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✈️ Halifax airport sees cargo recovery

Cargo Processed at Halifax Stanfield

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Volume (metric tonnes)	36,938	41,129	32,984	34,769	36,979
Value - exports only (CAD)	\$437 million	\$621 million	\$467 million	\$496 million	\$540 million

Source: Inside Logistics

Halifax Stanfield International Airport had its second-best year ever for cargo in 2022, surpassing 2018 levels for the first time. The airport processed 36,979 tonnes of cargo, up 6.4 percent from 2021 and 12.1 percent from 2020. The value of products exported from the airport in 2022 was \$540 million, up 8.9 percent from 2021 and 15.8 percent from 2020. "While our passenger activity has been slower to recover, cargo is showing strong signs of improvement, with 2022 representing one of the best years for cargo activity in the airport's history," said Joyce Carter, president and CEO, Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA).

Halifax airport sees cargo recovery, April 14, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

✈️ Committee's air passenger rights report calls for major reforms, praised as 'very strong' by advocate



Source: National Post

A parliamentary committee has recommended sweeping changes to Canada's air passenger rights framework, including tougher enforcement and compensation rules around flight delays. Tabled on April 18, 2023, the report comes after chaotic travel seasons over the summer and winter holidays brought on by soaring demand, labour shortages and poor weather. Its 21 recommendations include bigger monetary penalties for airlines, smoother processing of compensation claims and automatic payout offers for customers after significant flight disruptions or denial of boarding.

Committee's air passenger rights report calls for major reforms, praised as 'very strong' by advocate, April 19, 2023, www.nationalpost.ca

✈️ WestJet Group statement regarding ALPA strike authorization vote

The WestJet Group on April 18, 2023 issued the following statement regarding the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) announcement of the results of the strike authorization vote to WestJet pilots. "A strike authorization vote is a common step by unions in context of the overall labour negotiation process and does not mean a strike will occur," said Diederik Pen, WestJet Group Chief Operating Officer. "We remain unwaveringly committed to achieving an agreement that is competitive within Canada's airline industry and ensures we have a long-term sustainable future so that we can continue to operate critical air service for millions of Canadians, while providing jobs for thousands at the WestJet Group."

WestJet Group statement regarding ALPA strike authorization vote, April 18, 2023, www.westjet.ca

✈️ Minister of Transport announces study on airport capacity needs in Southern Ontario

On April 18, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that Transport Canada has issued a Request for

Proposals to hire an aviation professional services contractor to help the department analyze current and future airport supply and demand in Southern Ontario. The contractor will assist Transport Canada officials in scoping the requirements for a comprehensive study of airport capacity in Southern Ontario, as well as a formal consultation process. Following the scoping of work for the study, Transport Canada will post a second Request for Proposals to engage a third-party contractor to undertake the study as well as the consultation.

Minister of Transport announces study on airport capacity needs in Southern Ontario, April 18, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

✈️ Air Canada Cargo's First Freighter Flight to Basel Touches Down



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada and Air Canada Cargo mark the start of freighter operations to Basel, Switzerland, connecting one of Europe's premiere pharmaceutical hubs to the carrier's extensive network through its Toronto global hub. The flights will operate twice per week using Air Canada Cargo's Boeing 767 freighters. "We are excited to be returning to Basel, this time with our freighters, to serve a key market in Europe for pharmaceuticals. The capability of our freighters, combined with our temperature-controlled containers and cool chain facility at our Toronto global hub position us to serve this critical market with reliable, year-round service, and ensure these important shipments can move safely and in a timely manner throughout our global network," said Matthieu Casey, Managing Director, Commercial at Air Canada Cargo. Air Canada Cargo's Basel service is the latest addition to its worldwide freighter network, following recently launched freighter services to Liege, Belgium; Dallas, Atlanta and Bogota.

