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 **Brace for sticker shock this summer as high demand drives international airfares to five-year highs**



Source: Financial Post

Air Canada says demand is expected to persist, with strong advanced bookings for the remainder of the year. Canadians are looking to fly more often but are showing increased wariness about costs, according to a report by travel app provider Hopper Inc. that found customers are checking the price more frequently before they book than in the past. The company's data shows travellers are checking the price of trips 50 per cent more often on average than in previous years, as inflation and high interest rates drive up costs, putting more pressure on travel budgets this year than ever before. Domestic trips though are below pre-pandemic prices

Brace for sticker shock this summer as high demand drives international airfares to five-year highs, May 28, 2023, www.nationalpost.ca

 **Air Canada and Chorus Aviation Comment on Air Canada's Bridging Agreement for Additional Regional Capacity**



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada and Chorus Aviation Inc., parent company of Jazz Aviation LP ("Jazz"), are providing comment on Air Canada's arrangement for additional flying capacity with another airline for up to six De Havilland Canada DHC-8 aircraft. "Jazz is our long-term Air Canada Express partner, and we are working together to increase flying activity within the framework of our existing CPA given the current, industry wide pilot situation. As these efforts continue, and to help meet the needs and expectations of the travelling public, Air Canada has entered into a bridging arrangement with another airline to provide additional regional capacity on select routes in eastern Canada," said Mr. Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada. "Chorus understands that Air Canada is increasing capacity to meet travel demand and that the addition of these aircraft is a bridging solution. We confirm that this agreement does not impact Chorus financially," said Mr. Colin Copp, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chorus.

Air Canada and Chorus Aviation Comment on Air Canada's Bridging Agreement for Additional Regional Capacity, May 30, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ New Aspire | Air Canada Café opens today at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada announced its newest Air Canada Café, in collaboration with Aspire, Swissport's premium lounge brand. Beginning June 1, 2023 eligible Air Canada customers departing from Toronto's downtown airport will have dedicated access to the only airline lounge at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ) to enjoy elevated comfort and convenience before they fly. The new Aspire | Air Canada Café marks the 27th lounge in Air Canada's lounge network and the sixth Canadian location for Aspire. It's a 133-seat modern respite at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport's domestic departures terminal. Quiet workspaces, a private meeting room and premium food and drinks to stay or go are among the complimentary amenities in the café-style executive lounge. "We know how much Air Canada customers, who travel frequently within the busy Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal corridor, really value the convenience of flying out of Billy Bishop," said Jacqueline Harkness, Managing Director, Product & Services, Air Canada. "Our new Aspire | Air Canada Café at Billy Bishop builds upon the success of our first Air Canada Café at Toronto-Pearson, and is just one more way Air Canada continues to invest in the best lounge network in Canada."

New Aspire | Air Canada Café opens today at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, June 1, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

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✈️ Air Cargo Demand Decline Slows in April



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for April 2023 global air cargo markets, showing a continued, but slower, decline against the previous year's demand performance. Global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs), fell 6.6% compared to April 2022 (-7.0% for international operations). This decline was an improvement over the previous month's performance (-7.6%). Capacity (measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers, ACTK) was up 13.4% compared to April 2022. It was also up 3.2% compared to April 2019, marking the first time in three years that the capacity has surpassed pre-COVID levels. The strong uptick is primarily driven by belly capacity as demand in the passenger business recovers. Adjusting for this, freighter capacity declined 2.3%. Freight operations ceased in March after 2.5 years of continuous activity. Key factors influencing demand include: 1. The global new export orders component of the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), a leading indicator of cargo demand, improved in April. China's PMI level surpassed the critical 50-mark indicating that demand for manufactured goods from the world's largest export economy is growing. 2. Global goods trade increased by 0.2% in March, marking the first annual increase since November 2022. 3. Consumer and producer prices increases have moderated. The April headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) recorded rates of 5.0% in the US, 0.3% in China, and 3.5% in Japan. While Europe (excluding the UK) was higher (8.1%), it is well below its 11.5% October 2022 peak.

