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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### ✈️ WestJet service update: B.C. wildfires



Source: WestJet

Due to the closure of Kelowna's airspace to aid firefighting efforts, we have cancelled all flights on Sunday, August 20, to and from Kelowna until 9:30 p.m. (local). As the situation continues to evolve, in alignment with NAV Canada, an assessment will be made on the remainder of flights scheduled to operate following 9:30 p.m. local to and from Kelowna this evening. All guests travelling to or from Kelowna are encouraged to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport. In response to the wildfires impacting the Okanagan region, a [travel advisory](#) has been posted on WestJet.com and flexible change/cancel guidelines have been announced for all guests travelling to Kamloops and Penticton between August 20 and 31, 2023. All guests travelling to or from Kamloops or Penticton are encouraged to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport.

*WestJet service update: B.C. wildfires, August 18, 2023, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)*

#### ✈️ Quarterly civil aviation statistics, first quarter 2023



Source: Statcan

Quarterly civil aviation statistics are now available for the first quarter of 2023 on Statistics Canada website. In the first quarter of 2023 there were 24 carriers that carried 20,445 billion passengers and 189,406 billion kilograms compared to 24 carriers, 10,285 billion passengers and 317,844 billion kilograms in the first quarter of 2022.

*Quarterly civil aviation statistics, first quarter 2023, August 21, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### ✈️ Porter launching daily service to five Florida destinations this fall

Porter Airlines is launching daily service to the U.S. with its new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, covering Florida with five destinations. Passengers will travel in a style unlike any carrier serving this market, with Porter's elevated economy experience. Service includes Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) to Fort Lauderdale (FLL), Fort Myers (RSW), Miami (MIA), Orlando (MCO), and Tampa (TPA); as well

as Ottawa International Airport (YOW) to Fort Lauderdale (FLL), and Orlando (MCO). All routes begin with one daily, roundtrip flight.  
*Porter launching daily service to five Florida destinations this fall, August 24, 2023, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## US/WORLD

### **American Air pilots approve record contract with higher pay**



Source: AJOT

American Airlines Group Inc. pilots approved a new contract that would provide 46% in cumulative pay raises and retirement contributions over its four-year term, along with a bonus, improved scheduling, sick leave and insurance benefits. The pact will add about \$9.6 billion in incremental costs for the airline over its duration, the Allied Pilots Association said in a statement on August 21, 2023. That makes it the most expensive labor contract ever for a US carrier, topping the \$7.2 billion value of an accord Delta Air Lines Inc. pilots secured in March 2023. The Fort Worth, Texas-based airline's pilots voted 73% in favor of ratification, the union said. American pilots, whose last raise was in 2019, will receive \$1.1 billion immediately in a signing bonus and a special payment for past years, the union said. Labor relations across the industry have been particularly tense, with unions seeking increases in compensation and more flexible work schedules after years without raises and as carriers rake in record revenue on the strong rebound in travel demand. Pilots and flight attendants have frequently picketed at airports and outside of company meetings this year. Labor and jet fuel are the two largest expenses for carriers.

*American Air pilots approve record contract with higher pay, August 21, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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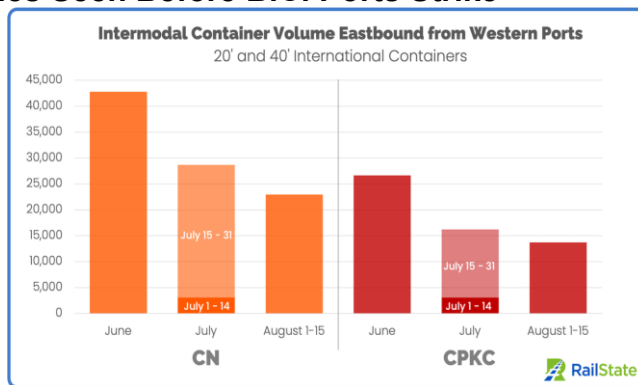
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# Rail Transport Updates

## CANADA

### RailState: Canadian Railroads 'Close to Matching Volumes Seen Before B.C. Ports Strike'



Source: Railway Age

In the month since the end of the main strike period at the B.C. Ports, Canadian railroads are “close to matching volumes seen before the strike,” reported real-time network visibility provider RailState, which independently tracks all freight movements across Canada. “There has been a significant widespread increase in train volume aimed at clearing backlogs caused by the strike,” announced RailState in its recent report, “[Canadian Rail Network Update – Recovering After the BC Ports Strike.](#)” “We’re constantly monitoring volume movements across the rail network in Canada, and it appears that rail traffic is returning to status quo,” said RailState Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer John Schmitter. “We haven’t seen a big increase in volume, and an expectation that the railroads have unused capacity sitting around that can quickly be brought online to clear what’s built up isn’t reasonable. The decreased volume seen in July will take a long time to resolve or it is lost for good.”

