

North America

# Transportation's Top Stories Air Transport Updates

## CANADA

Air Canada to Launch Non-stop Toronto-Yellowknife Service



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on May 19, 2023 announced it will begin non-stop, yearround service between Toronto and Yellowknife in December 2023. The new, three-times weekly service will provide convenient connections between eastern Canada and the capital of the Northwest Territories. Customers will also be able to seamlessly connect onward from Yellowknife on Air Canada's interline partner, Canadian North. "The North has a magical attraction and Air Canada is pleased to make it easier for customers to visit Yellowknife and beyond, beginning at a time when the Northern Lights are on full display. But apart from supporting tourism to the city and region, this new route will also be valuable to business travellers and the economy, linking Yellowknife directly to Canada's financial capital. As well, flights are timed for easy connections through our Toronto global hub to elsewhere in eastern Canada, the U.S., and to winter sun destinations, while from Yellowknife customers can travel onward conveniently on our interline partner, Canadian North," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President, Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada.

Air Canada to Launch Non-stop Toronto-Yellowknife Service, May 19, 2023, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

Air Canada Reports Strong Operational Performance to begin Summer Travel Season



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on May 23, 2023 reported a strong operational performance to begin the summer travel season. Approximately 540,000 customers flew with the carrier between May 19 and 22, the May long weekend in Canada that traditionally marks the start of the summer travel season. "I am very pleased by the performance of our airline during the first long weekend of the summer. We carried heavy loads, with 540,000 customers and our mainline aircraft 95% full on Friday [May 19, 2023], yet we achieved a flight completion ratio of 98.7% and a solid on-time performance that reached 90 per cent Sunday [May 21, 2023] morning. Although system-wide weather was favourable, we did face several challenges, including wildfires in Western Canada, weather disruptions in the southern U.S. and even a volcano in Mexico that all affected flights," said Kevin O'Connor, Senior Vice President, Global Airports and Operational Control at Air Canada. "I thank all our employees for their hard work and dedication to serving our customers and transporting them safely. I also commend our industry partners, upon whom we depend for the air travel system to operate smoothly. While sustained high passenger loads of the season are yet to fully arrive, our success during the first

holiday weekend gives us added confidence that we are ready to perform well this summer."

Air Canada Reports Strong Operational Performance to begin Summer Travel Season, May 23, 2023, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

Minister of Transport announces new Verified Traveller program to improve the security screening experience for eligible travellers and Canada's Airport Council Supports Verified Traveller Program



Source: CAC Airports

On May 23, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honorable Omar Alghabra, announced that the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) will soon be launching a new Verified Traveller program that will offer a faster and more efficient screening experience for eligible travellers at select airports across Canada. This new Verified Traveller program will replace the current Trusted Traveller program. By June 21, 2023, dedicated Verified Traveller screening lines will be available at select domestic and international checkpoints in the following airports: Vancouver International Airport; Edmonton International Airport; Calgary International Airport; Winnipeg International Airport; Toronto-Pearson International Airport T1 and T3; and Montreal-Trudeau International Airport. The new Verified Traveller program will help ease congestion over time, as use of dedicated Verified Traveller lines grows. The new lines provide eligible travellers with select benefits at security screening checkpoints, such as keeping laptops, large electronics and compliant liquids and gels in their carryon, and keeping their shoes, belt and light jacket on. The Canadian Airports Council (CAC) President, Monette Pasher, on May 23, 2023 issued the following statement: "The Canadian Airports Council welcomes today's announcement regarding the roll out of risk-based screening in Canada. The Verified Traveller Program is an important step forward that will help travellers move smoothly through security at six airports, reducing processing times and improving the overall passenger journey for pre-approved travellers. Canada's Airports have been requesting risk-based screening for years, we are encouraged by this progress announced today. We look forward to working with government and CATSA on the next step of expanding this program to more Canadian airports and creating a true domestic trusted traveller program so that more Canadians can take advantage of faster screening."