Air Cargo Demand Decline Slows in April, May 31, 2023, www.iata.org

✈️ American Airlines will challenge ruling that blocked JetBlue alliance



Source: AJOT

American Airlines Group Inc. plans to appeal a federal judge's ruling that its operating alliance with JetBlue Airways Corp. violates antitrust laws and must be dismantled. The partnership, known as the Northeast Alliance, has provided consumer benefits and strengthened competition with other airlines, American Chief Executive Officer Robert Isom said on May 31, 2023 at an industry conference in New York. "I, quite frankly, disagree with the ruling," he said. "We've got a legal system that allows for appeal and we're going to do that." The ruling this month to shut down the partnership was a blow for the carriers, which have criticized the judge's decision as "plainly incorrect" and based on no proof of harm to consumers. American and JetBlue created the partnership in 2020 to compete more effectively against Delta Air Lines Inc. and United Airlines Holdings Inc. in the New York City area and Boston. American's flights in the New York region, excluding routes between its hubs and those of partner airlines, is less than 5% of total capacity and loss of the alliance would not have a material impact to its earnings, Chief Financial Officer Devon May reiterated at the same event.

American Airlines will challenge ruling that blocked JetBlue alliance, May 31, 2023, www.ajot.com

✈️ Travel Demand Continues Strong in April; Domestic Traffic Fully Recovered



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced continued strong passenger traffic demand in April. *Total traffic* in April 2023 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 45.8% compared to April 2022. Globally, traffic is now at 90.5% of pre-Covid levels. At 81.3%, industry load factor was only 1.8 percentage points below pre-pandemic level. *Domestic traffic* for April rose 42.6% compared to the year-ago period and has now fully recovered, posting a 2.9% increase over the April 2019 results. *International traffic* climbed 48.0% versus April 2022 with all markets recording healthy growth, with carriers in the Asia-Pacific region continuing to lead the recovery. International RPKs reached 83.6% of April 2019 levels. "April continued the strong traffic trend we saw in the 2023 first quarter. The easing of inflation and rising consumer confidence in most OECD countries combined with declining jet fuel prices, suggests sustained strong air travel demand and moderating cost pressures," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

Travel Demand Continues Strong in April; Domestic Traffic Fully Recovered, June 1, 2023, www.iata.org



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Rail Transport Updates

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TCRC Ratifies CN Collective Agreement and CN, TCRC Ratify Collective Agreement



Source: Railway Age

CN announced on May 26, 2023 that the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) has ratified its collective agreement with the Company. The union represents approximately 6,000 CN Locomotive Engineers, Conductors, Yard Conductors, and Yard Coordinators working in Canada. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN "We are pleased that TCRC members have ratified the collective agreement reached earlier this year. We thank the TCRC leadership for their engagement throughout this process. We remain committed to working with this important group to ensure continued service for our customers and improved working conditions for our team members."

TCRC Ratifies CN Collective Agreement, May 26, 2023, www.cn.ca; and CN, TCRC Ratify Collective Agreement, May 26, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Railway carloadings, March 2023



Source: Statcan

In March 2023, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways amounted to 33.2 million tonnes, up 5.4% from March 2022 levels, marking the 11th consecutive month of year-over-year increases. For March 2023, cargo tonnage was well above the five-year average for the month and second only to the record-high of 33.3 million tonnes set in the same month in 2021, primarily due to a large increase in grain shipments, notably wheat.

Railway carloadings, March 2023, May 30, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Freight Rail Services Price Index, May 2023



Source: Statcan

Data for May 2023 for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available from Statistics Canada. For May 2023, the index was 123.8, a 1.1-point decrease from the previous month and 1.1 point increase from May 2022.

Freight Rail Services Price Index, May 2023, May 30, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

CPKC's MMX Growing by 1,000 'Reefers'



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) is adding 1,000 new, 53-foot, refrigerated intermodal containers—"reefers," in railroad terms, though the name usually refers to refrigerated boxcars—to its transnational, single-line service network, more than doubling CPKC's existing fleet and "bringing more shipping options to customers using the expanding Mexico Midwest Express (MMX) Series premium intermodal service." CPKC describes MMX as "North America's first single-line rail service offering for refrigerated shippers from the Midwest to Mexico, a market currently served by trucks. Single-line haul efficiencies, combined with seamless crossborder service, make CPKC intermodal transit times competitive with over-the-road-trucks. Converting trucks to rail reduces emissions and makes highways safer, another realization of the

benefits of the CPKC combination." The MMX temperature-controlled service will move fresh and frozen produce, baked goods, candy and other food products northbound and beef, chicken and pork to southern markets. The new refrigerated containers are part of CPKC's TempPro™ solutions, "ensuring products that require temperature protection are transported safely in a fast, reliable, and fuel-efficient service that brings optionality and more competition to North American supply chains."