*RailState: Canadian Railroads 'Close to Matching Volumes Seen*

*Before B.C. Ports Strike’, August 21, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

### Railway carloadings, June 2023



Source: Statcan

Canadian railways transported 28.3 million tonnes of freight in June 2023, down 6.9% from June 2022 and the second consecutive month of year-over-year decline. Overall traffic was at its lowest level for the month of June in more than five years. Reduced shipments of iron ores and concentrates, potash, and fuel oils and crude petroleum were the main contributors to the overall decline. Wildfires raging across the country in June may have resulted in some supply chain adjustments. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the “[Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard.](#)” *Railway carloadings, June 2023, August 22, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

### VIA RAIL invests more than \$80m in its heritage stations

On August 24, 2023, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mario Pélouquin, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Françoise Bertrand, were at Winnipeg Union Station, one of VIA Rail Canada’s

(VIA Rail) Heritage Stations, to announce investments designed to protect these buildings and ensure they reflect today's standards. VIA Rail is privileged to own Heritage Stations across its network that have played an integral role in Canada's rail history. Between 2020 and 2025, VIA Rail will have invested over \$80M for the renovation of four of its Heritage stations: Winnipeg Union Station, Vancouver Pacific Station, Halifax Station, and Gare du Palais in Québec City.

*VIA RAIL invests more than \$80m in its heritage stations, August 24, 2023, [www.viarail.com](http://www.viarail.com)*

## US/WORLD

### **AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through Week 33**



Source: Railway Age

For the first 33 weeks of 2023 (ending Aug. 19), total U.S. weekly rail traffic dipped 4.9% from the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) Aug. 23 report. Both Canada and the U.S. saw declines, while Mexico saw an increase. North American rail volume for the first 33 weeks of the year (ending Aug. 19) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads came in at 21,354,794 carloads and intermodal units. Cumulative volume in Canada was 5,204,561 carloads, containers and trailers, down 3.0%; in Mexico, 926,401 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers, up 4.9%; and in the U.S., 15,223,832 carloads and intermodal units, down 4.9%. Canadian railroads reported 90,149 carloads for the week, up 3.1%, and 71,108 intermodal units, down 12.6% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 33 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,204,561 carloads, containers and trailers, down 3.0%.

*AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through Week 33, August 23, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Cargill tests 123-foot-tall sails in effort to slash fuel burn



Source: AJOT

The world's largest agricultural trader hauls 225 million tons of cargo around the globe each year on hundreds of colossal vessels. Now one of those ships is being powered, in part, by wind. The Pyxis Ocean, an 80,000-ton bulk carrier chartered by commodity giant Cargill Inc., just finished her maiden voyage from Shanghai to Singapore after the installation of two massive steel and composite-glass "sails." It's the first ship to be retrofitted with two WindWings, each 37.5 meters (123 feet) high. They can cut the vessel's fuel use by roughly a fifth, designer BAR Technologies says. If the trial goes well, Cargill hopes to add sails to as many as 10 more vessels. "It's going to make the new fuels a lot more affordable," said Jan Dieleman, president of Cargill's ocean transportation business. "Wind is there for free." Wind "is one of these technologies that — even if we switch to zero-carbon fuels in the future — the ship owner, the ship operator, the charterer will see a benefit," said Santiago Suarez de la Fuente, a ship performance manager at classification society Lloyd's Register.

*Cargill tests 123-foot-tall sails in effort to slash fuel burn, August 21, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

#### Minister of Transport announces Advance Contract Award Notice to acquire an interim replacement for the MV Holiday Island ferry

Last summer, the *MV Holiday Island*, one of two ferries that ensured service between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, was removed from service. On August 23, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, joined by the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Sean Fraser, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, announced the Government of Canada's intention to purchase the *MV Fanafjord* to replace the *MV Holiday Island* in the short-term until its successor is built and ready to enter service. In the longer-term, the Government of Canada will build two new ferries, including the permanent replacement of the *MV Holiday Island*, at Chantier Davie Canada Inc. Design work for the new vessel is already underway, with delivery expected as early as 2028.

