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The WestJet Group issues lockout notice in response to ALPA's strike notification

The WestJet Group on May 15, 2023 has issued a lockout notice to the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), the union that represents WestJet and Swoop pilots, in response to their strike notification. A work stoppage could occur as early as Friday, May 19, 2023, at 3 a.m. MT. "The decision to issue a lockout notice, in response to the actions taken by the union today, was not one that was made lightly, and we sincerely regret the inconvenience and uncertainty this continues to cause for our guests," said Alexis von Hoensbroech, WestJet Group, Chief Executive Officer. "It is our responsibility to ensure the safety and complete control of our network at all times, to minimize the risk of stranding our guests, our crews and our aircraft. Our commitment and priority remains at the bargaining table, where we will continue to work around the clock to come to a reasonable agreement as soon as possible, in an effort to prevent labour action." Issuing notice does not mean a work stoppage will occur. However, in the coming days, the WestJet Group will take all necessary actions to manage the impacts as much as possible, including: 1. Beginning preparations to operate a reduced schedule – unfortunately, this will be a significant reduction from WestJet and Swoop's current networks. 2. Managing proactively changes and cancellations, to ensure the ability to communicate with guests in advance of changes. 3. Providing flexible change and cancel options for those who wish to make alternate arrangements.

The WestJet Group issues lockout notice in response to ALPA's strike notification, May 15, 2023, www.westjet.ca

Air Canada Cargo and Emirates SkyCargo Continue to Enhance Interline Cooperation



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada Cargo on May 16, 2023 announced that customers can now easily find and book interline cargo shipments through the Emirates SkyCargo flights, including between the Americas and Southeast Asia and India, through key European hubs. The enhanced online booking capabilities now live, enable Air Canada Cargo customers to book shipments that will travel on Emirates SkyCargo flights on an interline basis via AirCanadaCargo.com, WebCargo, Cargo-One and CargoAI as well as our direct connect customers. "We are excited to see these continued improvements to further enhance the user experience for both Air Canada Cargo customers and Emirates SkyCargo customers. This strong partnership will continue to evolve in ways that bring tremendous value to the forwarding community, and this is yet another great step in that direction," said Matthieu Casey, Managing Director, Commercial, at Air Canada Cargo. This latest development follows the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in February 2023 between the two major airlines regarding interline cooperation and also builds on the broader strategic commercial partnership between Air Canada and Emirates, which was announced last year. Air Canada Cargo will have access to Emirates SkyCargo's high frequency distribution network through the

belly-hold of Emirates scheduled passenger flights to over 140 global destinations, as well as the additional capacity offered by 11 freighters currently in the Emirates fleet. In return, customers booking with SkyCargo will have access to over 60 cities in Canada and more than 150 cities across five continents through Air Canada Cargo thanks to a fleet of Boeing 767 freighters and the belly-hold capacity of Air Canada's scheduled passenger flights.

Air Canada Cargo and Emirates SkyCargo Continue to Enhance Interline Cooperation, May 16, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Safety warning regarding illegal and dangerous drone use near firefighting operations in Western Canada

Transport Canada is closely monitoring the wildfires throughout British Columbia, Alberta and the Prairies, and their impact on the national transportation system. The department remains in continuous contact with local authorities, and the Government of Canada will be there for impacted communities. In order to ensure everyone stays safe, the department wants to remind the public that: 1. You cannot operate an aircraft or a drone within 9.3 km of wildfires. It is illegal, you could be impeding firefighting operations, and you could be subject to a fine and/or jail time. 2. If unauthorized drones are present, firefighting aircraft must be grounded and crews must suspend operations. This puts lives and communities at great risk. 3. If you see unsafe or illegal drone use, report it to local law enforcement. Provide as much information as possible so that incidents can be reviewed more effectively (for example, clear photos or videos, date, time, drone type, other identifying marks, etc.). All travellers should exercise caution around fires.

Safety warning regarding illegal and dangerous drone use near firefighting operations in Western Canada, May 14, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Air Canada and flydubai Unveil Partnership Expanding Footprint Between Canada and the Middle East, East Africa, Indian Subcontinent and Southern Asia



Source: Air Canada

On May 17, 2023, Air Canada and flydubai announced a new partnership to give customers flying between Canada, the Middle East, East Africa, Indian Subcontinent and Southern Asia more convenient travel options. Pending final regulatory approval, Air Canada's marketing code will be placed on nine routes operated from Dubai by flydubai, giving customers the ability to travel to these markets with the issuance of a single ticket. The routes include the Middle Eastern cities of Medina, Dammam, Bahrain, Jeddah, and Muscat, as well as flights to Colombo, and Karachi on the Indian Subcontinent. Additionally, through an interline arrangement, customers will be able to seamlessly connect in Dubai to more than 60 destinations that flydubai flies to in the Middle East, East Africa and Southern Asia – including Kathmandu, Djibouti and the Maldives. Of these destinations, more than 30 are unique to flydubai and not flown by other partners of Air Canada. "Air Canada is very pleased to partner with flydubai, further expanding our connectivity to the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent, a growing source of immigration and travel to Canada. This new partnership is a perfect complement to Air Canada's non-stop service to Dubai from Toronto and Vancouver, and growing our relationship with Emirates, flydubai's codeshare partner. Together we look forward to bringing together our networks and building a better experience for our customers," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President, Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada.