CPKC's MMX Growing by 1,000 'Reefers', May 30, 2023, www.railwayage.com

VIA RAIL records impressive increase in ridership in q-1 2023 amidst a revival of travel

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) on May 31, 2023 announced an impressive 106.5% increase in ridership (451,200 passengers), and \$50.9 million increase in revenues (147.1%) for the first quarter of 2023, reflecting a strong resurgence of interest in train travel. "VIA Rail's activities bounced back during the first quarter of 2023 surpassing the record levels that we set in 2019," said Marie-Claude Cardin, VIA Rail's Chief Financial Officer. "Our Q1 performance reflects the resilience of the Corporation, the dedication of our employees and the appetite of Canadians for train travel. At the same time, we are continuing to work at mitigating the effects of an inflationary environment on our business while pursuing our commitment to sustainability and passenger satisfaction." The 2023 first quarter highlights were: 1. Total revenues increased by 50.9 million (147.1%) compared to the same period last year; 2. Ridership increased by 451, 200 passengers (106.5%) compared to the same period in 2022; and 3. Capacity in terms of train miles operated is up by 56.8% versus the same quarter last year.

VIA RAIL records impressive increase in ridership in q-1 2023 amidst a revival of travel, May 31, 2023, www.viarail.ca

CN On Track to Lower Carbon Intensity



Source: Railway Age

Canada's largest railway, CN, has nearly 20,000 route-miles of track, moving more than C\$250 billion of goods every year. As a leader in striving to reduce carbon intensity, the company has set bold carbon emissions reductions goals, which include a 43%t reduction in carbon intensity as compared to a 2019 baseline, and reaching net zero by 2050. A key part of making these goals a reality is a transition to renewable fuels. For that, CN has turned to [Chevron Renewable Energy Group](#).

CN On Track to Lower Carbon Intensity, June 1, 2023, www.railwayage.com

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AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 21 Weeks



Source: Railway Age

For the first 21 weeks of 2023 (ending May 27), total U.S. weekly rail traffic dipped 4.1% from the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) May 31 report. Both Canada and the U.S. saw declines, while Mexico saw an increase. North American rail volume for the first 21 weeks of the year (ending May 27) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads came in at 13,563,680 carloads and intermodal units. Cumulative volume in Canada was 3,360,607 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.6%; in Mexico, 578,147 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers, up 1.7%; and in the U.S., 9,624,926 carloads and intermodal units, down 5.5%. Canadian railroads reported 86,249 carloads for the week, down 4.1%, and 75,251 intermodal units, down 3.6% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 21 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,360,607 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.6%.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 21 Weeks, May 31, 2023, www.railwayage.com



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Minister of Transport announces funding to improve freight transport at the Port of Windsor

On May 26, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of up to \$12.5 million to the Essex Terminal Railway Company, from the National Trade Corridors Fund, for a Cargo Terminal Infrastructure Expansion project at the Port of Windsor. The project will help build a new warehouse and expand the shorewall at the Port of Windsor. It aims to shift the transportation of goods from trucks to trains and ships, which will reduce pollution and congestion along the Highway 401 corridor. This will make it easier to move steel and aluminum products and attract potential new exports. Additionally, these improvements will prevent shoreline erosion and reduce the risk of flooding due to rising lake water levels caused by climate change. It will also enable the possibility of building a new cargo dock in the future that can be used for different purposes.

Minister of Transport announces funding to improve freight transport at the Port of Windsor, May 26, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Boaters reminded to stay safe as busy season on the water gets underway early

Boaters and other recreational users of Vancouver's waterways are reminded to follow important safety guidelines, as large numbers of people hit the water early this year. With an unseasonably warm May and the end of pandemic-related restrictions, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's harbour patrol teams have talked to 30% more boaters and paddle sport users in Burrard Inlet and the Fraser River about safe boating this year compared to the same period in 2022, including twice as many interactions in May alone. As the federal agency responsible for the shared stewardship of the waters that make up the Port of

Vancouver, the port authority responds to concerns and promotes awareness amongst boaters and other recreational users in its jurisdiction around how to act in a safe manner that does not put themselves or others in harm's way. The port authority's harbour patrol team educates hundreds of recreational users on the water each year—such as boaters, kayakers and stand-up paddlers—on safety considerations and local rules, such as speed limits and why it's important to stay clear of deep-sea vessels.