Air Canada Cargo's First Freighter Flight to Basel Touches Down, April 20, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group celebrate inauguration of dedicated freighter in Toronto



Source: WestJet

WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group on April 20, 2023 celebrated the inauguration of the first of three 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighters in Toronto alongside integral business partners and key stakeholders. The event was commemorated by a ribbon cutting at WestJet's Toronto hangar, signifying the launch of WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group's dedicated freighter service that will fulfill the large-scale needs of businesses, freight forwarders, shippers and individual customers across North America. WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group's Toronto celebration is the first of three inaugural events, taking place across Canada, with events in Halifax and Vancouver, to follow, respectively. "We are thrilled to be celebrating this long-awaited milestone in Toronto, a core hub for WestJet Cargo and home of the GTA Group," said Kirsten de Bruijn, WestJet Executive Vice-President, Cargo. "As Canada's largest global hub, Toronto is a vital destination for our dedicated freighter operation that will enable WestJet Cargo to plug into a vast network of cargo entering the country and allow us to seamlessly execute the distribution of this cargo to its final destination across Canada."

WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group celebrate inauguration of dedicated freighter in Toronto, April 20, 2023, www.westjet.ca

✈️ The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to Flair

On April 20, 2023, the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued an administrative monetary penalty (AMP) of \$82,500 against Flair. In October 2022, Flair Airlines Ltd. damaged an electric wheelchair during transport. The airline failed to immediately provide the passenger with a suitable temporary replacement at the person's destination, and failed to arrange for the prompt and adequate repair of

the wheelchair, thereby contravening subsections 155(1) and (2) of the Air Transportation Regulations.

The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to Flair, April 20, 2023, www.otc-cta.gc.ca

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Aeroplan and Parkland Join Together to Launch New Loyalty Partnership



Source: Air Canada

Canada's Aeroplan, Canada's leading travel loyalty program, and Parkland Corporation, the company behind popular Canadian fuel and convenience store brands Chevron, Ultramar, Pioneer, Fas Gas, ON the RUN and Marché Express are pleased to announce a new loyalty partnership that will launch in the fall of 2023. "We are thrilled to come together with the Parkland family of brands to offer Aeroplan members a new way to earn and redeem points in their everyday lives," said Mark Nasr, President of Aeroplan. "Our members have long been asking for a fuel partner, and Parkland's extensive reach across Canada, their best-in-class retail experience, and their investments in low carbon fuels and EV charging infrastructure, make them the perfect fit." "Our strategic partnership with Aeroplan unites two great Canadian loyalty programs and propels Parkland's loyalty and organic growth strategies," said Parkland Canada President, Ian White.

Aeroplan and Parkland Join Together to Launch New Loyalty Partnership, April 18, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

IATA Disappointed with Canada's 2023 Federal Budget



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) expressed disappointment at the lack of positive measures to strengthen and enhance Canada's air transport system and global competitiveness in the country's 2023 Federal Budget. "IATA was hopeful that the Federal Budget would include measures to support the recommendations from the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. Unfortunately that was not the case," wrote Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General, in a letter to Canada's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and to the Minister of Transport. In his [letter](#), Walsh welcomed the proposal to provide C\$1.8 billion over five years to the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) to maintain and increase its level of service, reduce passenger screening wait times and strengthen security measures at airports. "However this has come with a proposed 33% increase in the Air Travellers Security Charge (ATSC). This makes air travel even less affordable for all Canadians," wrote Walsh. *IATA Disappointed with Canada's 2023 Federal Budget, April 14, 2023, www.iata.org*

United announces largest South Pacific expansion in aviation history, including new direct flight to Christchurch, New Zealand





Source: AJOT

United Airlines on April 18, 2023 announces the largest South Pacific network expansion ever to and from the continental U.S., including the first non-stop flight between San Francisco and Christchurch set to commence on December 1, 2023. United will be the only carrier to directly connect the U.S. and the South Island of New Zealand. With 66 flights between the US and Australia/New Zealand every week, United will operate nearly 40% more flights from the U.S. to Australia and New Zealand next northern winter versus last year. The carrier is adding new direct flights from Los Angeles to Brisbane and Auckland and increasing service to the region from its San Francisco hub with daily flights to Brisbane, twice daily flights to Sydney and flying larger aircraft to Melbourne. And thanks to United's relationships with Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia, travelers can enjoy easy one-stop connections from these cities to more than 50 destinations in the region.