Air Canada and flydubai Unveil Partnership Expanding Footprint Between Canada and the Middle East, East Africa, Indian Subcontinent and Southern Asia, May 17, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada nears Boeing 787 deal as widebody demand jumps



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada is closing in on a deal for as many as 20 Boeing Co. 787 Dreamliners to renew and expand its long-haul fleet, according to people familiar with the matter, in the latest sign of surging demand for large commercial jets. The Canadian carrier is near an agreement to order between 15 and 20 of the twin-aisle aircraft, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the discussions are confidential. The 787 carries a list price of just under \$300 million for the variant most-used by Air Canada, suggesting a deal value of up to \$6 billion before typical industry discounts. "We have not made any decisions," Peter Fitzpatrick, Air Canada's spokesman, said in an email. A Boeing representative declined to comment. Amos Kazzaz, the Canadian airline's chief financial officer, told analysts in a conference call that the airline is "constantly in the market looking for lift" as demand picks up. Air Canada would join other airlines locking in delivery positions on the latest generation of wide-body jets as long-distance flying rebounds from a prolonged slump caused by the coronavirus pandemic. United Airlines Holdings Inc. unveiled an order for 100 Dreamliners along with an equal number of options in December 2022. Recent customers include the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which is starting a new airline, and Air India, which took both Boeing and Airbus SE widebodies as part of its massive 470-plane deal in February. Large aircraft orders are likely to be in the spotlight next month at the Paris Air Show, the industry's biggest gathering. Boeing's shares extended gains following Bloomberg's report, rising 3.6% in New York. Air Canada was up 5.3%.

Air Canada nears Boeing 787 deal as widebody demand jumps, May 18, 2023, www.ajot.com

✈️ Air Canada Partners with IAGOS to Equip an Airbus A330 with Climate and Air Quality Sensors

Air Canada announced on May 17, 2023 that one of its Airbus A330 aircraft has been outfitted with special diagnostics sensors in partnership with In-Service Aircraft for a Global Observing System (IAGOS), an international non-profit organization that utilizes commercial aircraft as a global observation platform of climate change and air quality. This collaboration will allow IAGOS to collect valuable worldwide data on climate parameters, which will be used by the international scientific community as well as forecasting services like the Atmosphere Service of Copernicus, for essential research on climate change and air quality on a global scale. "As a leading global airline, we are proud to partner with IAGOS to advance their important climate research work. Air Canada is committed to full-scale sustainability and working with IAGOS is a meaningful way we can contribute to the collection of valuable, global data on climate parameters for further science research. The information gathered will also help provide more accurate weather data crucial for airline operations, and will enable a more in-depth understanding of changing weather dynamics," said Valerie Durand, Head of Investor Relations and Corporate Sustainability at Air Canada.

Air Canada Partners with IAGOS to Equip an Airbus A330 with Climate and Air Quality Sensors, May 17, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Porter Airlines touches down in Charlottetown, confirms year-round service

Porter Airlines is inaugurating flights between Ottawa International Airport (YOW) and Charlottetown Airport (YYG) on May 17, 2023, while also confirming plans to serve the route year-round. As Porter arrives in Prince Edward Island, the airline now flies to all Atlantic provinces for the first time, reinforcing a commitment to building its presence in Eastern Canada. Porter is the only airline offering year-round, daily non-stop service between Charlottetown and Ottawa. The direct service begins with 11 weekly flights, increasing to 14 weekly round trips during the summer peak season. As of Oct. 29, 2022 the route has daily service through the winter. Ottawa also acts as a convenient connecting point for travellers making their way to and from PEI. This includes Vancouver on the West Coast and two options for accessing Toronto - the downtown convenience of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, plus Pearson International.

Porter Airlines touches down in Charlottetown, confirms year-round service, May 17, 2023, www.flyporter.com

The WestJet Group begins flight cancellations in anticipation of WestJet and Swoop pilot strike

As the WestJet Group prepares for labour action by WestJet and Swoop pilots, the airline has started taking down its network. This action ensures the airline can avoid abandoning aircraft in remote locations without support and enables the proactive communication with guests and crew to minimize the potential for being stranded. The decision to cancel flights comes as the WestJet Group remains in a stalemate with the union regarding unreasonable wage expectations that if realized would permanently damage the financial viability of the group's future. "We are extremely disheartened to find ourselves in a place where we have to activate our contingency plan and subsequent takedown of our network as a result of the strike notice served by ALPA and their inability to accept a reasonable offer. We deeply regret the disruption this will have on the travel plans of our guests and the communities and businesses that rely on our critical air service," said Alexis von Hoensbroech, Chief Executive Officer, the WestJet Group. "We remain at a critical impasse with the union and have been left with no choice but to begin taking the painful steps of preparing for the reality of a work stoppage."

