the upcoming holiday and Christmas season. The US West coast labour negotiations due to which many freight forwarders rerouted the cargo to the US East Coast have now caused congestion on the US East coast too. Hinterland complications like acute shortage of truckers and rail delays are adding to the woes. All in all, there are many challenges that will impact a smooth container movement into the peak season." said Christian Roeloffs, cofounder and CEO, Container xChange. "Empty containers piling up at the depots in the US and containers stuck on the sea (owing to the congestion) will contribute to capacity being tied up."

*Shipping lines and container owners in the US struggle to return empty containers to China, September 9, 2022, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



## Industry largely non-compliant with OSRA-22 demurrage invoice mandate



Source: JOC

A mandated “container available” data element related to demurrage fees is largely not being complied with yet as the shipping industry grapples with the immediate implications of OSRA-22.

*Industry largely non-compliant with OSRA-22 demurrage invoice mandate, September 9, 2022, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Major Chinese ports box volume growth slows to 2.5% in late August



Source: Seatrade News

Container volume at eight major Chinese ports increased 2.5% year-on-year in late August 2022 with growth having slowed from the period of

mid-August. Export container volume declined 2.2% while the domestic volume increased 17.4%. The ports of Dalian, Tianjin, Qingdao and Ningbo-Zhoushan all posted a growth rate of over 10%. Cargo throughput at major coastal hub ports also dropped 2.4%. The international trade cargo throughput declined 3.7% while domestic volume fell 1.23%.

*Major Chinese ports box volume growth slows to 2.5% in late August, September 16, 2022, [www.seatradenews.com](http://www.seatradenews.com)*

## Port of LA Cargo Volume Eases In August

After record-breaking cargo volume in 2021 and the first half of 2022, the import surge at the Port of Los Angeles slowed in August 2022. The Port handled an estimated 806,000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in August 2022, approximately 15% less than the same period a year ago. “Some goods that usually arrive in August for the fall and winter season shipped earlier to make sure they reached their destination in time,” Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka said at a news briefing. “Additionally, inflationary concerns and elevated inventory levels have made some retailers and e-commerce sellers more cautious. “We’ve been able to nearly eliminate the backlog of ships waiting to enter the port by 90% compared to earlier this year,” Seroka added. “We’ve got capacity on our terminals and the ability to handle cargo coming in more efficiently than last holiday season.” While official August 2022 cargo volume will be available soon on the Port’s website, Seroka offered estimates that are expected to change only slightly when final. August 2022 loaded imports reached an estimated 404,000 TEUs compared to the previous year, a decrease of about 17%. Loaded exports reached an estimated 100,000 TEUs, a 1% increase drop compared to last August. Empty containers landed at an estimated 301,000 TEUs, an 18% decline compared to last year. Eight months into 2022, the Port of Los Angeles has moved an estimated 7.2 million TEUs, about 1.6% down from last year’s record pace.

*Port of LA Cargo Volume Eases In August, September 16, 2022, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*





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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Wildfires shut roads, force detours in B.C.



Source: Today's Trucking

Wildfires caused road closures and detours in British Columbia as smoke filled the skies above the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. According to B.C. Wildfire Service, 191 wildfires continue to burn across the province. Highway 1 remained closed to eastbound traffic for about 32 km – from exit 138 at Bridal Falls Road to Flood Hope Road due to the Flood Falls wildfire, according to DriveBC. Eastbound vehicles were detoured via Highway 9 and Highway 7. Highway 1 remains open for westbound traffic. DriveBC also warned of a blaze between exit 160 at Hunter Creek Road and exit 170 and urged drivers not to stop to take photos or video.

*Wildfires shut roads, force detours in B.C., September 12, 2022, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

#### DHL Express Canada spending \$15M to add 110 EVs to ground fleet



Source: Today's Trucking

DHL Express will invest \$15M in Canada to update its ground fleet with 110 electric vehicles within the next 12 months. This investment will include the acquisition of the electric vehicles, charging stations and other related infrastructure. The first 10 electric vehicles – Class 6 medium-duty trucks with a range of 290 km per charge with a 252 kWh battery – will be active in Montreal by the end of 2022 to service 10 routes out of the Montreal–Trudeau International Airport.

*DHL Express Canada spending \$15M to add 110 EVs to ground fleet, September 14, 2022, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## More data needed on drug-impaired driving, report says



Source: Today's Trucking

The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction is calling for more data about the drug-impaired driving that it believes represents an increasing risk on Canadian roads. And some of it relates to commercial drivers. "Not enough is known about driving while impaired by drugs other than alcohol," the report authors concluded in *Minimizing the Impact of Drug-Impaired Driving*, which cites 34 indicators needed to better understand the issue. "What Canada does know about drug-impaired driving is concerning. Coroner and medical examiner reports reveal that nearly half of drivers who died in 2016 ... tested positive for impairing drugs," the report added. When it comes to commercial drivers, the advisory committee behind the recommendations identified the need for more data involving oral fluid tests for THC use; the day and time when drivers were stopped for the tests; different substance categories; and driver demographics such as gender and age groups. "Certain occupations are associated with increased risk of substance use and potential impairment due to their employment conditions or work environment, including drivers in the commercial vehicle industry," it said.