United announces largest South Pacific expansion in aviation history, including new direct flight to Christchurch, New Zealand, April 18, 2023, www.ajot.com

2022 Annual Average Domestic Air Fares Increases from 2021

U.S. Annual Average Domestic Fares

2022: \$378
From 2021:  14.1%
From 2019:  -6.2%



Source: BTS

The 2022 annual average domestic itinerary air fare of \$378 increased 14.1% from the 2021 inflation-adjusted annual fare of \$332. The 2022 annual fare was down 6.2% from 2019, the last full pre-pandemic calendar year (\$403). In 2022, 317.9 million originating passengers traveled on U.S. airlines, up from 243.8 million in 2021 and 130.8 million in 2020, and down from 331.3 million in 2019.

2022 Annual Average Domestic Air Fares Increases from 2021, April 18, 2023, www.bts.gov



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CN Launches New Tool to Help its Customers Calculate Greenhouse Gas Emissions

CN announces the launch of a new self-service, sustainability tool, My Carbon Emissions. CN was first to launch the Carbon Calculator, 13 years ago, to give customers visibility into their estimated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and emissions savings using rail transportation. Now, this new tool, available on the CN One eBusiness platform, provides customers with a detailed report of their estimated GHG emissions based on all their loaded shipments moved on CN, as well as the emissions avoided by choosing rail over truck. These insights into the environmental benefits of shipping via CN's transcontinental network empowers customers to make data driven decisions that support their climate objectives. As more companies are looking to quantify, and ultimately, lower their transportation GHG emissions, the information now available will allow customers to easily access and understand part of their Scope 3 emissions. It will also help identify opportunities for them to make more environmentally friendly transportation decisions. It demonstrates CN's commitment to innovate and offer solutions for its customers' evolving needs.

CN Launches New Tool to Help its Customers Calculate Greenhouse Gas Emissions, April 17, 2023, www.cn.ca

CPKC Drives Ceremonial Final Spike, Joining Three Nations



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on April 14 2023 became the first single-line, transnational railway connecting Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, marked by a ceremonial Final Spike driving in Kansas City, Mo. The new transnational railroad also broke ground on a new yard office, the future location of its U.S. operations center. The merger of Class I railroads Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) to form CPKC was authorized by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on March 15, 2023. With its global headquarters in Calgary, Alta., Canada, CPKC describes itself as “the only railway connecting North America and has unrivalled port access on coasts around the continent, from Vancouver to Atlantic Canada to the Gulf of Mexico to Lázaro Cárdenas on Mexico’s Pacific coast.” The smallest of the now six U.S. Class I railroads by revenue, the newly combined company operates approximately 20,000 miles of rail and employs close to 20,000 people, and is expected to be fully integrated over the next three years. Keith Creel, formerly CP President and CEO, is now President and CEO of CPKC. Pat Ottensmeyer, previously KCS President and CEO, will continue as an advisor to Creel through the remainder of 2023 “to ensure continuity on key initiatives predominantly involving the combined company and Mexico.” Both are former *Railway Age* Railroaders of the Year, sharing the honor in 2022 and independently honored in 2021 (Creel) and 2020 (Ottensmeyer).

Subject to final appointment by the CPKC Board of Directors is the 11-member executive leadership team, all reporting to Creel. CPKC Drives Ceremonial Final Spike, Joining Three Nations, April 14, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Railway carloadings, February 2023



Source: Statcan

In February 2023, Canadian railways transported 28.5 million tonnes of freight, up 5.0% from February 2022 on the strength of increasing grain shipments, marking the 10th straight month of year-over-year growth. The volume of freight carried in February 2023 was well above the five-year average for the month, breaking the record of 27.4 million tonnes established in the same month in 2021. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the "Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard." The increase in total freight carried in February was driven by higher volumes of domestic non-intermodal loadings (mainly commodities) since both intermodal loadings (mainly containers) and freight traffic from connections with American railways fell.