Boaters reminded to stay safe as busy season on the water gets underway early, May 31, www.portmetrovancover.com

Atlantic truckers welcome coming Port of Halifax rail link



Source: Today's Trucking

A new rail line between two container terminals is expected to alleviate heavy truck congestion in downtown Halifax, and the head of the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association (APTA) is "cautiously optimistic" the infrastructure will help make local trucking activities more efficient. The project, first approved in 2019, aims to connect the south-end Atlantic Hub and north-end Fairview Cove terminals by 2026. For now, trucking companies in the area are responsible for

moving the cargo containers between the terminals. Fairview Cove, while located at the top of the Bedford Basin, is much more accessible to the nearby infrastructure, including highways, than the Atlantic Hub terminal, said APTA executive director Chris McKee. In contrast, truck drivers have to travel through downtown and the old historic district to get to the Atlantic Hub, often leading to delays, high traffic, and other risks.

Atlantic truckers welcome coming Port of Halifax rail link, June 1, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

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Drewry Port Throughput Indices May 2023

The Drewry Container Port Throughput Indices are a series of calendar adjusted volume growth/decline indices based on monthly throughput data for a sample of over 340 ports worldwide, representing over 80% of global volumes. The base point for the indices is January 2019 = 100. Drewry has developed a nowcasting model that uses vessel capacity and terminal duration data (derived from our proprietary AIS model) to make short-term predictions of port throughput. The Drewry's latest assessment for May 2023 are: 1. The Global Container Port Throughput Index rose 5.4% MoM in March 2023, as global volumes rebounded after the Chinese New Year holidays. The index reached 105.9 points, just 0.3% below its March 2022 level. Resumption of activity in China helped to power the growth in volumes, but weak demand from Western markets tempered this momentum with YoY declines in container throughput recorded in North America and Europe. 2. The Greater China Container Port Throughput Index increased 11.3% MoM in March 2023 to 108.4 points. This represented a 5.6% YoY increase over March 2022. Container throughput in Qingdao reached record levels in March 2023, with 2.4 mteu handled – an MoM increase of 31%. Shanghai and Ningbo also reported strong growth in throughput, with volumes rising 10% and 25% MoM respectively in March 2023. 3. The North American Container Port Throughput Index recorded a 23.9% YoY decline in March 2023 to 89.9 points, its lowest level since June 2020. The latent impact of the Chinese New Year holidays, coupled with weak demand and the ongoing concerns about the still unresolved dockworker contract negotiations resulted in weak throughput figures at many ports on the USWC in March 2023. Its two largest hubs, the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, posted large YoY declines of 35% and 30% respectively in March 2023.

Drewry Port Throughput Indices May 2023, May 30, 2023, www.ajot.com



Shipping losses decline in 2022

Global ocean shipping losses have declined to the lowest level seen in the 12 years insurer Allianz has been tracking the numbers. However, a combination of factors impacting fire risk, ongoing and new threats posed by the ripple effects of the Ukraine conflict, decarbonization challenges, economic uncertainty, as well as the rising cost of marine claims, means the sector still has plenty of obstacles to navigate over the next 12 months and beyond, the insurer said in its Safety & Shipping Review 2023. “Shipping losses have sunk to the lowest number we have seen in the 12-year history of our annual study reflecting the positive impact safety programs, trainings, changes in ship design and regulation have had over time,” said Captain Rahul Khanna, global head of marine risk consulting at Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty (AGCS).