The WestJet Group begins flight cancellations in anticipation of WestJet and Swoop pilot strike, May 18, 2023, www.westjet.ca

The WestJet Group and ALPA reach tentative agreement



Source: WestJet

The WestJet Group and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), the certified union representing WestJet and Swoop pilots, on May 19, 2023 announced they have reached a tentative agreement on the second collective bargaining agreement between the organizations. Both parties now await the ratification vote to be put forward to membership. "The WestJet Group is pleased to have reached a tentative agreement that is industry-leading within Canada and recognizes the important contributions of our valued pilots by providing meaningful improvements to job security and scope, working conditions

and wages," said Alexis von Hoensbroech, WestJet Group Chief Executive Officer. "We appreciate we were able to arrive at a deal, however, recognize the impact on our guests and we sincerely appreciate their patience during this time. We are pleased to now return our focus to providing friendly, reliable and affordable air service to Canadians for years to come." The WestJet Group is ramping up its operations as quickly and efficiently as possible, however the full resumption of operations will take time. Guests remain encouraged to continue to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport.

The WestJet Group and ALPA reach tentative agreement, May 19, 2023, www.westjet.ca

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Air Travel Consumer Report: January 2023 Airline Complaint Data

The U.S. Department of Transportation on May 17, 2023 released its updated March 2023 Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR), which includes airline consumer complaint data for January 2023. The previous version of this report excluded this data due to additional time needed to review and process consumer complaints. In January 2023, DOT received 10,822 airline service complaints from consumers, down 35.9% from the 16,876 complaints received in December 2022, but up 111.7 % from the 5,113 complaints received in January 2022. Almost a quarter (23.4%) of the complaints received in January 2023 were against Southwest Airlines (2,534 complaints). Of the 10,822 complaints received in January 2023, 7,754 (71.7%) were against U.S. carriers, 2,596 (24.0%) were against foreign air carriers, and 469 (4.3%) were against travel companies.

Air Travel Consumer Report: January 2023 Airline Complaint Data, May 17, 2023, www.dot.gov



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For Metro Vancouver's SkyTrain, C\$35MM for Running Rail Replacement



Source: Railway Age

The Expo Line was the first of three SkyTrain lines to launch. On Dec. 11, 1985, it offered eight days of free service as a showcase of Expo '86, prior to officially starting revenue service in January 1986. The government of Canada and TransLink are each contributing C\$17.498 million to replace approximately 12.6 miles (20.2 kilometers) of running rail and some 24,000 rail pads for SkyTrain's Expo Line in metro Vancouver. The maintenance project to optimize service and reduce noise levels will run through 2027, and cover the automated rapid transit system's Expo Line connecting downtown Vancouver and the cities of Burnaby, New Westminster and Surrey. The Expo line comprises two routes—from Waterfront Station (downtown Vancouver) to King George Station (Surrey) and to Production Way—University Station (Burnaby)—and sees an average of approximately 24.9 million miles (40 million kilometers) of vehicular travel annually, according to [TransLink](#). The Expo Line was the first of three [SkyTrain](#) lines to launch. On Dec. 11, 1985, it offered eight days of free service as a showcase of Expo '86, prior to officially starting revenue service in January 1986. SkyTrain also includes the Millennium Line from East Vancouver through to Burnaby and into Port Moody and Coquitlam, and the Canada Line, which runs between downtown Vancouver, the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), and Richmond.

For Metro Vancouver's SkyTrain, C\$35MM for Running Rail Replacement, May 15, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Why Canada's two big railways are livid over Justin Trudeau's attempt to force competition

The railways have launched an aggressive campaign in response, with [Keith Creel](#), chief executive of Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway Ltd., calling the government plans “short-sighted and damaging,” and warning that they could clog the rail network that Canada depends on to get billions of dollars worth of commodities to ports for export. But shippers say they've put up with subpar service from the railways for long enough, and the new rules deliver a desperately needed dose of competition into a Canadian rail system that is essentially controlled by two companies: [Canadian National Railway Co.](#) and Creel's CPKC Railway. In the careful world of rail and government policy, this back-and-forth amounts to a rock-em, sock-em slugfest. And the subject of all the turmoil is an obscure concept in federal transportation law called “interswitching.”

Why Canada's two big railways are livid over Justin Trudeau's attempt to force competition, May 17, 2023, www.financialpost.ca

On board for good: VIA rail provides yearly progress update on sustainability plan

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) published on May 17, 2023 its sustainability plan's yearly progress update showing steadfast advance on its sustainability journey. In the past year, the Corporation undertook several actions contributing to its 2025 objectives which include the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the creation of a zero-waste experience on its new Corridor fleet and the mobilization of its employees. Amongst the actions undertaken over the past year, VIA Rail: 1. Initiated the development of its decarbonization plan; 2.

Extended an AI pilot project, aimed at reducing fuel consumption; 3. Made changes in packaging and products in view of our zero-waste objective; 4. Supported more than 450 non-profit organizations and charities across Canada, and reached 40% alignment with sustainability strategy compared to its 80% objective; and 5. Published and integrated its Policy on Supplier Conduct and Responsible Sourcing in new contracts, reaching 15% integration of the policy by suppliers.