*Minister of Transport announces Advance Contract Award Notice to acquire an interim replacement for the MV Holiday Island ferry, August 23, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

#### Port of Halifax celebrates longstanding relationship with Holland America Line

The Port of Halifax will host a shoreside ceremony on August 28, 2023, to celebrate the longstanding relationship with Holland America Line. The celebration will honour the 150th Anniversary of Holland America Line and 30 years of Holland America Line cruise ship calls at the Port

of Halifax. A welcome celebration will feature ceremonial drumming by the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre and a farewell performance by the 78th Highlanders. Following a blessing by Mi'kmaw Elder Charlotte Bernard, a ceremony will be held in front of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 where Halifax Port Authority President and CEO Captain Allan Gray will present Captain Bart Vaartjes of the Holland America Line Zuiderdam with a commemorative plaque. Also taking part will be Sam Austin, Deputy Mayor of Halifax, Marie Chapman, CEO of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, and representatives from Discover Halifax, Tourism Nova Scotia, Parks Canada, and the Halifax Citadel Society. "Holland America Line has played an important role in the development of Halifax as a premiere cruise destination over the past three decades," said Captain Allan Gray, President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority. "We are proud to celebrate this milestone with Holland America Line and look forward to building our partnership for many years to come."

*Port of Halifax celebrates longstanding relationship with Holland America Line, August 24, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## US/WORLD

### Imports are up 12% in July at SC Ports



Source: AJOT

SC Ports handled 208,134 TEUs and 115,422 pier containers in July 2023. Imports flowing into the Port of Charleston outperformed U.S. volumes with a 12% increase from June and a 3% increase year-over-year. Exports were up 9% from last year. Total container volume was down about 4% year-over-year in July, driven by lower exports of empty containers. "Although overall volumes continue to reflect the tempered U.S. economy, the Southeast is booming and the U.S. East Coast port market continues to attract new cargo," SC Ports President

and CEO Barbara Melvin said. "SC Ports is a powerhouse port on the East Coast with a reputation for providing reliable port service. We quickly work ships and efficiently move cargo for our customers." While manufacturing and retail remain down in the U.S., the Southeast market is thriving with an influx of new residents and industrial growth. Port-dependent companies are investing in manufacturing facilities, electric vehicle operations and retail distribution centers.

*Imports are up 12% in July at SC Ports, August 21, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### Panama Canal delays may mean lean Christmas for retailers



Source: Today's Trucking

As wholesale inventories dwindle in the U.S., the ongoing restrictions at the Panama Canal could have implications for Christmas stocks and supply chains. With the imminent Christmas shopping season, the delay in inventory restocking due to shipping disruptions and congestion at the Panama Canal could result in missed sales opportunities for businesses. The present disruptions have raised concerns about the ability of businesses to replenish their inventories in a timely manner due to shipping delays. If these disruptions continue, there is a looming threat of shortages for select goods during the critical Christmas shopping period.

*Panama Canal delays may mean lean Christmas for retailers, August 23, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Port of Los Angeles cargo volume slips in July



Source: AJOT

The Port of Los Angeles moved 684,291 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in July 2023 as cargo shipments declined compared to last year's record month. "Global trade has eased as warehouse inventories of retailers and manufacturers remain elevated," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka. "American consumers are continuing to spend and are likely to find more on discounted items this year as we move into fall fashion and year-end holiday season." July 2023 loaded imports landed at 364,208 TEUs, down 25% compared to the previous year. Loaded exports came in at 110,372 TEUs, an increase of 6% compared to last year. With the need for empty containers in Asia slowing, just 209,710 empty TEUs were processed, a 39% year-over-year decline. Combined, July 2023 volumes were 684,291 TEUs, a 27% year-over-year decline. Seven months into 2023, the Port has processed 4,821,670 TEUs, about 24% less than the same period last year.

*Port of Los Angeles cargo volume slips in July, August 23, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

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#### Urban public transit, June 2023



Source: Statcan

In June 2023, Canada's urban transit systems logged almost 120 million passenger trips, a milestone only approached three times since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. In June 2023, ridership reached 78.8% of the pre-pandemic level from the same month in 2019. In June 2023, transit agency operating revenues (excluding subsidies) totalled \$287.9 million—an increase of 24.3%, or \$56.3 million, from June 2022, but still \$43.2 million lower than in June 2019, before the pandemic.