Minister of Transport announces new Verified Traveller program to improve the security screening experience for eligible travellers, May 23, 2023, <u>www.tc.gc.ca</u>; and Canada's Airport Council Supports Verified Traveller Program, May 23, 2023, <u>www.cacairports.ca</u>

# Air Canada Cargo Inaugurates Freighter Service into Punta Cana International Airport



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada and Air Canada Cargo on May 22, 2023 operated its first commercial flight into Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, with its Boeing 767 freighter. The service will be operated once per week. "We are excited to add yet another destination to our expanding freighter network. This new service builds upon our capabilities to serve the island through Air Canada's passenger network, providing consistent year-round cargo capacity for our key customers in the region," said Jon Turner, Vice President, Cargo at Air Canada. "We are pleased to welcome the first freighter flight from Air Canada Cargo. As winners of the Airports Council's International Airport Service Quality Awards for seven consecutive years, we are confident that this will contribute to the excellence and diversification of our cargo operations," affirmed Giovanni Rainieri, director of Airside Operations at Punta Cana International Airport. Air Canada Cargo's flight to Punta Cana is the latest addition to its worldwide freighter network, following recently launched freighter services to San José, Basel, Liege, Dallas, Atlanta and Bogota.

Air Canada Cargo Inaugurates Freighter Service into Punta Cana International Airport, May 23, 2023, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

## Monthly civil aviation statistics, March 2023



Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines carried 6.8 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in March 2023, up 59.3% from the same month in 2022, but 12.1% below the March 2019 level, before the COVID-19 pandemic. With traffic at 17.8 billion passenger-kilometres and capacity at 20.5 billion available seat-kilometres, the passenger load factor was 86.7% in March 2023, above the pre-pandemic March 2019 level. Operating revenue earned in March 2023 exceeded the prepandemic level for the fourth consecutive month.

Monthly civil aviation statistics, March 2023, May 25, 2023, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

# Aircraft movement statistics: Major and select small airports, March 2023



Source: Statistics Canada

In March 2023, aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 445,452, up 13.0% from March 2022 but 15.5% lower than March 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic movements from Level I to III and foreign carriers were up 6.3% year over year in March 2023, following a 10.4% gain in February 2023. Movements to and from the United States increased 37.9% in March

2023 compared with March 2022, while international traffic rose 44.8% year over year. On January 5, 2023, the Government of Canada implemented the requirement of a negative COVID-19 test for travellers two years of age and older arriving from China, Hong Kong and Macao. This requirement was removed on March 17, 2023. *Aircraft movement statistics: Major and select small airports, March 2023, May 25, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca* 

# Air Canada Unveils its Most Comprehensive Winter Sun Schedule to Popular Vacation Destinations



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on May 25, 2023 announced the strategic expansion of its winter sun network that includes four new routes from Toronto and Montreal to Monterrey and Los Cabos in Mexico and, La Romana and Fort-de-France in the Caribbean. The airline is also deploying a substantial increase in capacity from its Vancouver hub to sought after sun destinations such as Mexico, Miami, Phoenix, Las Vegas and San Diego, and additional flights from coast to coast to popular winter vacation destinations in Florida, Mexico and the Caribbean. Seats are available for purchase now at aircanada.com, via the Air Canada App, Air Canada's Contact Centres, and travel agents. Vacation packages are available for purchase at aircanadavacations.com. "We are seeing strong, ongoing interest for winter leisure travel, and as the leading carrier from Canada to popular sun destinations with up to 683 weekly flights planned this winter, we are thrilled to add exciting new services from Toronto and Montreal to the Caribbean and Mexico and significant increases from our Vancouver hub in response to pent up demand. With the most flights to choose from coast to coast this winter to popular leisure sun destinations and convenient travel package options through Air Canada Vacations, customers can begin booking their vacation to their preferred destination now," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President, Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada.

Air Canada Unveils its Most Comprehensive Winter Sun Schedule to Popular Vacation Destinations, May 25, 2023, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

# Porter Airlines awarded APEX Passengers Choice for Best North American Cabin Service

Porter Airlines is being recognized as winner of the 2023 Passengers Choice Awards for Best Cabin Service in North America from the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX). Porter's unique approach to service sets it apart by offering a generous service experience and effortless travel for every passenger. Earlier this year, Porter updated its renowned economy air travel experience, further challenging what every airline in North America offers. This starts with its signature in-flight service that offers every passenger complimentary beer and wine served in glassware, and a selection of premium snacks. Features such as free, fast WiFi with full internet access for all passengers on its new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, plus fresh, healthy meals and premium ready-made cocktails on longer flights are the latest additions. Porter prioritizes partnering with Canadian food and beverage brands who also take pride in highquality products and generous service.