On board for good: VIA rail provides yearly progress update on sustainability plan, May 18, 2023, www.viarail.ca

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For House Rail Subcommittee, an Earful on Supply Chain Improvements



Source: Railway Age

The May 11, 2023 hearing, “Getting Back on Track: Exploring Rail Supply Chain Resilience and Challenges,” was led by Rep. Troy Nehls (R-Tex.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. The rail industry’s role in overcoming supply chain challenges was the theme of a May 11 hearing of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. It was part of what the T&I Committee called its continued “focus on ongoing supply chain challenges throughout the transportation sector, with the goal of identifying potential legislative solutions.” Among the five witnesses was American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) President Chuck Baker, who urged Congress members “to wield their pen with precision.” The hearing, “Getting Back on Track: Exploring Rail Supply Chain Resilience and Challenges,” was led by Rep. Troy Nehls (R-Tex.), the new Subcommittee Chairman. In his opening remarks, as prepared, Nehls told hearing participants: “As examined in previous supply chain hearings, freight rail remained comparatively resilient. However, it still encounters many challenges that are both unique to and common across all freight transportation

modes ... Railroads are in the process of re-hiring furloughed workers and are actively training new employees to expand freight capacity. Today [May 11], the Subcommittee will hear from our witnesses about the current challenges to the freight rail industry in meeting supply chain goals and ongoing efforts to address these issues.”

For House Rail Subcommittee, an Earful on Supply Chain Improvements, May 12, 2023, www.railwayage.com

BNSF to launch new Houston intermodal service in June



Source: JOC

BNSF Railway in June 2023 will begin regular intermodal service from the Port of Houston to Dallas and Denver, just over one year after it began testing market demand for rail service from the fast-growing Gulf Coast port. In a service advisory released on May 15, 2023, BNSF said it will offer service from Houston’s Barbour’s Cut container terminal to its Alliance facility in Dallas and to its Denver intermodal facility beginning June 2, 2023. The service to Alliance will have twice weekly cutoffs on Tuesday and Friday evening, with scheduled container availability on the following Thursday and Sunday morning, respectively.

BNSF to launch new Houston intermodal service in June, May 16, 2023, www.joc.com

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 19 Weeks



Source: Railway Age

For the first 19 weeks of 2023 (ending May 13), total U.S. weekly rail traffic dipped 4.0% from the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) May 17 report. Both Canada and the U.S. saw declines, while Mexico saw an increase. North American rail volume for the first 19 weeks of the year (ending May 13) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads came in at 12,232,554 carloads and intermodal units. Cumulative volume in Canada was 3,036,897 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.2%; in Mexico, 522,423, carloads and intermodal units, up 1.4%; and in the U.S. 8,673,234 carloads and intermodal units, down 5.6%. Canadian railroads reported 89,784 carloads for the week, up 4.7%, and 70,736 intermodal units, down 15.0% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 19 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,036,897 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.2%.

AAR: *North American Rail Volume Down Through 19 Weeks, May 18, 2023*, www.railwayage.com

UP's Court Challenge to CPKC: More Than Meets the Eye



Source: Railway Age

On May 3, Union Pacific (UP) filed a case in the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit), captioned ***Union Pacific Railroad Company v. Surface Transportation Board and United States of America*** (Case No. 1125-23). UP challenged the Surface Transportation Board's (STB's) approval of the acquisition by Canadian Pacific (CP) of Kansas City Southern (KCS), which formed the new railroad CPKC "on the grounds that the agency action is in excess of the Board's authority, that it is arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and otherwise not in accordance with law, and that it is not supported by substantial evidence." UP sought relief as follows: "Union Pacific requests that this Court vacate the order under review and grant such additional relief as may be necessary and appropriate." By now, the word of that court challenge has gotten around. *Railway Age* Editor-in-Chief William C. Vantuono reported the court filing on May 7 in a story headlined ***UP Challenging CPKC Merger—After the Fact***, and he also summarized some of the important points in the Board's March 15 decision and commented on UP's action. The next day, *Railway Age* Capitol Hill Contributing Editor Frank N. Wilner called the challenge a "shockah" (as they say in Boston) and noted in his headline that "**UP Pursues Self Interest.**" He began by saying: "Is this the same UP that is so zealously fighting shipper efforts to increase competition by assuring a minimum of two-railroad competition (reciprocal switching, also known as competitive access) where prior mergers, including its own, have eliminated for shippers any effective transportation alternatives to the sole-surviving railroad?" Later in his commentary, Wilner traced the history of UP's political strength during the past several decades, both at the STB and in the halls of Congress. He also said: "In defense of UP, the seeking of monopoly is an understandable human condition" and concluded: "It ain't personal. It's business. And that shouldn't be a 'shockah.'"

UP's Court Challenge to CPKC: More Than Meets the Eye, May 17, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Union group pushes for passage of rail safety bill



Source: Freightwaves

Rail union representatives are poised to adopt a policy statement that urges Congress to pass a rail safety bill — one that mandates a minimum of two-person crew sizes on all passenger and freight trains, regulates train lengths exceeding 7,500 feet and ensures adequate inspections of rail cars, locomotives and brakes. The latest policy statement of the Transportation Trades Department (TTD) of the AFL-CIO cites at least 18 areas where regulations and guidance via the Federal Railroad Administration can bolster existing rail safety practices. TTD expects to formally adopt the statement at its spring summit on May 17, 2023, when 37 unions, including all U.S. rail labor unions, are convening at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington. “The scope and ambition of legislation from Congress must reflect the scope of the problem. Rail workers witness the effects of their employers’ total disregard for safety every single day on the job,” TTD said in the statement.