Railway carloadings, February 2023, April 19, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

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BNSF, NS Reach Labor Agreements



Source: Railway Age

BNSF on April 17, 2023 announced that it will grant individual paid sick days to its railroaders who are Brotherhood of Railway Carmen (BRC) members. The same day, Norfolk Southern (NS) reported reaching a paid sick leave agreement with the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS). At BNSF, BRC members will receive an additional four paid days off to use as sick days and gain the ability to convert up to three personal leave days to sick days each year, according to the Class I, which noted that "specific details regarding these new sick days will be provided to affected team members." The move builds on existing BNSF paid time off and sickness benefits. BNSF reported that it "remains committed to continued dialogue including the potential addition of paid sick days for those crafts that did not already have individual paid sick days prior to the recent national bargaining round." *BNSF, NS Reach Labor Agreements, April 18, 2023, www.railwayage.com*

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 15 Weeks



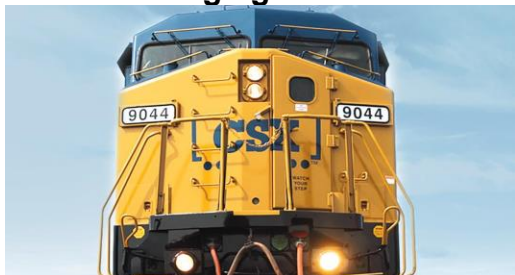
Source: Railway Age

For the first 15 weeks of 2023 (ending April 15), total U.S. weekly rail traffic dipped 3.9% from the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) April 19, 2023 report. Both Canada and Mexico saw increases, while the U.S. experienced a

decline. North American rail volume for the first 15 weeks of the year (ending April 15) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads came in at 9,601,378 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers. Cumulative volume in Canada was 2,097,986 carloads and intermodal units, up 0.7%; in Mexico, 566,804 carloads and intermodal units, up 2.4%; and in the U.S. 6,936,588 carloads and intermodal units, down 5.7%. For the week ending April 15, 2023, Canadian railroads reported 82,319 carloads for the week, up 9.0%, and 60,931 intermodal units, down 14.8% compared with the same week in 2022.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 15 Weeks, April 19, 2023, www.railwayage.com

CSX 1Q23: 'An Encouraging Start to the Year'



Source: Railway Age

“CSX had an encouraging start to the year as the efforts of our dedicated railroaders resulted in strong earnings growth,” said President and CEO Joe Hinrichs during the Class I’s financial report on April 20. “Our ONE CSX initiatives are driving positive engagement among our employees and customers, which is lifting our service performance and providing us with exciting opportunities to win business and move more freight while maintaining our fundamental commitment to safe operations,” Hinrichs added. CSX reported first-quarter 2023 operating income of \$1.46 billion compared to \$1.28 billion in the prior year period; net earnings of \$987 million, or \$0.48 per share, compared to \$859 million, or \$0.39 per share, in the same period last year.

CSX 1Q23: 'An Encouraging Start to the Year', April 20, 2023, www.railwayage.com



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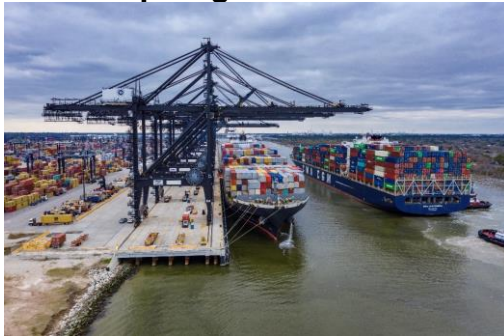
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Steady container export growth for Port Houston



Source: AJOT

Activity across Port Houston's docks remains steady through March 2023 with total tonnage through the eight public terminals up 4% year to date, reaching 12,850,330 short tons. Amidst a nationwide softening of imports, in March 2023, Port Houston continued to see significant demand in loaded export containers. Loaded export volumes at Port Houston reached 349,964 TEUs year-to-date, an increase of 26% in the first quarter of this year compared to last and 10% up compared to March 2022. In fact, this was the highest monthly volume for loaded exports in Port Houston's history. Empty import volumes also increased by 111% for the month compared to March 2022, as carriers reposition containers to Houston to meet the high demand for resin and petrochemical exports. Port Houston is the nation's number one port for resins exports, with a 59% share of U.S. resins exports and 73% share of U.S. PE exports in 2022. Despite a 3% decline in total TEUs in March 2023, container volumes through Port Houston are on track to hit 1 million TEUs earlier in the year than ever before. In Q1 2023, Port Houston handled 934,031 TEUs, or an increase of 3% compared to last year. "We continue to see the

softening of import demand across the U.S. and in Houston as well, where loaded import container TEUs at Port Houston's terminals were down 12% in March. However, total throughput is offset by the strong export market we have in Houston and our ability to provide both export and import customers excellent customer service, skilled labor, and an efficient gateway," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston.