Porter Airlines awarded APEX Passengers Choice for Best North American Cabin Service, May 25, 2023, <u>www.flyporter.com</u>

### **US/WORLD**

# American-JetBlue alliance is blocked as anticompetitive

American Airlines Group Inc. and JetBlue Airways Corp. must dissolve a partnership covering flights across the northeastern US, after a federal judge agreed with antitrust enforcers that the alliance would reduce competition and boost fares for consumers. The Northeast Alliance, "operating as it was designed and intended by American and JetBlue, substantially diminishes competition in the domestic market for air travel," US District Judge Leo Sorokin said in a ruling on May 19, 2023. The agreement has replaced "full-throated competition with broad cooperation," he said, thereby hurting customers. The decision, which follows a month long trial that ended in November 2022, hands a win to the Justice Department, which argued that the alliance, formed in 2020, gives the carriers too much control over competition in Boston and New York City and has led to higher prices. The judge permanently blocked the airlines from further implementing the tie-up, effective 30 days from the order. "We believe the decision is wrong and are considering next steps," American said in a statement. "The court's legal analysis is plainly incorrect and unprecedented for a joint venture like the Northeast Alliance. There was no evidence in the record of any consumer harm from the partnership and there is no legal basis for inferring harm simply from the fact of collaboration."

JetBlue said the partnership was "a huge win for customers" and added it's also evaluating its next action. "Today's decision is a win for Americans who rely on competition between airlines to travel affordably," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement from the Justice Department. The airlines can appeal the decision.

American-JetBlue alliance is blocked as anticompetitive, May 20, 2023, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

# Air Travel Consumer Report: March 2023 and 1st Quarter 2023 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation on May 23, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of March 2023 and the first guarter of 2023 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. For the first three months of 2023, cancellations have stayed below 2% and are far lower than last year's 2.7% cancellation rate and the rate of 4.1% for the first three months of 2022. The Department is currently investigating several domestic airlines to ensure that they are not engaging in unrealistic scheduling of flights. In March 2023, reporting marketing carriers posted an ontime arrival rate of 75.4%, down from both the rate of 79.4% in February 2023 and from the rate of 77.2% in March 2022. The year-todate on-time arrival rate for 2023 is 76.9%. In March 2023, reporting marketing carriers handled 42.0 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.58%, lower than the February 2023 rate of 0.61%, but higher than the March 2022 rate of 0.57%.

Air Travel Consumer Report: March 2023 and 1st Quarter 2023 Numbers, May 23, 2023, <u>www.dot.gov</u>

### Minister of Transport announces new funding for essential equipment for Region of Waterloo International

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, on May 23, 2023 announced that the Government of Canada is making important safety investments at the Region of Waterloo International Airport. Through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program, the Government of Canada is providing the airport with close to \$3 million to purchase two aircraft rescue and fire fighting vehicles and associated equipment. These vehicles and equipment will help keep passengers and airport workers and crew safe by ensuring a rapid and effective response to aircraft emergencies. This funding is in addition to the more than \$4 million provided to the Airport through the Program

in 2021-22 for the purchase of a plow truck and the partial rehabilitation of Taxiways A and C, Apron IIIA, and aircraft stands. *Minister of Transport announces new funding for essential equipment for Region of Waterloo International Airport, May 25, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca* 



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CANADA

## CN on Grain: Government Doesn't Know How to Bake



Source: Railway Age

While stressing that "there are tremendous opportunities to grow Canada's grain supply chain" as it "invests in its network and increases supply chain performance through collaboration with customers and a fact-based approach to improve end-to-end efficiency," CN says that new regulations "based on incomplete data and anecdotal evidence will only end up stifling investment and constraining supply chain capacity, effectively putting a cap on the industry's growth potential. Canada deserves systems that measure and report on the entire supply chain." The Government of Canada's 2023 budget contemplates establishment of a Transportation Supply Chain Office, which it claims 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." However, CN notes, "it is important to look at the current state of supply chain data and reporting what's available, what's not, and what's needed. After review, a clear gap emerges. Today's government focuses almost exclusively on a single link in the entire end-to-end supply chain: rail transportation. If Canada hopes to improve how supply chains work, we need to change how we measure and report on data. A balanced approach that considers all parts of the supply chain will help decision makers better understand what is going on when problems arise and why.