Urban public transit, June 2023, August 18, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)

#### Kenworth Truck Centres officially opens Mississauga-North facility



Source: Today's Trucking

Kenworth Truck Centres officially threw the doors open at its 10<sup>th</sup> location – Kenworth Mississauga-North – with a grand opening Aug. 23, 2023. The Ontario facility, open since April 2022, has a well-stocked parts area and seven bays where 11 mechanics work in two shifts from Monday to Friday, said branch manager Alex Tarola. Tarola is hopeful that truck sales will commence next year as the OEM allocates equipment to the dealership and the present team of 20 employees grows to include sales personnel. An electric charger has been delivered for installation and Tarola said plans are underway to begin working on electric trucks in the next six to eight months. One of the bays will be modified to service electric vehicles (EVs).

Kenworth Truck Centres officially opens Mississauga-North facility, August 23, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)



## Cross-Border Truck Trade Value Rises



Source: Ontruck

Nearly US\$40 billion (\$39.5 billion) of trade was transported by truck between Canada and the U.S. in June 2023, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Overall, trucks moved \$88.5 billion in cross-border freight between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico – up 6.1% over the same month last year. Detroit, Port Huron, and Buffalo were the busiest US-Canada land ports – representing \$10.8 billion, \$7.2 billion, and \$6.8 billion in goods. The top commodities hauled by trucks between Canada and the U.S. were computers and parts (\$6.6 billion), vehicles and parts (\$6.4 billion), and electrical machinery (\$2.6 billion).

*Cross-Border Truck Trade Value Rises, August 24, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## Trimac acquires U.S. fleet Doyle Sims & Sons Trucking



Source: Today's Trucking

Trimac has made its fourth acquisition this year, buying Doyle Sims & Sons Trucking in Gleason, Tenn. The company, founded in 1949, runs

primarily in the south, southeastern and midwestern parts of the U.S., transporting non-hazardous and non-food grade products in pneumatic, liquid, dump, and hopper trailers. Commodities it hauls include clay, sand and non-hazmat oils. It also runs a brokerage under the name DSS Logistics. “In acquiring Doyle Sims & Sons Trucking, we are not just adding another company to our portfolio; we are integrating three quarters of a century’s worth of experience, knowledge, and legacy into the Trimac family,” said Trimac president and CEO, Matt Faure. The acquisition adds 111 trucks, 118 trailers and 95 employees to Trimac’s fleet. It averages 8 million miles and more than 18,000 loads a year. Its headquarters has two shop bays, a wash bay and administrative office.

*Trimac acquires U.S. fleet Doyle Sims & Sons Trucking, August 24, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## US/WORLD

### Bankrupt Yellow gets \$1.3 billion bid from rival Estes

Trucking firm Estes Express Lines has struck a \$1.3 billion deal to acquire all of Yellow Corp.’s terminals out of bankruptcy, an offer that’s subject to higher bids should any materialize in the coming weeks. Yellow also struck an agreement in principle on the terms of a bankruptcy loan with Ken Griffin’s Citadel and hedge fund MFN Partners LP, the company’s largest shareholder. Citadel is offering to extend Yellow \$100 million and MFN is offering to provide the company \$42.5 million to fund the trucking firm’s liquidation, Smith said. MFN Partners could extend an additional \$70 million if Yellow needs additional cash in the future, she said. The new bankruptcy loan came together in recent days after Citadel acquired roughly \$485 million in Yellow Corp. debt previously owned by Apollo Global Management Inc. and other senior lenders. Apollo and other lenders offered to fund the liquidation but the alternative financing provided by Citadel and MFN Partners will be less expensive, Smith said.

*Bankrupt Yellow gets \$1.3 billion bid from rival Estes, August 17, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### Teamsters overwhelmingly ratify UPS contract

The Teamsters union rank and file working at UPS Inc. have overwhelmingly ratified a five-year contract, the Teamsters announced on August 22, 2023 afternoon. According to the Teamsters, 86.3% of voters ratified the contract, the largest margin in the long history of collective bargaining agreements between the two sides. It is unclear how many of the 340,000 unionized UPS workers cast ballots. All 44 supplemental agreements were ratified, except for a supplement

covering 174 members in Florida. The national, or “master,” agreement will go into effect once the supplement is renegotiated and ratified, the Teamsters said. Each supplement covers specific regions of the country and is tailored to the needs of Teamsters members in the respective regions. UPS and the Teamsters agreed on July 25 to a tentative five-year contract that calls for a \$2.75-an-hour wage increase in the first year for full- and part-time workers, smaller increases in years two through four, and another bump, albeit not as big as in year one, during the fifth and final year. The contract was then unanimously endorsed by officials of 162 Teamsters locals representing UPS workers.