Steady container export growth for Port Houston, April 17, 2023, www.ajot.com

Port of Long Beach reports 30% plunge in Q1 container volumes



Source: Seatrade

The Southern Californian gateway port of Long Beach saw a 30% drop in container volumes in the first quarter of the year. The Port of Long Beach handled 1.72m teu in the first quarter of 2023 down some 30% on the same three-month period in 2022. The sharp drop in volumes reflects a normalisation of the container trades, high inventory stocks built up by US importers last year, lower US consumer spending, and as a result a drop in exports from China. In March 2023 the port handled 603,878 teu down 30% on a record March volume in 2022.

Port of Long Beach reports 30% plunge in Q1 container volumes, April 20, 2023, www.seatrade-maritime.com

Nearly 2,500 pieces of military cargo, including nearly 100 aircraft, move through JAXPORT



Source: AJOT

The Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) recently facilitated the movement of nearly 2,500 pieces of U.S. military cargo, including almost 100 aircraft. The move took place during two shipments over the past month at the port's Blount Island Marine Terminal. The U.S. Army's South Carolina-based 841st Transportation Battalion managed logistics in support of the Georgia-based 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), 3rd Infantry Division. Terminal operator SSA Atlantic provided stevedoring services by loading a first vessel bound for Europe to support the United States' commitment to NATO allies and partners. Additionally, a second vessel transported cargo to the Middle East to support Department of Defence initiatives in the region.

Nearly 2,500 pieces of military cargo, including nearly 100 aircraft, move through JAXPORT, April 19, 2023, www.ajot.com

Drewry World Container Index - 20 Apr

The latest Drewry WCI composite index of \$1,774 per 40-foot container is now 83% below the peak of \$10,377 reached in September 2021. It is 34% lower than the 10-year average of \$2,688, indicating a return to more normal prices, but remains 25% higher than average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rates of \$1,420. The composite index increased by 4% to \$1,773.58 per 40ft container, but is 77% lower than the same week in 2022. Transpacific eastbound rates rose, reflecting the General Rate Increases implemented by carriers from mid-April. Freight rates on Shanghai – New York gained 12% or \$297 to \$2,849 per feu. Rates on Shanghai – Los Angeles surged 11% or \$182 to settle at \$1,856 per 40ft box. Rates on Shanghai – Genoa inched up by 1% to \$2,268 per 40ft container. However, rates on New York – Rotterdam fell 5% to \$969 per feu. Rates on Rotterdam – Shanghai and Los Angeles – Shanghai dropped 4% each to \$618 and \$1,009 per 40ft box, respectively. Rates on Rotterdam – New York have now

decreased for 19 consecutive weeks and saw a weekly drop of 1% to \$4,881 per 40ft container. Rates on Shanghai – Rotterdam hovered around the previous week's level. Drewry expects East-West spot rates on routes other than the transatlantic to rise in the next few weeks.

Drewry World Container Index - 20 Apr, April 20, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Ontario Investing in Municipal Road and Bridge Repairs

The Ontario government is providing \$30 million to support municipal road and bridge repairs in 21 municipalities across the province. The funding is being delivered through the Connecting Links program and will help to connect people to jobs, support the movement of goods and spur economic growth. "We are investing in municipal roads and bridges to help municipalities make needed infrastructure improvements that will keep our communities moving safely and efficiently everyday," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "This funding is part of our government's plan to create a strong Ontario, connecting more people to jobs, housing and economic opportunities across the province."