CN on Grain: Government Doesn't Know How to Bake, May 19, 2023, <u>www.railwayage.com</u>

### **US/WORLD**

# For Week 20, Carloads, Intermodal Volume Decline



Source: Railway Age

U.S rail traffic in Week 20 (ending May 20, 2023) lagged the same week last year-falling 5.2%, according to the Association of American Railroads' May 24 report. Both carloads and intermodal volume were down. According to the AAR, U.S. Class I railroads hauled a total of 470,694 carloads and intermodal units during the week ending May 20, comprising 225,093 carloads-down 0.4% from the same week last vear-and 245,601 containers and trailers-down 9.3% from 2022. North American rail volume for the week ending May 20, 2023, on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled 330,235 carloads, up 0.3% from the same week last year, and 331,392 intermodal units, down 9.3% from 2022. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 661.627 carloads and intermodal units. falling 4.8%. North American rail volume for the first 20 weeks of 2023 came in at 12,894,181 carloads and intermodal units, a 4.1% decrease compared with 2022. Canadian railroads reported 87,662 carloads for the week ending May 20, 2023, increasing 1.3%, and 74,548

intermodal units, decreasing 10.3% compared with the same week last year. For the first 20 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,199,107 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.4%.

For Week 20, Carloads, Intermodal Volume Decline, May 24, 2023, <u>www.railwayage.com</u>



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# Transportation's Top Stories Marine Transport Updates

## CANADA

Compensation on the rise for Port of Vancouver truckers



Source: Todays Trucking

Company drivers indirectly employed operators, and independent operators serving the Port of Vancouver will see rates increase 6.2% on July 1, 2023 in the wake of an independent compensation study conducted for the Office of the British Columbia Container Trucking Commissioner. A review published in February 2023 included five proposals to update rates for drivers serving the Lower Mainland's drayage sector, and the decision was made to address inflationary pressures. They are not the only changes on the horizon. Overtime rates were announced in April 2023, and as of May 1, 2023 company drivers have been entitled to 1.5 times their applicable hourly rates beyond nine hours in a day and over 45 hours a week. Now the commissioner's office is working on overtime rates for independent operators. A final decision will come after industry feedback on the proposal is reviewed.

Compensation on the rise for Port of Vancouver truckers, May 19, 2023, <u>www.todaystrucking.com</u>

**P** Joint media release: Celebrating DP World's 100th anniversary and completion of the Centerm Expansion Shore and South Access Projects DP World and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on May 19, 2023 celebrate two historic events-the completion of the Centerm Expansion Project at DP World Vancouver and the 100th anniversary of the port's marine terminal operations. These two events highlight British Columbia's (BC) ongoing leadership in sustainable trade, technological innovation and introducing Canadian goods to new markets supported by partners such as DP World in Canada. The 100-year anniversary marks an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing commitment of DP World employees, the ILWU (International Longshore and Warehouse Union)-with over 10,000 longshore and foremen employees having worked for DP World in BC over the past 20 years-handling over 20 million loaded twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). Along with its partners, DP World is making the global supply chain more resilient, establishing Canada's leadership in sustainable trade and exporting Canadian goods to global markets. DP World continues to support and advance the long-term growth of Canada's ports and terminals, including the Port of Vancouver, through new technologies and commitment to innovation and sustainable trade As the country's gateway to over 170 trading infrastructure. economies around the world, Vancouver handles one in every \$3 of Canada's trade in goods outside of North America. This enables the trade of approximately \$305 billion in goods, while the port's activities sustain 115,300 jobs, \$7 billion in wages, and \$11.9 billion in GDP across Canada.

Joint media release: Celebrating DP World's 100th anniversary and completion of the Centerm Expansion and South Shore Access Projects, May 19, 2023, <u>www.portmetrovancouver.com</u>

Major financing and operator decisions coming on Montreal's big Contrecoeur container project



Source: AJOT

As the clock ticks away, so do construction costs escalate in a high inflationary environment. Delays on the Contrecoeur project could mean the Port of Montreal will not have the container capacity it wants in place by 2027 to meet expected demand and thereby continue to compete effectively against key U.S. East Ports in a strong expansion mode - buttressed by the Biden Administration's multi-billion-dollar infrastructure program. But latest developments point to important announcements this spring and summer on finalizing a financing package, followed by the selection of the terminal operator and a detailed construction schedule. An announcement from federal Transport Minister Omar Alghabra outlining federal financial support for the Port of Montreal's Contrecoeur container terminal project was described as "a question of weeks, not months" by Martin Imbleau. President and CEO of the Montreal Port Authority, during the port's annual board meeting at end of April. On the same occasion, Imbleau also said that an announcement could be expected this summer on the selection of the winner from three groups who made the shortlist of bidders to build, finance and operate the terminal that would increase Montreal's container capacity by 1.15 million TEUs.