Shipping losses decline in 2022, June 1, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca



New national port rankings place Indiana No. 1 among inland ports, No. 2 in Great Lakes ports



Source: AJOT

For the first time ever, Indiana ports rank first among inland ports and second among Great Lakes ports for cargo shipments. Recent changes to federal port rankings caused Indiana to move from having multiple small port districts and many shipments not counted to having two top-ranked ports on the inland rivers and Great Lakes. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) most recent rankings, the Southern Indiana Port District handled 24.2 million tons in 2021, which ranked first among all inland ports and ahead of second-ranked Port of Pittsburgh's 16.4 million tons. The Northern Indiana Port District handled 30.3 million tons, which was 2.2 million tons behind the first-ranked the Port of Duluth-Superior, which includes terminals in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Indiana has the largest Great Lakes port district located in a single state. Overall, the Northern Indiana Port District ranked as the 20th largest port in the country while the Southern Indiana Port District ranked 26th. The rankings are produced

by the USCACE Navigation and Civil Works Decision Support Center, and are based on total tons shipped in 2021, the most recent data available.

New national port rankings place Indiana No. 1 among inland ports, No. 2 in Great Lakes ports, June 1, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Manitoba to Twin Trans-Canada from Falcon Lake to Ontario Border



Source: Ontruck

Manitoba will twin the Trans-Canada Highway from Falcon Lake to the Ontario border, the province announced. The 16-km stretch of highway will have four lanes of traffic from Falcon Lake to the Manitoba-Ontario border and the 700 metres leading up to the border will align with Ontario's new four-lane highway. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2024. "It is important for Manitobans to have safe and reliable highways to get around this great province of ours and also to get to neighboring provinces," Manitoba Premier Heather Stefanson said in a press release. "That is why we have prioritized this work as it not only serves as a key trade route, but is one of the busiest stretches of highways especially during the summer months for cottagers and travelers."

Manitoba to Twin Trans-Canada from Falcon Lake to Ontario Border, May 26, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

Manitoba, federal governments invest \$38.2 million to reduce emissions



Source: Today's Trucking

Manitoba and the federal government will invest a collective \$38.2 million into the Efficient Trucking Program (ETP) and the province's Merit-based programs in a bid to reduce emissions. The ETP, which covers up to half the cost of fuel-saving devices on heavy-duty vehicles or trailers, receives \$3.6 million in federal funds, while the province will contribute \$3.3 million, and participating truckers will invest \$6.6 million. Red River College Polytechnic's Vehicle Technology and Energy Centre administers the program. A second intake for applications begins Oct. 1. Building on that, the federal government will add \$25 million to \$6.25 million from Manitoba's Merit-based program delivered by the Manitoba Climate Change and Green Plan Implementation Office. That offers funds to help shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy and improve energy efficiency. "Reducing the carbon footprint of the trucking sector is crucial to successfully attaining Manitoba's carbon reduction goals. By partnering with the federal government, we are able to transition more vehicles and industries from fossil fuels to renewable energy," Manitoba Environment and Climate Minister Kevin Klein said in a press release. *Manitoba, federal governments invest \$38.2 million to reduce emissions, May 26, 2026, www.todaystrucking.com*

MTO Conducting Roadside Data Surveys with Drivers

The Ministry of Transportation will resume data collection for the 2018-23 Commercial Vehicle Survey (CVS) in late May 2023. The survey will support the Ministry's understanding of road-related freight to improve the efficient movement of goods across Ontario. The current survey continues the data collection program started in 2018, which was paused in 2020 due to COVID-19. Ontario's CVS provides information about the movement of trucks and goods on provincial and municipal infrastructure and has been done approximately every five years since the 1970s. MTO aims to collect approximately 10,000 surveys across the province in 2023, adding to the 12,000 surveys that were collected in 2018 and 2019. Most surveys will be conducted away from the highway right-of-way and will not constrain traffic flows. The survey will be conducted at truck inspection stations and some lay-bys located on provincial highways only.

MTO Conducting Roadside Data Surveys with Drivers, May 29, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, April 2023



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for April from Statistics Canada. For April 2023, the index was 130.1, a 2 point increase from the previous month and 6.5 point increase from April 2022.