Ontario Investing in Municipal Road and Bridge Repairs, April 14, 2023, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Urban public transit, February 2023



Source: Statistics Canada

In February 2023, the number of urban transit passengers in Canada reached 113.2 million passenger trips. The recovery rate of ridership

in February 2023 remained under three-quarters (73.6%) of its pre-COVID-19 pandemic February 2019 level. As in January 2023, urban transit ridership in February 2023 was able to recover almost three-quarters (73.6%) of its pre-pandemic February 2019 volume, which equates to 40.6 million fewer rides than the number recorded that month. Transit ridership typically dips 1.6% from January to February, in part due to fewer calendar days. This February, there was a 3.7% drop in passengers despite Canada's unemployment rate (5.0%) remaining near a record low, according to the Labour Force Survey. In February 2023, transit agency operating revenues (excluding subsidies) were up 48.1% from the same month in 2022 to \$264.9 million, but still 20.9%, or \$69.8 million, below the pre-pandemic February 2019 level.

Urban public transit, February 2023, April 14, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Lion inaugurates Quebec battery plant



Source: Today's Trucking

Lion Electric has inaugurated its Mirabel, Que., plant where it will produce lithium-ion batteries for its trucks and buses. The 175,000 sq.-ft. facility is located near the Mirabel airport. The batteries

produced there will go into vehicles produced in Saint-Jerome, Que., and Joliet, Ill. “I am incredibly proud that we have reached this significant milestone in Lion Electric’s journey,” said company founder and CEO Marc Bedard.

Lion inaugurates Quebec battery plant, April 17, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca



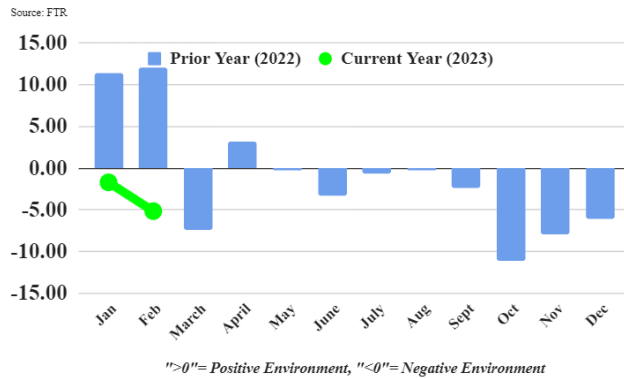
Source: Inside Logistics

Lion Electric has opened its new manufacturing factory that will produce lithium-ion batteries for medium and heavy-duty vehicles in Mirabel, Quebec. The first of its kind in Canada, this recently built 175,000-square-foot facility located at the YMX International Aerocity, will power electric vehicles assembled by Lion at its Saint-Jérôme, Quebec, and Joliet, Illinois, manufacturing plants. Following the installation of the initial portion of the battery assembly line in Mirabel, production of the first battery pack was completed at the end of 2022. Final certification of the first battery pack model is expected in the first half of 2023, followed by a gradual production ramp-up in 2023.

Lion Electric opens EV battery plant in Mirabel, April 18, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



Trucking conditions weakened in February



Source: Today's Trucking

Weaker freight rates and volumes caused trucking conditions to deteriorate in February 2023, according to the latest FTR Trucking Conditions Index (TCI). The -5.17 reading was down from -1.71 in January 2023, with negative conditions more than offsetting some slight improvements in utilization and fuel costs. FTR anticipates trucking conditions will remain in negative territory until well into 2024. “While market conditions for trucking companies weakened in February 2023, the relatively better – though still negative – TCI in January was the outlier,” said Avery Vise, FTR’s vice-president of trucking.

Trucking conditions weakened in February, April 17, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca



Lion Electric opens EV battery plant in Mirabel



Government of Canada announces funding to improve trade activities in Annapolis Valley First Nation and in King’s County

On April 17, 2023, Member of Parliament for Kings–Hants, Kody Blois, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of up to nearly \$22 million under the National Trade Corridors Fund, to enable internal trade activities, including agricultural exports, in Annapolis Valley First Nation and in King’s County. One of the project’s objectives is to make lands available for potential future development. This effort is expected to support the development of a business park that could attract dozens of local businesses, bringing direct benefits to the economies of Annapolis Valley First Nation and King’s County.