*More data needed on drug-impaired driving, report says, September 15, 2022, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## US/WORLD

## FedEx warns of worsening economy and pulls forecast; shares drop 16%



Source: Reuters

FedEx Corp on September 15, 2022 withdrew the financial forecast it issued just three months ago, saying a global demand slowdown accelerated at the end of August and was on pace to worsen in the November 2022 quarter. Shares in the global delivery firm tumbled more than 16% after it also reported revenue and profit for the first-quarter ended Aug. 31 that missed Wall Street targets. S&P 500 futures fell on September 15, 2022 as FedEx added to worries about a slowing global economy.

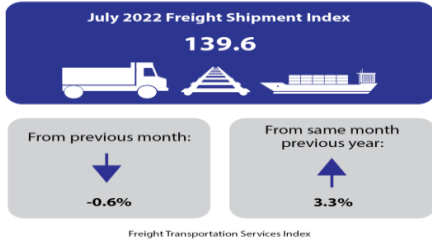
*FedEx warns of worsening economy and pulls forecast; shares drop 16%, September 16, 2022, [www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com)*

## Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1.5 Billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for 26 Transportation Projects Nationwide

On September 15, 2022, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded \$1.5 billion from the popular Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) competitive grant program for highway, multimodal freight and rail projects that will make the nation's transportation systems safer and more resilient, eliminate supply chain bottlenecks, and improve critical freight movements. President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law increased funding for the INFRA program by more than 50 percent to help meet high demand for federal funding to support projects across the country. Over the next five years, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide approximately \$8 billion for the INFRA program, including the \$1.5 billion made available in this round of funding.

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1.5 Billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for 26 Transportation Projects Nationwide, September 15, 2022, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## July 2022 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI)



### Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.6% in July 2022 from June 2022, falling after two months of consecutive growth, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). From July 2021 to July 2022 the index rose 3.3%

*July 2022 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), September 15, 2022, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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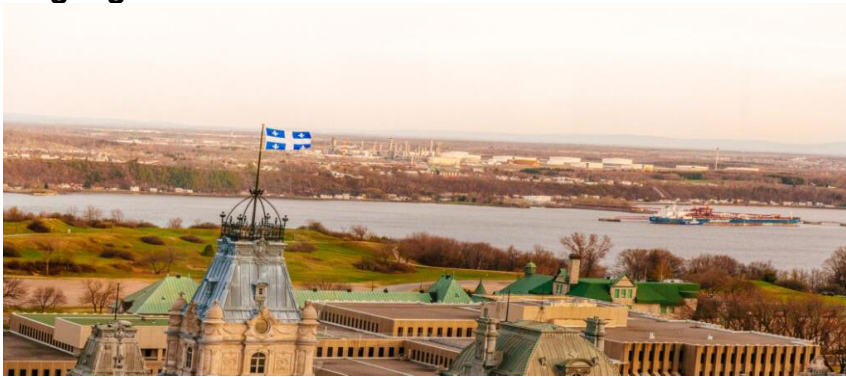
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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Quebec employers fear losing workers over French language law



Source: Today's Trucking

While immigration is seen as a way to alleviate the labor shortage that has hit Quebec's trucking industry hard, Bill 96 – which promotes the use of French in the province — is causing concern among foreign workers. “With the new Bill 96, many English-speaking workers are thinking of leaving for other provinces because they are not able to learn French,” said Mélanie Labonté, director of operations at Audet Immigration, in a presentation to the 29th annual Congress of the Association des mandataires en vérification mécanique du Québec. Employers have begun to receive resignations from foreign workers, including truck drivers and heavy vehicle mechanics, who fear they will be sent back because of the French language requirements within Bill 96. As a result of this trend, employers are turning more to immigrant workers who already speak French.

*Quebec employers fear losing workers over French language law, September 12, 2022, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

#### Canadian Tourism Activity Tracker, June 2022

In June 2022, overall tourism activity in Canada was 17.2% below the level reached in June 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. With the exception of a temporary pause in January 2022 due to the Omicron variant, tourism activity has steadily recovered each month since May 2021. Both domestic and inbound travel contributed to the overall increase in tourism activity across the country during June 2022, resulting in the highest recovery level since the onset of the pandemic. Visit the Canadian Tourism Activity Tracker visualization tool to interact with the data.