Union group pushes for passage of rail safety bill, May 17, 2023, www.freightwaves.com



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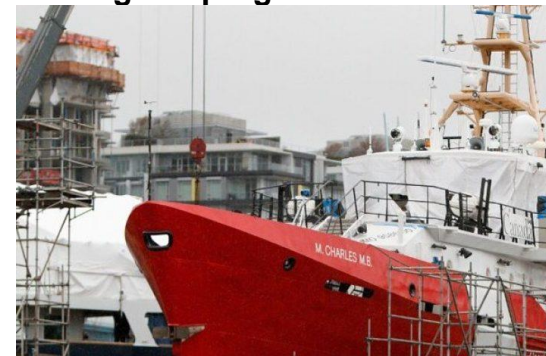


Source: Today's Trucking

The Port of Montreal plans to introduce incentives for carriers that use trucks which generate lower emissions, under plans revealed at a Climate Summit this week. The port is looking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% as of 2030, and be carbon-neutral by 2050. Benefits such as exclusive time slots, express routes, or discounts on certain port fees will be made available to lower-emitting trucks by 2025, Montreal Port Authority spokesman Renee Larouche told *Transport Routier* magazine. "From the outset, the [port authority] prefers adapted and progressive measures," Larouche said. While the Port of Montreal considers a series of carrots to encourage the use of cleaner trucks, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has faced several delays in the rollout of a Rolling Truck Age Program that would ban vehicles with model years older than 2006. Originally scheduled for September 2022, that was postponed until April 2023, and then pushed forward another nine months.

Port of Montreal plans benefits for greener trucks, May 12, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

B.C. introduces grant program for marine industries



Source: Inside Logistics

British Columbia is launching a grant program to support its marine industries. The new grant program allows B.C. companies to apply for capital funding for projects that modernize, scale and increase regional capabilities and capacity for shipbuilding, refit, repair and maintenance to help them be more competitive and grow. The program also supports projects that increase the new build capacity for smaller coastal craft. "B.C. is home to Canada's largest maritime sector with leaders and businesses at the forefront of marine innovation, clean fuels and technological advancements," said Brenda Bailey, minister of jobs, economic development and innovation. "By modernizing our maritime infrastructure and better co-ordinating maritime industry contracts and workforce strategies, B.C. will support local companies to grow into new international markets, and open more career opportunities and jobs for British Columbians." As much as \$25 million will be invested in new and modernized infrastructure and assets that will support shipyards to meet growing market demand for their

services and attract more investment to B.C. under the new B.C. Maritime Industries Strategy.
B.C. introduces grant program for marine industries, May 18, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



Port of Montreal lays out ESG goals



Source: Inside Logistics

Carbon neutrality, territorial protection and improving the city-port interface: the Port of Montreal made a series of flagship commitments at the 2nd annual Montreal Climate Summit. A few weeks after the launch of its Strategic Plan 2023-2027, the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) provided an update on its key objectives for decarbonization, climate change adaptation and land protection. The port has committed to reducing scopes 1, 2 and 3 absolute GHG emissions, for which the MPA is fully responsible, covering rail operations on its intermodal network, management of its buildings and vehicle fleet as well as its infrastructure works, by 55 percent by 2030, leading to carbon neutrality by 2035. Scope 3 absolute GHG emissions, for which the MPA is not fully responsible, covering those generated by logistics companies located on Port territory, will be reduced by 40 percent by 2040, leading to carbon neutrality by 2050.

Port of Montreal lays out ESG goals, May 18, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

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Port of Long Beach trade softens in April



Source: AJOT

Cargo container traffic slowed at the Port of Long Beach in April 2023 as consumers continued to limit purchases and shippers shuffled trade from the West Coast to seaports on the East and Gulf coasts. Dockworkers and terminal operators moved 656,049 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) last month, down 20.1% from April 2022, which was the Port's busiest April on record. Imports declined 21.8% to 313,444 TEUs, while exports increased a narrow 0.6% to 122,663 TEUs. Empty containers moving through the Port decreased 26.2% to 219,943 TEUs. "The unprecedented consumer demand we saw at the height of COVID-19 has diminished and cargo flows are now closer to pre-pandemic levels," said Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero. "We expect slow growth in the second half of 2023, as retailers continue to clear surplus inventory from their warehouses." "Our facilities, dockworkers, marine terminal operators and staff continue to make this the premier gateway for trans-Pacific goods movement," said Long Beach Harbor Commission President Sharon L. Weissman. "So we do expect cargo volumes to rebound eventually as shippers seek out the top-notch customer service of the Port of Choice." Economists say consumer spending has softened since the start of the year, while the Federal Reserve's interest rate adjustments have slowed inflation as intended. The Port has moved 2,377,375 TEUs during the first four months of 2023, down 27.5% from the same period in 2022.