Government of Canada announces funding to improve trade activities in Annapolis Valley First Nation and in King’s County, April 17, 2023, www.gc.ca



Transport Canada announces that Hyundai Auto

Canada Corporation has pleaded guilty to criminal charges for violating the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*

On April 18, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. pleaded guilty to six different counts of criminal charges of violating the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. The six guilty pleas were all for failing to send out notices of safety defect within 60 days. The company will also pay a fine of \$360,000 for these charges. The safety defects in question are related to six recalls issued by Hyundai in 2020 and 2021. These defects were serious in nature.

Transport Canada announces that Hyundai Auto Canada Corporation has pleaded guilty to criminal charges for violating the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, April 18, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

First Loblaw electric transport hits the road in Montreal

Loblaw Companies Limited has put its first heavy-duty fully electric transport truck on the road. The vehicle is a battery-electric Freightliner eCascadia manufactured by Daimler Truck North America (DTNA) – the first series production eCascadia handed over to a customer in Canada, and one of five Loblaw expects to put into service in the months ahead. The first electric truck will make daily runs between Loblaw’s distribution centre in Boucherville, Quebec, and Loblaw stores in the Greater Montreal Area, which include Provigo, Provigo Le Marche, and Maxi. The trucks will get up to 370 kilometres per charge while hauling up to 82,000 pounds of gradually diminishing gross weight, and will return to the Boucherville distribution centre’s new charging station to recharge daily.

First Loblaw electric transport hits the road in Montreal, April 18, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

GLS Canada to introduce Lion6 electric trucks



Source: Today's Trucking

GLS Canada – a provider of parcel, freight and logistics services – is purchasing four Lion6 battery-electric trucks for final mile deliveries. “It brings us joy to support a local business and promote the local economy all while reducing our carbon footprint,” GLS Canada president Rick Barnes said in a press release, referring to the Quebec-headquartered Lion Electric. The fleet itself is looking to generate zero emissions by 2045.

GLS Canada to introduce Lion6 electric trucks, April 20, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$1 Billion for Local Communities to Improve Roadway Safety

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has opened the process for cities, towns, counties, Tribal governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to apply directly for a total of \$1.177 billion to fund local projects that improve roadway safety. The funds are from the competitive grant program, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), which was created in President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities both plan and carry out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. Funding can be targeted toward known high-crash areas, which are easier than ever to identify thanks to an interactive tool created by DOT. Locally driven solutions can include everything from improving sidewalks and adding high-visibility crosswalks, to reconfiguring intersections. More than 500 communities received funding for planning and projects from first round of grants announced in February 2023; and second round of funding encourages applicants to submit proposals that include demonstration projects that can be built quickly from temporary materials

Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$1 Billion for Local Communities to Improve Roadway Safety, April 17, 2023, www.dot.gov

US Truck Parking Bill Reintroduced

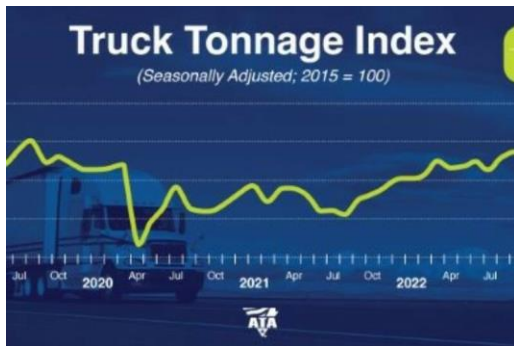


Source: Ontruck

A group of senators and representatives have reintroduced the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act, which would grant funds to expand commercial truck parking capacity across the United States, reports HDT. The American Trucking Associations, the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association and NATSO, which represents truckstops and travel centers, applauded the introduction of the legislation, which, if signed into law, would authorize \$755 million in competitive grant funding to increase truck parking capacity. The primary focus of the legislation would be to construct new truck parking facilities and convert existing weigh stations and rest areas into functional parking spaces for truck drivers.