Major financing and operator decisions coming on Montreal's big Contrecoeur container project, May 23, 2023, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

### **US/WORLD**

# Port of Los Angeles' Seroka says 2023 "Has been a challenging year"

The Port of Los Angeles reported cargo volumes declined during first three months of 2023 compared to 2022. The Port reported that January to April volumes were 2,525,204 TEUs compared to 3,569,391 TEUs in 2022. In his monthly media briefing on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Eugene Seroka, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles noted that

April cargo volumes declined to 688,110 TEUs which was a decline of 22% compared the same month in 2022. He noted that imports were down by about 25% and exports declined by 12% compared to 2022. So far, Seroka said that 2023: "Has been a challenging year." Seroka finds some room for optimism: "The bright spot is we've been on an upward trajectory these last two months. We saw a 28% climb march over February and an additional 10% increase in April over March. I believe that this trend will continue in May as we project to reach or exceed 700,000 TEUs for the month."

Port of Los Angeles' Seroka says 2023 "Has been a challenging year", May 19, 2023, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

# North Carolina Ports moves up three spots to #1 in North America for Container Terminal Efficiency

North Carolina Ports' container terminal at the Port of Wilmington moved up three spots in the latest Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), ranking it as the most productive port in North America in 2022. The technical report produced by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence also ranks NC Ports as the 44th most productive port in the world, up from 49th a year ago, out of the 348 included in the study. The CPPI rankings are part of the third annual measurement of global port efficiency. Ratings are based on the time vessels spent in port to complete workloads over the course of 2022. "This latest achievement is a testament to the dedication of all North Carolina Ports employees and stakeholders and their unwavering commitment to keeping goods and cargo moving," said Brian Clark, Executive Director, North Carolina State Ports Authority. "It is also proof that our critical infrastructure improvements have allowed us to maintain our best-in-class vessel productivity, exceed industry standards, and deliver on our mission to enhance the economy of North Carolina. These capital investments would not have been possible without the support of our many partners at the local, state and federal levels as well as funding from the North Carolina General Assembly." Over the past five years, NC Ports has invested over \$356 million in infrastructure improvement projects at its facilities.

North Carolina Ports moves up three spots to #1 in North America for Container Terminal Efficiency, May 22, 2023, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

# ONE agrees to pay \$1.7 million fine in detention/demurrage case: FMC



Source: JOC

Since June, ONE, Wan Hai and Hapag Lloyd have agreed to pay a combined \$4.65 million in civil penalties. Ocean Network Express (ONE) will pay a \$1.7 million civil penalty to avoid a formal investigation by the US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) for allegedly violating the interpretive rule on detention and demurrage, according to a settlement made public on May 18, 2023. The deal was reached prior to the FMC initiating formal enforcement action against the carrier. In addition to the monetary penalty, ONE will either refund or waive the contested detention and demurrage fees to shippers involved in the private case. As part of the settlement, ONE did not admit to any violation of the law, the FMC said in a statement. *ONE agrees to pay \$1.7 million fine in detention/demurrage case: FMC, May 19, 2023, <u>www.joc.com</u>* 

# Korea may challenge China's dominance in ship to shore cranes at ports

Chinese ship to shore crane builder ZPMC, which has sold cranes to most of the world's ports, may soon have a new competitor: Korea. The Korean Port of Busan is opening a new automated container terminal in the latter half of 2023. The ship-to-shore cranes will be totally automated and will not require crane operators. In an additional development the cranes will be built in Korea and not in China. E.H. Lee, Director of Marketing and International Affairs for the Port of Busan spoke to the Propeller Clubs of Northern California and Los Angeles/Long Beach on May 22nd. With a throughput of 22 million TEUs per year, the Port is the seventh largest in the world. Lee expects the new automated DGT terminal to begin partial operations in the Fall of 2023 utilizing three berths. He said the terminal should be fully operational by 2026 and have a capacity of just under 4 million TEUs per year. Lee explained that the new ship-to-shore cranes will be built in Korea and manufactured by Hyundai along with several partners. The cranes will be operated by remote control and not require an operator in the crane's cab. The cranes will unload containers onto automated vehicles that also do not require an operator. These vehicles will then transport the containers from guayside into stacks where the containers will be unloaded onto trucks. Korea may challenge China's dominance in ship to shore cranes at ports, May 24, 2023, www.ajot.com