*Canadian Tourism Activity Tracker, June 2022, September 13, 2022, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Canada's manufacturing numbers show supply chain issues resolving

Global shipping costs and delivery times are on the decline. This has contributed to the price of goods manufactured in Canada declining for the third straight month in July 2022, leading to a decline in nominal manufacturing sales. After manufacturing sales volumes increased last month, volumes ticked up again in July 2022, according to the Conference Board of Canada's most recent manufacturing survey. In dollar terms, Canadian manufacturing sales fell by 0.9 percent (month over month), the third straight monthly decline, but rose by 17.5 per cent (year over year) in July 2022.

*Canada's manufacturing numbers show supply chain issues resolving, September 15, 2022, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



## US/WORLD

### **Address gender bias in transport to meet climate targets, says new ITF report with FIA Foundation**

A lack of gender diversity in its workforce and leadership is undermining the transport sector's net zero carbon targets, warns a new report by the International Transport Forum (ITF), supported by the FIA Foundation. The study examines the linkages between gender equality, transport and climate change to better understand the development of policies that can achieve both gender equality and decarbonising transport goals by 2050. Drawing on in-depth one-on-one interviews with individuals from four ITF member countries and two ITF Corporate Partnership Board members, the report provides guiding principles with specific actions to help countries and companies align their gender equality and decarbonising transport and identify examples of existing good practice.

*Address gender bias in transport to meet climate targets, says new ITF report with FIA Foundation, September 15, 2022, [www.itf-oecd.org](http://www.itf-oecd.org)*



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Please join us on Wednesday, October 5 at 13:00 ET/10:00 PT/12:00 CT/ 18:00 UK for a webinar co-presented by the Chartered Institute Logistics and Transport North America (CILTNA), [AloT Canada](#), [CAVCOE](#), [Intelligent Transportation Society of Canada \(ITS Canada\)](#) and [Vitesse](#)

With the unprecedented supply chain disruptions caused by a pandemic and war, our supply chains face new realities and challenges to do things differently. Can we leverage the promise of connected and autonomous vehicles for Automated Freight to overcome supply chain problems, and how? Will Automated Freight be the first of the Automated Transportation subsegments to roll out at scale by addressing this real-world problem, paving the way for later Passenger Autonomous Transportation adoption?

Join us to learn about Canadian and global initiatives in Automated Freight transportation and why and how we can progress with it to move cargo to and from our ports, city to city, and the last mile. Hear industry and government speakers' presentations and a panel discussion on actualizing Automated Freight's full potential and benefits for Canada.

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This is also your opportunity to ask questions and offer input toward solutions.

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/webinar-supply-chain-and-automated-freight-in-canada/>

The video recording and speaker presentations from the September 15 Webinar “Creating Strategic Value Through Sustainability” are now available.

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US Chapter of CILTNA Presents:  
**On Time Performance (OTP) & Operator Retention/Recruitment**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022  
90 Minute Webinar  
7 PM ET/ 6 PM CT/4 PM PT

Moderated by: **Andrew Young**  
CMILT, US Chapter Chair

**Arthur Gaudet** FCILT, President,  
Arthur N. Gaudet & Associates, Inc.

Please join the US Chapter for: “Transit On Time Performance (OTP) & Operator Retention/Recruitment” with **Arthur Gaudet**, FCILT, happening on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7 pm ET/ 6 pm CT/ 4 pm PT (estimated duration is 90 minutes).

Operator Retention and Recruitment remains a national challenge. Of OTP's "5 Musts," 4 are Operator related. The U.S. Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport will host a free 90-minute presentation with industry expert Arthur Gaudet FCILT to discuss multiple tactics to address this problem.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/otp-operator-retention-event/>

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\* **The Freight and Marine Young Members Council (YMC-FM)** would like to invite all current or potential Young Members (35 and younger) to submit an abstract (500 words or less) for participation in a special lightning talk and poster session for young professionals at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Research Board Meeting in Washington, DC during January of 2023.

This session is designed to provide young professionals and students with the opportunity to share in-progress work in the freight and marine areas. Interested applicants should review the attached Call for Submissions, and submit the completed application **by September 23, 2022, to Majbah Uddin at [uddinm@ornl.gov](mailto:uddinm@ornl.gov)**. The document contains all relevant information about participating in this TRB special session and can be found at the following link: <https://ciltna.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2023-TRB-YMC-FM-WIP-Call-for-Submissions.pdf>

Should you have any questions regarding this session or the submission process, please feel free to contact Majbah Uddin ([uddinm@ornl.gov](mailto:uddinm@ornl.gov)), YMC-FM Subcommittee Chair.

## **Job Postings**

### **\* 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

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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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