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, April 2023, May 30, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Feds look to fund transport emissions reduction projects



Source: Inside Logistics

The federal government has called for new proposals for research, development and demonstration (RD&D) projects that will help lower or eliminate emissions from the on-road transportation sector. Funded under Canada's Energy Innovation Program, projects selected through this call will address barriers to the demonstration and deployment of low- or zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (MHDVs), such as by improving the energy efficiency of vehicles through using advanced materials to reduce weight or developing more cost-effective, high-performance technologies such as hydrogen fuel cells and electrical powertrains. Further, the call will support infrastructure solutions that aim to improve the transportation system's overall efficiency and increase the adoption of zero-emission vehicles. This includes the development or demonstration of affordable charging solutions for multi-unit buildings and improving the reliability of electric vehicle chargers in extreme cold weather. Successful applicants could each receive contributions of up to 75 percent of total eligible costs for research and development projects with a maximum funding contribution up to \$1.5 million. For demonstration projects, up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs may be covered, with a maximum funding contribution of up to \$5 million.

Feds look to fund transport emissions reduction projects, May 31, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Canada Post sees Q1 loss



Source: Inside Logistics

Canada Post recorded a loss before tax of \$107 million in the first quarter of 2023 as its parcels revenue was relatively flat and transaction mail and direct marketing revenue declined. The Canada Post segment's loss before tax in the first quarter improved by \$22 million compared to a loss before tax of \$129 million in the same period of 2022. Revenue fell by \$32 million, or 1.7 percent, compared to the same period of 2022. Parcels revenue was relatively flat as volumes declined slightly from the same period of the prior year. Direct Marketing revenue and volumes fell as businesses continued to pull back on marketing. Transaction Mail revenue and volumes continued to erode. In the first quarter of 2023, the cost of operations fell by \$34 million, or 1.7 percent compared to the same period of 2022. This was largely due to lower employee benefits which were partly offset by higher non-capital investment costs.

Canada Post sees Q1 loss, May 31, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Manitoba provides \$400,000 a year to promote trucking jobs, support training



Source: Today's Trucking

The Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) will receive about \$400,000 in annual funding from the Manitoba government over the next four years to help inform provincial residents about job opportunities in trucking, and develop workforce training for those already in the industry. It's all part of \$40.4 million to expand and enhance the province's Sector Council Program. "Manitoba's trucking industry needs to bring 4,300 drivers over the next four years into the industry to meet demand. That means we need to recruit, train, and retain a new driver in Manitoba every eight hours, every day, for the next four years," Aaron Dolyniuk, MTA executive director, said in a statement.

Manitoba provides \$400,000 a year to promote trucking jobs, support training, May 31, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

CBSA Continues Outreach-First Approach as CTA Promotes Use of Volumetrics to Ensure Fairness



Source: Cantruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) recently heard from members about increasing outreach conducted by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) about potential non-compliance with customs regulations. The agency has reaffirmed to CTA they continue to follow an education-first approach and remain committed to outreach with carriers to promote awareness and improved compliance levels, prior to issuing significant monetary penalties to fleets.

CBSA Continues Outreach-First Approach as CTA Promotes Use of Volumetrics to Ensure Fairness, June 1, 2023, www.cantruck.ca

Once the subject of fierce debate, speed limiters are a fact of life in Ontario, Quebec



Source: Today's Trucking

Most trucks operating in Ontario and Quebec have had to mechanically govern their speeds at 105 km/h since 2008, but proposals for [similar legislation in B.C.](#) and the U.S. bring back memories of the controversy that surrounded the policy at the time. Then, the Ontario and Quebec trucking associations lobbied for the legislation, and faced fierce pushback from many owner-operators, small fleets, and the associations that represented them. Concerns were raised about so-called "elephant races" — two trucks traveling side by side at roughly the same speed, while trying to complete a pass — and safety issues related to an inability to accelerate out of dangerous situations. But when asked recently about speed limiter enforcement, an Ontario Ministry of Transportation spokesman credited the policy for contributing to a 34% reduction in fatalities involving large trucks since the mandate took effect.

Once the subject of fierce debate, speed limiters are a fact of life in Ontario, Quebec June 1, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

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Borderlands: Laredo remains nation's No. 1 gateway for international trade