*Teamsters overwhelmingly ratify UPS contract, August 22, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### Kodiak sets up autonomous truck hub at Georgia Pilot



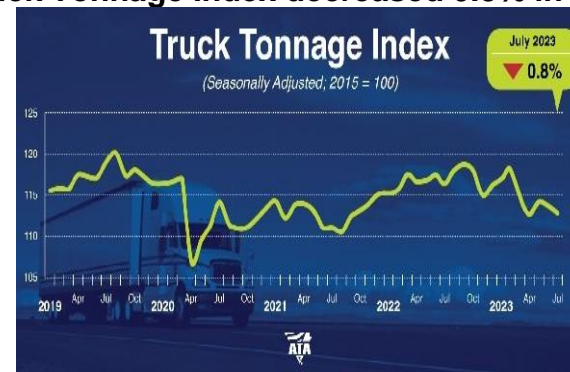
Source: Today's Trucking

Pilot is working with autonomous truck maker Kodiak Robotics to establish the first ‘truckport’ at a truck stop in Villa Rica, Ga., which will serve as a launching and landing hub for autonomous trucks. This model will be rolled out to support Kodiak’s 18,000-mile (29,000-km) autonomous deployment network, the companies announced. “Partnering with Pilot Company to build the Villa Rica truckport ensures that we have access to the truckport services we need, utilizing Pilot’s industry-leading travel center network,” said Don Burnette, founder and CEO of Kodiak Robotics. “This partnership, combined with Kodiak’s flexible technology stack, enables our scalable, asset-light approach to building our truckport network. The freight lane between Dallas and Atlanta is critical to the nation’s supply chain and economy, and this truckport enables us to refine our operations model as we continue to grow.” The Villa Rica Pilot will serve as an eastern satellite hub for Kodiak’s network, joining its Dallas-Fort Worth main hub. The company says the model is scalable and has lean infrastructure requirements. The sites will also allow refueling, light

maintenance and trip inspections, including ‘enhanced inspections’ required for self-driving trucks.

*Kodiak sets up autonomous truck hub at Georgia Pilot, August 22, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

### ATA Truck Tonnage Index decreased 0.8% in July

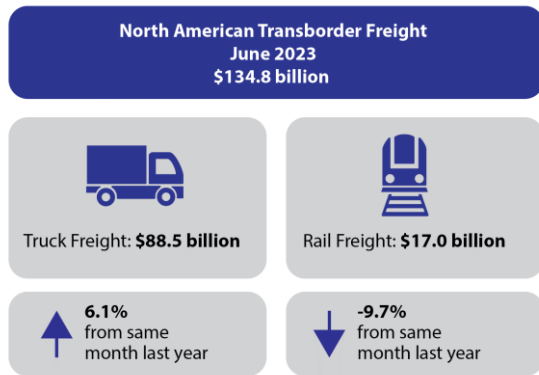


Source: AJOT

American Trucking Associations’ advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index decreased 0.8% in July 2023 after falling 0.3% in June 2023. In July 2023 the index equaled 112.9 (2015=100) compared with 113.8 in June. “Headwinds for freight remained in July, pushing the truck tonnage index lower,” said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. “As has been the case for several months, a multitude of factors have caused a recession in freight, including sluggish spending on goods by households as consumers traveled more and went to concerts this summer. Less home construction, falling factory output and shippers consolidating freight into fewer shipments compared with the frenzy during the goods buying spree at the height of the pandemic are also significant drags on tonnage.” June’s increase was revised lower from our July 18 press release. Compared with July 2022, the SA index fell 3%, which was the fifth straight year-over-year decrease. In June, the index was down 3.2% from a year earlier.