Port of Long Beach trade softens in April, May 14, 2023, www.ajot.com

Port Houston volumes buoyed by strong exports



Source: AJOT

Port Houston's container exports continue to outpace historic 2022 volumes. Loaded exports specifically are up 17% year-to-date compared to last year, due in large part to the demand for resin exports. In total, 1,026,260 loaded TEUs were handled through April 2023 at Port Houston, surpassing the 1 million-mark earlier in the year than ever before. A slight softening of import container cargo compared to the record-breaking volumes of 2022 was expected and budgeted for this year. Although loaded containers at Port Houston declined by 10% in April compared to April 2022, they are up 3% for the year. Port Houston's total container volume for the month of April declined by 8% compared to the same month last year, to 307,879 TEUs. Year-to-date total container volumes are flat at 1,241,910 TEUs thus far this year. As we continue to move past the unprecedented times of the pandemic and the toll it took on the global supply chain, cargo activity appears to be normalizing locally and Port Houston has returned to a balance of imports and exports. In fact, through April 2023 Port Houston's total container cargo consisted of 51% imports and 49% exports. "As the fastest growing and now the fifth-largest container port in the U.S., we must remain proactive and well-equipped to meet the needs of our customers," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston. "Infrastructure investments remain a priority at Port Houston, along with the expansion of the Houston Ship Channel, which is already improving vessel transit times as part of segment 1A's completion."

Port Houston volumes buoyed by strong exports, May 15, 2023, www.ajot.com

CATO & congressional allies propose dismantling the Jones Act

At a time when the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) is tasked with producing a National Maritime Strategy to upgrade U.S. shipbuilding and shipping, the libertarian Cato Institute's proposal is to repeal the Jones Act. Cato's [Jones Act Reform](#) project is led by

research fellow Colin Grabow who "is making waves in revealing the consequences of the Jones Act, which has further exacerbated the supply chain crisis by requiring sea transport of cargo between American ports be performed by ships that are U.S. built, owned, flagged, and crewed," according to Cato's annual report. The Cato Institute report also praised Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) and Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) "who have introduced several bills aimed at dismantling national protectionism, including a full repeal of the Jones Act." The U.S. Maritime Administration's (MARAD) National Maritime Strategy would provide the basis for the United States to assess maritime shortfalls and address them through greater investment and/or policy changes, according to Sara Fuentes, vice president of Government Affairs, Transportation Institute and Jonathan Kaskin, national vice president for Legislative Affairs, Navy League of the United States. [see May 4, 2023, Insight: "[Proposed National Maritime Strategy Will Support Maritime Growth](#)"] Recently, both Fuentes and Kaskin told AJOT that they are worried that the decline in U.S. shipping and shipbuilding has gone on for so long that the issue lacks a national urgency: "What we need is for the White House to make a National Maritime Strategy a top priority that will mobilize national resources to get the job done," Kaskin said. Fuentes and Kaskin emphasized safeguarding U.S. maritime jobs for coastal and inland vessel transport as provided by the Jones Act. This is vital, they say, because the Jones Act protects the jobs of U.S. vessel carriers, shipbuilders, and mariners from outsourcing.

CATO & congressional allies propose dismantling the Jones Act, May 16, 2023, www.ajot.com

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of \$220 Million to Modernize Ferry Service and Better Connect Rural Communities

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on May 18, 2023 announced the availability of \$220 million from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support or modernize passenger ferry service in rural and urban communities across the country. Across the country, there are approximately three million ferry riders each month. Past grants have helped transit authorities upgrade ferry service across the country, from Alaska to Maine, to Georgia and California. "For many Americans, ferries are the best way get to work, go to school, or reach a hospital, particularly in island communities and Alaska Native villages," said **U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg**. "Everyone ought to have access to affordable, reliable transportation options, and thanks to President Biden's Investing in America agenda, we are taking an important step to improve ferry service across the

country." Two grant programs are included in this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) the Passenger Ferry Program (\$50.1 million) and the Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program (\$170 million).

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of \$220 Million to Modernize Ferry Service and Better Connect Rural Communities, May 18, 2023, www.dot.gov



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 Proper inspections every day will keep Roadcheck stress away



Source: Today's Trucking

Don't say you weren't warned. Carriers and drivers might want to pay extra attention to cargo securement and anti-lock braking systems (ABS) on their trucks because hawk-eyed enforcement officials will be focusing on them in a coming blitz. Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck is around the corner on May 16-18, and thousands of commercial vehicles will be inspected during the 72-hour blitz in Canada, U.S., and Mexico. Last year, Canadian enforcement teams placed 22.6% of inspected vehicles out of service during a May 17-19 campaign, compared to a 23.8% out-of-service rate in the U.S. Canadian teams completed 3,359 Level 1 inspections, placing 760 vehicles and 191 drivers out of service, CVSA reported. In Canada, the top five vehicle out-of-service violations last year involved brake systems, cargo securement, defective service brakes, lights and tires.

Proper inspections every day will keep Roadcheck stress away, May 14, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

 U.S. Transportation Secretary Buttigieg Joins Canadian Minister of Transport Alghabra, Michigan Governor Whitmer and Mayor Duggan to Announce the First U.S.-Canada Electric Vehicle Corridor



Source: dot.gov

On May 16, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg joined Canadian Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, and IBEW Member Bill Baisden to announce the first Binational Electric Vehicle (EV) Corridor, and to celebrate the continued collaboration between the U.S. and Canada to lead the world in electric vehicle jobs, manufacturing, and supply chains. The new EV corridor will stretch from Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Quebec City, Quebec, tapping into the 75,000+ miles of Alternative Fuel Corridors in the United States. The Corridor will feature DC fast chargers approximately every 50 miles, or 80 kilometers. This announcement builds on President Biden's March visit to Canada, where he and Prime Minister Trudeau committed to work together to harmonize EV charging standards and develop cross-border alternative fuel corridors between the U.S. and Canada, further

strengthening the world's largest market-based energy trading relationship.