Source: AJOT



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# Transportation's Top Stories Road Transport Updates

## CANADA

Trucking Workers Widely Satisfied with Industry Jobs:



Source: Ontruck

The latest Today's Trucking Pulse Reader Survey found that trucking industry employees reported an average 7.9/10 ranking of job satisfaction. The survey also revealed that over 70% have not considered changing employers. Out of the 28% who did, 37% said they would work for another employer in trucking, 16% would change industries, and 47% would retire. Forty-four percent of those surveyed have worked for three to five industry employers during their careers, reports TT. The biggest factor that led respondents to their current employer was better pay (21%), followed by the promise of challenging or interesting work (15%), the company's reputation (14%), career advancement (13%), and hours of work or scheduling (12%). *Trucking Workers Widely Satisfied With Industry Jobs: TT, May 19*,

2023, www.ontruck.ca

# Borderlands: Uber Freight report says cross-border trucking showing continued resilience

While the road ahead remains rocky for most segments of the global trucking sector, nearshoring of manufacturing to Mexico will continue to boost cross-border freight flows in North America, according to Uber Freight. The digital freight brokerage service recently released its second-quarter update on global freight markets, which points to more exports from Mexico to the U.S. this year. "The opening of new manufacturing companies in the country due to nearshoring is anticipated to affect the market imbalance between northbound and southbound shipments," the report said. "Mexican portions may face inflation again as demand for exports increases." Ben Enriquez, Uber Freight's head of Mexico logistics and customs, said cross-border trucking will be stronger during the second quarter compared to domestic trucking in the U.S. "Cross-border will be more resilient. There are a lot of manufacturing companies [in Mexico] that are shipping direct to U.S. distribution centers for consumers," Enriquez told FreightWaves.

Borderlands: Uber Freight report says cross-border trucking showing continued resilience, May 21, 2023, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

## **US/WORLD**

Late US produce season boosting spot reefer truckload rates



Source: JOC

A slow-blooming US produce season is tightening refrigerated (reefer) truck capacity in some markets and pushing up reefer and dry-van spot truckload rates. Spot market data and other sources show produce trucking growing at the US-Mexican border and rising more slowly in California. "National refrigerated spot rates are up 5 cents a mile this week, and that's substantial," Dean Croke, principal analyst with load board operator DAT Freight & Analytics, told the *Journal of Commerce* Friday. "Even dry-van rates are up 5 cents," a sign that the truckload spot market likely found its bottom in recent weeks, he added. *Late US produce season boosting spot reefer truckload rates, May 22, 2023, www.joc.com* 

# House transportation committee OKs \$755M to expand truck parking



Source: Freghtwaves

Legislation to invest \$755 million over three years to expand truck parking in the U.S. advanced in the House on May 22, 2023 after an opponent won assurances that the money would come from funds

already authorized by Congress. "Much has been made of the shortage of truck parking without looking at the underlying issue: namely, the onerous hours-of-service regulations imposed on our nation's commercial drivers, forcing them off the road into full parking lots," said U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., during debate in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act. The legislation was introduced earlier this year in both the House and Senate. Perry, who called the bill a "boondoggle," said he and his constituents "want to be informed before we encumber the U.S. taxpayer to pay for this thing. If there's not a pay-for, I'm offering it." To foot the \$755 million bill, Perry offered an amendment that would rescind that amount from the Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program, an Inflation Reduction Act provision that allocates \$1.9 billion for grants that improve transportation access in disadvantaged communities.