Source: Freightwaves

For the second straight month, Laredo, Texas, retained the No. 1 spot among the nation's 450 international gateways for trade. During March, Laredo recorded a 12% year-over-year (y/y) increase in total commerce to \$28.6 billion, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data analyzed by [WorldCity](http://WorldCity.com). Chicago O'Hare International Airport ranked No. 2 and reported \$26.4 billion in trade, while John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York was No. 3 with \$23.4 billion. The Port of Los Angeles, which held the No. 1 spot for most of 2022, fell to No. 4 in March, accounting for \$22.1 billion in trade. Mexico also ranked as the United States' top trading partner for the fourth consecutive month in March, with total trade increasing 4.5% y/y to \$72 billion. Canada ranked No. 2, as its total trade with the U.S. decreased 5% y/y to \$69 billion in March. China ranked third with trade falling 26% y/y to \$45 billion. Exports from Laredo to the world increased 9% y/y to \$10.9 billion and imports increased 14% y/y to \$17.7 billion. Auto parts (\$2.3 billion), passenger vehicles (\$1.1 billion) and heavy-duty trucks (\$1.1 billion) were the top three imports from Mexico to the U.S. through Laredo. This week: Port Laredo remains the nation's No. 1 gateway for international trade; rail cargo thefts were up 29% during Q1 in Mexico; a Taiwan automotive supplier is investing \$1 billion for Mexico expansion; and Forza Steel is building a plant at the Port of Brownsville.

Borderlands: Laredo remains nation's No. 1 gateway for international trade, May 28, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

NHTSA Proposes Automatic Emergency Braking Requirements for New Vehicles

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on May 31, 2023 announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would require automatic emergency braking and pedestrian AEB systems on passenger cars and light trucks. The proposed rule is expected to dramatically reduce crashes associated with pedestrians and rear-end crashes. NHTSA projects that this proposed rule, if finalized, would save at least 360 lives a year and reduce injuries by at least 24,000 annually. In addition, these AEB systems would result in significant reductions in property damage caused by rear-end crashes. Many crashes would be avoided altogether, while others would be less destructive.

NHTSA Proposes Automatic Emergency Braking Requirements for New Vehicles, May 31, 2023, www.dot.gov

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Motor Carrier Safety Awards Funding to 56 States, Territories for Safer Roads

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) awarded more than \$471 million in Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grants to help fund initiatives aimed at preventing crashes, fatalities, and injuries involving commercial motor vehicles (CMV). "Commercial vehicles are an essential part of our supply chains, our economy, and our way of life—and we must ensure that they are as safe as possible," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "This funding will help save lives by making our roads safer for commercial vehicle drivers and everyone who shares the road with them." Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided a 61% increase in funding for states and territories to support roadway safety.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Motor Carrier Safety Awards Funding to 56 States, Territories for Safer Roads, June 1, 2023, www.dot.gov



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Visitor Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2022 and National Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2022



Source: Statcan

Spending in Canada by international travellers totalled \$3.0 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022, up sharply from \$1.6 billion during the same quarter of 2021, and capping a strong recovery in the number of visits by both US and overseas residents during the year. From October to December 2022, US residents visiting Canada spent \$1.7 billion, while non-resident visitors from overseas countries spent \$1.3 billion. For both segments, spending was approximately double that seen during the fourth quarter of 2021 and over three-quarters (76.5%) of that seen during the same quarter in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Canadian residents took 67.6 million trips during the fourth quarter of 2022, 13.3 million more than in the fourth quarter of 2021. During the fourth quarter of 2022, travel expenditures in the United States and overseas reached \$8.6 billion—while \$14.5 billion was spent on domestic travel, which accounted for 90.2% of all trips.

Visitor Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2022 and National Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2022, May 26, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

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US-led Pacific group reaches deal on supply chain resilience



Source: AJOT

Fourteen countries in US-led Indo-Pacific trade talks agreed on supply chain coordination, the most substantial progress so far in President Joe Biden's new initiative for the region. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo made the announcement on Saturday, May 28, 2023 alongside US Trade Representative Katherine Tai at a gathering of ministers from countries participating in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. The US began the initiative, known as IPEF, as a way to counter China's growing influence and make up for lost ground after pulling out of previous efforts to set regional trade rules. The IPEF countries include Japan, India and South Korea, which all rank among the 10 biggest national economies in the world. The nations included in

the framework represent about \$38 trillion in economic output. The framework is the most significant American economic engagement in the region since President Donald Trump pulled out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership in 2017, but it stops short of reducing tariffs like a traditional free-trade agreement, which some countries have sought. Raimondo on Saturday said the IPEF supply chain agreement includes creating a “response network” to provide emergency communications on supply chains and the establishment of a labor rights advisory board.

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