*ATA Truck Tonnage Index decreased 0.8% in July, August 22, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## North American Transborder Freight down 4.6% in June 2023 from June 2022



Source:BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico for June 2022 was as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$134.8 billion moved by all modes of transportation, down 4.6% compared to June 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada totaled \$66.3 billion, down 9.6% from June 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico totalled \$68.5 billion, up 0.9% from June 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$88.5 billion of freight, up 6.1% compared to June 2022; 5. Railways moved \$17.0 billion of freight, down 9.7% compared to June 2022; 6. Vessels moved \$10.3 billion of freight, down 22.6% compared to June 2022; 7. Pipelines moved \$8.1 billion of freight, down 45.4% compared to June 2022; 8. Air moved \$4.8 billion of freight, down 2.0% compared to June 2022; 9. Multiple modes declined due to 38.8% decrease in value of oil and energy commodities. US-Canada trade was as follows: 1. Truck: \$39.5b; 2. Rail: \$9.2b; 3. Pipeline: \$7.6; 4. Vessel: \$3.2b; 5. Air: \$2.9b. *North American Transborder Freight down 4.6% in June 2023 from June 2022, August 23, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Other Transport Updates

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#### Travel between Canada and other countries, June 2023



Source: Statcan

In June 2023, the number of non-resident visitors to Canada and returning Canadian residents accounted for 83.0% of the number observed in June 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents of overseas countries took 699,900 trips to Canada in June 2023, and US residents took 2.6 million trips. At the same time, Canadian residents returned from 3.4 million trips abroad. Vacations by cruise remained popular, as Canadian residents took 21,000 cruise trips. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the [Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard](#).

*Travel between Canada and other countries, June 2023, August 23, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Surprise dangerous goods, hazmat blitz nets 482 violations in Canada



Source: Today's Trucking

Commercial vehicle inspectors in Canada wrote up 482 violations during a surprise blitz that focused on vehicles transporting hazardous materials and dangerous goods (HM/DG) from June 12-16, 2023. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) says 1,449 vehicles and 1,673 dangerous goods packages were inspected during the five days and 163 out-of-service (OOS) violations were issued. In the U.S., 6,123 vehicles and 6,722 hazmat packages were inspected. Inspectors identified 2,096 hazmat violations, of which 538 were out-of-service violations. The Top 3 violations in Canada included problems with shipping papers (165 violations), Transportation of Dangerous Goods Training Certificates (96), and large means of containment packaging violations (78). In the U.S., the Top 3 violations included shipping papers (462), non-bulk packaging (452), and bulk packaging (403). During last year's blitz, inspectors handed out 1,774 violations. The CVSA said 6,204 vehicles were inspected, along with 6,668 packages. *Surprise dangerous goods, hazmat blitz nets 482 violations in Canada, August 24, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## US/WORLD

### TIRF research connects eco-friendly driving and safety



Source: Today's Trucking

“Slow and steady” are said to win the race, but research by the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) has also quantified several links between eco-friendly driving techniques and safety. Working with Sutco Transportation Specialists, J&R Hall Transport, Kriska Transportation and a fourth unnamed fleet in 2022, TIRF analyzed fuel-saving practices such as the time using cruise control, vehicle speeds, hard braking events, hard turns, and collisions. The more time drivers spent in their top gear when capped at 101 km/h while in cruise control, or at 105 km/h with their own foot on the throttle, the lower the risk of near-hit events. “Our hypothesis was, if the fleet drivers follow all of those fuel-efficient techniques, it can positively improve the safety of them and other road users,” TIRF research associate Milad Delavary says. And the study results proved the assumptions were correct.

*TIRF research connects eco-friendly driving and safety, August 16, 2023, [www.todaysgtrucking.com](http://www.todaysgtrucking.com)*

### U.S. Department of Transportation Providing Hawaii \$3 Million in ‘Quick Release’ Emergency Relief Funding for Traffic Management and Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by Wildfires in Lahaina

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on August 21, 2023 announced the immediate availability of \$3 million in “quick release” (QR) Emergency Relief (ER) funds, the current total QR requested by the Hawaii Department of

Transportation (HDOT), to offset costs associated with traffic management services and repairs to infrastructure needed as a result of damage caused by wildfires in Lahaina on the island of Maui earlier this month.

*U.S. Department of Transportation Providing Hawaii \$3 Million in ‘Quick Release’ Emergency Relief Funding for Traffic Management and Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by Wildfires in Lahaina, August 21, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### Warehouse automation set for steady growth in China, report says



Source: Inside Logistics

The Chinese warehouse automation market has fared well over the past five years, maintaining a market growth rate of around 16 percent, with steady expansion expected over the next five years. Behind the US, China is the largest single market for warehouse automation. China has more warehouses than the US, Canada, and Mexico combined, and its labour costs are increasing as China’s workforce is becoming more skilled. Despite the impact of the pandemic on the Chinese economy, warehouse automation experienced significant growth in sectors such as general merchandise, durable manufacturing and parcel. Overall, the mobile warehouse automation market has grown at a faster pace in China than fixed warehouse automation.