US Truck Parking Bill Reintroduced, April 14, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

Truck tonnage in March saw largest loss since pandemic



Source: Today's Trucking

U.S. for-hire truck tonnage plummeted 5.4% in March 2023, the largest sequential decline seen since April 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic. The drop comes on the heels of a 0.9% increase in February 2023. "After increasing a total of 2.6% during the three previous months, March's sequential decline was the largest monthly

drop since April 2020 during the start of the pandemic," said ATA chief economist Bob Costello.

Truck tonnage in March saw largest loss since pandemic, April 18, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com



NHTSA Estimates for 2022 Show Roadway Fatalities Remain Flat After Two Years of Dramatic Increases

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released its latest projections for traffic fatalities in 2022, estimating that 42,795 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes. This represents a small decrease of about 0.3% as compared to 42,939 fatalities reported for 2021. The estimated fatality rate decreased to 1.35 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2022, down from 1.37 fatalities per 100 million VMT in 2021. Americans are driving more than they did during the height of the pandemic, almost a 1% increase over 2021. NHTSA also projects that fatalities declined in the fourth quarter of 2022. This is the third straight quarterly decline in fatalities after seven consecutive quarters of increases that started in the third quarter of 2020. U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said "We continue to face a national crisis of traffic deaths on our roadways, and everyone has a role to play in reversing the rise that we experienced in recent years."

NHTSA Estimates for 2022 Show Roadway Fatalities Remain Flat After Two Years of Dramatic Increases, April 20, 2023, www.dot.gov



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ESG becomes a critical link in the supply chain

In response to growing pressures from their stakeholders, Canadian companies are reevaluating their entire supply chain to determine the human, environmental, and socioeconomic impacts of their products or services, finds recent KPMG in Canada research. Nearly two thirds of businesses apply ESG principles in their supply chain but more than half struggle to articulate their story.

To read the full article, please visit: [ESG becomes a critical link in the supply chain - KPMG Canada](#)

ESG becomes a critical link in the supply chain by Jean-Francois Letarte and Katie Dunphy, 2023

Minister of Transport highlights budget investments to make life more affordable

On April 13, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra visited Sysco Vancouver, in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, to highlight Budget 2023's investments in making life more affordable. He indicated that Canada has made a remarkable recovery from the COVID-19 recession. Canada's economic growth was the strongest in the G7 over the last year. Budget 2023 builds on this important progress. To make life more affordable, Budget 2023 delivers the new Grocery Rebate, offering targeted inflation relief for 11 million Canadians and families who need it most. Budget 2023 acknowledges the need to mitigate vulnerabilities in our supply chains through targeted investments including \$27 million over five years to establish a Transportation Supply Chain Office. The Supply Chain Office will work in collaboration with industry to respond to disruptions and better coordinate action to increase the capacity, efficiency, and

reliability of Canada's transportation supply chain infrastructure. Strengthening Canada's supply chain will help keep money in Canadians pockets and contribute towards building an economy that works for everyone.

Minister of Transport highlights budget investments to make life more affordable, April 13, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca



Traffic flow dashboard



Source: Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada has launched the Traffic Flow Dashboard as a source of experimental statistics to provide information on the traffic flow on selected road segments in the cities of Calgary and Toronto. This dashboard shows traffic count data that are obtained from traffic camera imagery using a computer vision-based system developed at Statistics Canada's Data Exploration and Integration Lab. The Traffic Flow Dashboard, part of the series Statistics Canada - Data Visualization Products (Catalogue number 71-607-X), is now available. *Traffic flow dashboard, April 14, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca*

Hiring index shows big jump in advertised jobs



Source: Inside Logistics

The Conference Board of Canada has launched a new Canadian Hiring Index. It tracks changes in the volume of online job postings across provinces and cities, industries, and occupations over time. It also includes a new measure of labour market tightness. The index increased 6.7 percent month-over-month in March 2023, the highest increase since July 2022. Although the index increased month-over-month, job postings nationally decreased 5.1 percent compared to March 2022. The manufacturing, construction and utilities sectors saw the most notable rise in the Index compared to last month.

Hiring index shows big jump in advertised jobs, April 20, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



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Vinit Pednekar, CMILT
SLB Distribution Manager

Moderated by: Andrew Young
FCILT, US Chapter Chair

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