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Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is asking members for feedback by outlining inter-provincial trucking barriers that create logistical and operational issues for fleets, as well as other constraints/irritants leading to supply chain inefficiencies and delays for drivers. The Alliance plans to raise these to the Government of Canada in June and present potential solutions. Some recurring concerns that have been raised by members in the past include policies around winter maintenance agreements; the need for increased rest areas to serve truck drivers; and issues for oversize/overweight carriers with permitting regimes, or other illogical constraints between jurisdictions, such as time of day travel restrictions and other issues impacting supply chain fluidity.

CTA Seeking Feedback on Inter-Provincial Trucking Barriers, May 17, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

Driver Inc, a Tax Avoidance and Labour Abuse Scam, Throws Canada's Trucking Sector into Crisis



Source: Ontruck

Teamsters Canada, the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA), and the Association du camionnage du Québec (ACQ) have joined forces to call for urgent federal action to put the brakes on the growing Driver Inc crisis in the country's trucking sector. Successive governments have failed to address the issue, allowing the problem to fester over decades and become a crisis. The Driver Inc crisis is a tax scam and employee misclassification scam. It sees truck drivers incorporate, often at the request of dishonest employers, under the guise of paying lower taxes and avoiding other payroll deductions. But in reality, these drivers are indistinguishable from regular employees, lacking truck ownership, route choice, or any real degree of independence or financial risk.

Driver Inc, a Tax Avoidance and Labour Abuse Scam, Throws Canada's Trucking Sector into Crisis, May 16, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

CTA Seeking Feedback on Inter-Provincial Trucking Barriers

Canada's Minister of Transport and U.S. Secretary of Transportation announce the first Canada and United States Alternative Fuel Corridor

On May 16, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra and Pete Buttigieg, United States Secretary of Transportation, announced the first Canada and United States Alternative Fuel Corridor. The corridor meets the following requirements: 1. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure would be installed every 80 km (50 miles); and 2. Include at least one Direct Current (DC) fast chargers with Combined Charging System (CCS) ports. The corridor runs from Kalamazoo, in Michigan, to Québec City, Québec. It passes along: 1. I-94 highway, through the tunnel in Detroit to the Canadian side of the border; 2. Highway 401, through Toronto; 3. Highway 20 in Montréal; and, 4. Highway 40 through Québec City. Defining a binational Alternative Fuel Corridor will guarantee that Canadian and U.S. drivers will be able to travel across the border and charge their vehicles.

Canada's Minister of Transport and U.S. Secretary of Transportation announce the first Canada and United States Alternative Fuel Corridor, May 16, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Urban public transit, March 2023



Source: Statcan

Canada's urban transit networks recorded an estimated 121.5 million rides in March 2023, an increase of 36.5% (+32.5 million trips) from March 2022, marking 24 straight months of year-over-year increases. With employment edging up coupled with elevated gas prices, ridership in March recovered to its highest monthly total since the pandemic started, with the number of passenger trips reaching 73.8% of its pre-pandemic level from March 2019. However, there were 43.2 million fewer passenger trips in March 2023 compared with the same month in 2019. On a monthly basis, public transit ridership in March increased by 12.2 million rides (+11.2%) from February, higher than the typical seasonal rise of just over 7% observed in the two years before the pandemic. In March 2023, transit agency operating revenues (excluding subsidies) were \$281.3 million, an increase of \$85.6 million (+43.7%) from March 2022, but \$59.8 million lower than the pre-pandemic March 2019 level.

Urban public transit, March 2023, May 18, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

ACT: Strong Class 8 Production to Exhaust Pent Up Demand in 2023



Source: Ontruck

Class 8 demand to this point has remained relatively resilient, but ACT Research sees clear softening in big fleet profitability and other ancillary metrics. Expectations, as published in the latest release of the North American Commercial Vehicle OUTLOOK, are that current strong production and sales in the face of weak freight creation will exhaust pent-up demand in 2023, as lower freight rates, higher equipment and borrowing costs, improved equipment availability, and shrinking profits put downward pressure on demand overall. "Even as the Class 8 market comes under increasing pressure, van trailer demand continues to enjoy secular support from the move to 'power-only brokerage,' which has big fleets and logistics companies looking to boost trailer to tractor ratios to bolster spot market productivity," according to Kenny Vieth, ACT's President and Senior Analyst.

ACT: Strong Class 8 Production to Exhaust Pent Up Demand in 2023, May 12, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

Low Rates, High Rents



Peaks and valleys can co-exist

Source: AJOT

The shift in consumer spending from fewer goods to more services has not been good for transportation, but transport landlords are holding the line on rents. The "transportation recession" is now one year old and in full spring bloom. Transportation companies generally enjoy an annual late Q1 surge in freight as retailers boost inventories for the spring/summer, but not this spring. A review of 25 Q1 reports from all corners of the transportation industry found most transportation companies are reducing their whole-year guidance, lamenting continued strong headwinds in their business segments, seeing margins narrow and ORs rise, and/or are looking to shed capacity. You would think that would portend an end to a red-hot transportation real estate rental market, but you would be wrong. Recent leases we've inked suggest that transport real estate landlords have been holding the line on rents for the places transport companies park, clean, repair, load, and unload their trucks, trains, and planes. While transportation

companies are stalling on new market openings and branch expansions (tenant demand is hovering at around 60% of 2022 levels), when leases do get signed, transport real estate rents seem to be holding their own.