*Warehouse automation set for steady growth in China, report says, August 24, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.com](http://www.insidelogistics.com)*



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THE PACIFIC CHAPTER (CILTNA) INVITES YOU TO  
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**CANADA'S INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR  
TRADE WITH ASIA**

Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy holds enormous potential for our country's expanded trade. Yet, developing new trade relations with the world's fastest-growing economies is not without major challenges. Fraught with geopolitical tensions, Canada's strategic approach to the region includes negotiating new trade agreements, establishing additional regional trade offices and resources, and expanding Canada's 'mind-share' for greater national awareness within emerging markets. As a trading and maritime nation, Canada has launched an ambitious agenda as it seeks to diversify its trade and advance its interests in a shifting international order. Please join CILTNA's Pacific Chapter in Vancouver on September 21 to hear one of Canada's foremost Asia experts on this timely and important national initiative.

**SPEAKER:**  
JEFF NANKIVELL, PRESIDENT & CEO  
ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

**Cost:**  
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**Speaker:** Jeff Nankivell, President and CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

**When:** September 21, 2023

4:30 pm – Registration

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Reception/Presentation

**Where:** Terminal City Club

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### Job Postings

#### \* Freight Modeler / Econometrician GS 12/13/14 - Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) is seeking a freight modeler with extensive knowledge in econometric or statistical modeling methods. At BTS, you will play a major role in modeling goods movement and freight transportation flows throughout the United States. The successful candidate will help produce the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) dataset <https://www.bts.gov/faf>, which is used in virtually every freight travel demand model and in most freight policy studies in the U.S. Join us as we modernize the FAF, leveraging ever-richer data and advanced methodologies to better serve our data users.

To Apply: Do not use USAJobs. Email your resume to [BTSJobs@dot.gov](mailto:BTSJobs@dot.gov) by September 22nd and indicate the position you are applying for in the subject line.

Note: You must be a U.S. citizen and meet the requirements for the job series and grade to be eligible for consideration.

**\* UK-based publishing company looking for experts in fleet management from UK and North America to collaborate with**

Each contributor would be paid for their time and can choose to have their name associated with the newsletter or not, as they see fit.

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- Offering suggestions for topics of future newsletters
- Signing off as a topic-expert (e.g., “Read and reviewed by Jane Smith, CMO, Fleet Management Corp.”)

If you have any questions or if this interests you, please contact Christian Rigg and let him know what your hourly rate would be for this kind of work. He can be reached at: [christian@elevenwriting.co.uk](mailto:christian@elevenwriting.co.uk)

### **\* Port of Thunder Bay Chief, Executive Officer (CEO)**

At the terminus of the St. Lawrence Seaway System the largest inland waterway in the world, the Port of Thunder Bay is the second largest export grain port in Canada and a leading cargo exporter. The Port was built to provide access to European markets for Western Canadian grain producers through the world’s longest grain supply chain. Today, the Port services grain markets in the Mediterranean, Africa, Central and South America as well as Europe. With world-class facilities that efficiently handle 9 million tonnes of cargo annually, an integral part of the Port of Thunder Bay’s strategy is to expand upon the successful project cargo corridor, facilitating the movement of cargo to and from Western Canada and international markets. With the retirement of its current Chief Executive Officer, the Board is looking for a successor who will build upon on the incumbent’s long-standing leadership and contributions to evolve the Port of Thunder Bay as a major breakbulk hub for Western Canada.

With a mission to promote and invest in the efficient integration of marine, rail and road transportation systems and improve competitiveness of the Thunder Bay marine route to advance economic growth, the CEO is accountable to the Board of Directors for the overall planning, organization, coordination, and control of all Thunder Bay Port Authority’s operations to ensure a safe,

environmentally sound, and financially self-sufficient organization. In consultation with internal and external stakeholders, the CEO will promote the development of business partnerships with shipping, rail, trucking companies, and independent port operators – leading the organization as a major contributor to economic growth.