House transportation committee OKs \$755M to expand truck parking, May 23, 2023, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

# North American Transborder Freight down 0.3% in March 2023 from March 2022



#### Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico for March 2023 compared to March 2022 were as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$141.5 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, down 0.3% compared to March 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada totalled \$69.4 billion, down 4.8% from March 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico totalled \$72.1 billion, up 4.5% from March 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$90.2 billion of freight, up 5.4% compared to March 2022 with increased exports of electrical machinery, computers, and vehicle parts from Mexico; 5. Railways moved \$18.6 billion of freight, down 7.9% compared to March 2022; 6. Pipelines moved \$10.1 billion of freight, down 17.6% compared to March 2022; 7. Vessels moved \$10.8 billion of freight, down 9.8% compared to March 2022; and 8. Air moved \$5.2 billion of freight, down 7.9% compared to March 2022. US-Canada freight (both directions) were as follows: 1. Truck - \$39.4b; 2. Rail \$10.0b; 3. Pipeline \$9.5b; 4. Air \$3.3b; and 5. Vessel \$2.8b. North American Transborder Freight down 0.3% in March 2023 from March 2022, May 24, 2023, www.bts.gov

# U.S. House votes down truck emissions rules, Biden expected to veto

The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to overturn tighter NOx emissions standards for trucks, in a decision expected to be vetoed by President Joe Biden. "Woke bureaucrats in Washington are on a climate justice crusade using the heavy hands of government to go after the trucking industry that keeps America moving," Congressman Troy Nehls (R-Texas) said on the House floor. "In the last three decades we've made significant strides in the right direction to decrease emissions and increase efficiencies." The standards introduced last December by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency apply beginning in Model Year 2027 place a particular focus on nitrogen oxides (NOx), setting limits 80% tighter than those in place today.

U.S. House votes down truck emissions rules, Biden expected to veto, May 24, 2023, <u>www.todaystrucking.ca</u>



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# Transportation's Top Stories Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

Travel between Canada and other countries, March 2023



Source: Statcan

In March 2023, the overall number of non-resident visitors to Canada and returning Canadian residents remained at over three-quarters (77.0%) of the level seen in March 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2023, residents of overseas countries took 281,400 trips to Canada, and US residents took 1.1 million trips to Canada. Canadian residents returned from 4.2 million trips abroad. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard on the Statistics Canada website.

Travel between Canada and other countries, March 2023, May 23, 2023, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

# Cutting transport CO2 now reduces investment needs for core infrastructure

An ambitious transition to sustainable transport could be cheaper in terms of investment into core transport infrastructure than continuing as is – if action is taken now. This is the main message of the ITF Transport Outlook 2023 report of the International Transport Forum at the OECD, presented on 24 May, 2023 at the global Summit of transport ministers in Leipzig, Germany. All transport decarbonisation measures currently in place and already committed to will reduce global transport-related CO2 emissions by only 3% by 2050. The transport sector would miss by a wide margin the reduction needed to keep climate change in check. If action to decarbonise transport is ratcheted up and accelerated, the transport sector can still reduce its CO2 emissions by about 80% over the next 25 years (compared to 2019). This drop would put transport on the right path for limiting the global temperature increase to "well below" 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the goal of the Paris Climate Agreement

Cutting transport CO2 now reduces investment needs for core infrastructure, May 23, 2023, <u>www.itf-oecd.org</u>

### Biden-Harris Administration Announces More than \$52 Million in Advanced Technology Grants to Improve Safety and Reduce Travel Times

On May 25, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced more than \$52 million in grants for eight states from the Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) program. As part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, the grants will fund technology-based solutions that improve the travel experience for millions of Americans who use our highway and transit systems, with expanded eligibility for

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projects in communities that have previously lacked investments, including rural areas and areas of persistent poverty.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces More than \$52 Million in Advanced Technology Grants to Improve Safety and Reduce Travel Times, May 25, 2023, <u>www.dot.gov</u>

# Carbon pricing: Will maritime emissions increase as ships avoid ports within a carbon trading scheme?

Ms Sotiria Lagouvardou, a recent PhD graduate of the Technical University of Denmark and now a Maritime Transport Specialist at the World Bank, receives the prestigious award from the International Transport Forum's (ITF) Secretary-General Young Tae Kim during the ITF's 2023 Summit on "Transport Enabling Sustainable Economies" in Leipzig, Germany on 25 May 2023. Her research reveals that shipping hubs outside the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) become attractive at relatively low carbon prices. The study highlights that, without appropriately designed policies, hub switches could result in increased carbon emissions (or "carbon leakage") and lost revenue for the EU ETS. In addition, such switches could threaten the economic activity and development of transhipment hubs close to hubs outside the scheme.

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

### \* 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:

https://njit.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/4582?c=njit

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