Low Rates, High Rents, May 12, 2023, www.ajot.com

Survey finds 28% considered leaving trucking jobs in past year

Trucking employees may be relatively satisfied in their jobs, but more than one in four of those surveyed say they have considered leaving their employers in the past year. The latest *Today's Trucking Pulse Reader Survey* revealed an average 7.9/10 ranking of job satisfaction, but 28% of those who participated said they considered changing employers in the past year. Results were drawn from an online survey of 206 respondents. If they left their current job, 37% said they would work for another employer in trucking, 16% would change industries, and 47% would retire.

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Trade by exporter and importer characteristics: Goods, 2022



Source: Statcan

Both the value of exports and imports of goods rose substantially in 2022. However, the rise in the value of trade was not reflected in the number of traders. The number of exporting enterprises (+0.7%) edged up to reach 48,036 in 2022, while the number of importing enterprises remained stable at 160,238. Most of the growth in merchandise trade value in 2022 was attributed to medium- and large-sized enterprises, defined as those with 100 or more employees. The number of these exporting and importing enterprises went up by 5.9% and 7.2%, respectively. Small enterprises, which comprised the lion's share (94.6%) of all traders in 2022, did not experience a similar rise in the number of traders year over year. The number of small-sized exporters was relatively unchanged, while the number of small-sized importers went down slightly, concentrated among those with one to nine employees (-4.0%).

Trade by exporter and importer characteristics: Goods, 2022, May 18, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca



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Job Postings

* **Administrator, Data Management, Glovis Canada Inc., Mississauga, Ontario**

About Glovis Canada Inc.:

GLOVIS Canada Inc. is a leading provider of logistics and transportation services for Hyundai & Kia automotive group. We are responsible for all aspects of the vehicle logistics process including, port processing, vehicle processing and truck and rail transportation, shipping vehicles to the dealership networks. GLOVIS Canada is part of a global organization with a significant level of growth in a short period of time.

Job Title: Administrator, Data Management

Location: Mississauga, Ontario

Schedule: 8:30AM - 5:00PM (Monday-Friday), one (1) hour unpaid lunch break included
Please review all qualifications carefully and apply to this position.

Position Summary

This position is responsible for analyzing data and providing insights to executive leadership and clients for improving business processes. Responsibilities include but are not limited to collecting data, ensuring integrity of the database, reporting, and analysis.

Essential Job Duties:

1. Primary duties

- Provides accurate and appropriate interpretation of data, applying knowledge to evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of data.
- Develops useful and insightful information from a variety of data sources to executive leadership and clients.
- Identifies trends in data sets and potential opportunity areas, and develops recurring reports for the Compliance and Strategy departments.
- Assesses complex data systems and programs in support of ad-hoc and standing management or customer requests.
- Interacts and collaborates with business users and various company division and department personnel to determine reporting needs, and supports reporting needs to fulfill business requirements.

2. Maintain and updates

- Provide daily, weekly, and monthly Inventory status reports to HQ/AHQ/GCI.
- Inputs systems data for contractual rates, FSC fuel surcharge rates, ATLAS master records (profit and loss record system), manual port processing, et al.
- Tracks history of system master files to minimize missing contractual rates in the system and providing better insights of P&L.

3. Reporting

- Collects data through primary and secondary data sources; establishes which data is applicable and the methods which should be utilized to evaluate them.

- Prepares weekly and monthly status reports of process improvement initiatives to executive management.

4. Invoicing

- Work with port, manufacturing plants, compounds, offsites, etc. vendors to determine any rail arrival, yard exit, returns, etc. date discrepancies. Work with partners to identify any event/performance variance in regard to dealer pick ups, restocking, rail loading, rail unloading, port/compound installed options, etc. Work with GCI Vehicle Operations and IT teams to ensure ATLAS reflects actual.
- Prepare monthly storage billing and payment requests for accounting review.
- Prepare monthly accruals for GCI and its customers.
- Provide supplementary back up coverage for Data Management team members ad hoc.

Minimum Requirements:

Automotive Operations experience at least 1-2 years, knowledge of overall operations process is strongly preferred.

Excellent Excel skills is required. (Assessment test for excel will be done)

Strong analytic and decision-making skills.

Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.

Strong communication skills, able to address customer requests and concerns in professional manner.

Ability to multitask and balance multiple priorities and deadlines.

To apply, please click here:
<https://ca.indeed.com/viewjob?cmp=Glovis-Canada&t=Data+Coordinator&jk=19fe90098fd29abf&q=GLOVIS&vjs=3>

* Principal Planner: Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Under the direction of the Director of Freight Planning, the Principal Planner: Freight Planning will be responsible for performing a full range of technical planning, research, analysis, written reports, and outreach

activities in the specialized field of freight and goods movement planning. The job requires knowledge of goods movement, the application of tools of analysis, the ability to research freight and related topics and produce reports, as well as the ability of effectively engage and interact with stakeholders in the public and private sector. To apply, please click here:
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