This is an exciting opportunity for a proactive and innovative leader with an entrepreneurial mindset, able to see the big picture for this critical infrastructure/transportation business, assessing the risks and opportunities through sound judgement and experience. With the exemplary communication skills needed to engage staff, stakeholders

and the Board of the Directors, you bring demonstrated leadership experience managing complex port operations/port asset infrastructure, marine transportation, or supply chain logistics. With the political acumen to engage government agencies and elected officials, your senior executive level experience includes working and communicating effectively with a board of directors. A university degree in Business or a related discipline will serve a valuable foundation to your accomplishments and experience.

### **To Apply:**

To fill this position, Port of Thunder Bay has partnered with leadership advisory firm Odgers Berndtson. Applications are encouraged immediately and should be submitted online ideally by August 24<sup>th</sup> at <https://careers.odgersberndtson.com/en-ca/28622>.

For more information, please contact Kyle Mechar of Odgers Berndtson at [Kyle.Mechar@Odgersberndtson.com](mailto:Kyle.Mechar@Odgersberndtson.com)

We would like to thank all applicants but regret that we are only able to personally contact those individuals whose backgrounds best match the requirements for the role.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

*Port of Thunder Bay is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and Port of Thunder Bay throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.*

*Odgers Berndtson is deeply committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all the work that we do. As part of our efforts to better understand our ability to reach as broad a pool of candidates as possible for our searches, our DEI team would like to encourage you to take a moment and access our [Self-Declaration Form](#).*

## **\* Manager, Government Affairs and Communications, CPKC**

Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) are now CPKC. As the only truly North American railway, we are making big moves! Drawing on our strong foundations and heritage, CPKC moves essential goods across our 20,000-mile network to support economic growth throughout Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Be a part of history as we connect a continent and create exciting career opportunities across our new transnational network. Visit [cpkcr.com](http://cpkcr.com) to learn about the CPKC advantage, our purpose and culture.

### **PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:**

The Manager, Government Affairs and Communications, will be responsible for managing a range of government relations initiatives to promote the business and policy objectives of Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) at the municipal and provincial level, in Quebec and Ontario. Under the supervision of the Director, Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs, the Manager will work closely with the Government Affairs and Communications and Media Relations teams, and others across the company, to execute the initiatives of CPKC's government affairs program. The Manager will also lead CPKC's engagement with francophone media and assist the Communications and Media Relations team with the development of communications products in French. Finally, the Manager will assist the Community Relations team with responding to public inquiries in French. While the Manager's primary focus will be on government affairs and francophone media relations, some engagement with Indigenous communities may also be required.

### **POSITION ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

Develop, maintain, and grow strong relationships with key municipal and provincial elected officials and staff to tell the inspiring story of CPKC: the first and only transnational railway seamlessly connecting Canada, the United States and Mexico  
Deploy fact-based arguments to educate key municipal and provincial stakeholders, and other audiences, to ensure CPKC is known as the

credible industry leader on issues and public policies affecting the railway industry

Attend and represent CPKC at governmental, political, and other external stakeholder meetings and events

Represent CPKC in business and industry coalitions, as required  
Monitor, analyze, and respond to current and potential policy and legislative or regulatory actions at the municipal and provincial level related to the railway industry and CPKC

Collaborate horizontally across the company to support CPKC's business and policy goals

Assist the Communications and Media Relations team with the development of content and communications materials in French, including press material (press releases, media lines, Qs & As, etc

Assist the Community Relations team with responses to public inquiries in French

Manage relationships with francophone reporters and external stakeholders, including writing and communicating directly with reporters, when required.

Identify risks and opportunities for CPKC

Perform other duties, as assigned, consistent with the goals of CPKC

### **POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

Bachelor's Degree with 5+ years of professional experience in government or a government relations role

Excellent written and oral communication skills in both French and English, with a demonstrated ability to write in a clear, concise, effective and professional manner

Ability to learn quickly and demonstrate intellectual curiosity

Strong advocacy skills with a demonstrated ability to distill complex ideas and communicate them effectively

Exceptional interpersonal and relationship building skills

Knowledge of the Canadian system of government and policy-making process.

Positive and engaging attitude

Professional appearance, work ethic, and demeanor

Strong ability to work collaboratively as a team player and accomplish tasks with self-direction

High degree of personal initiative and desire to achieve success for CPKC

Exceptional organizational and time management skills, with a proven ability to prioritize and manage multiple initiatives simultaneously

Proven ability to work in a fast-paced environment, while remaining calm under pressure and maintaining high quality work standards

High proficiency with standard computer platforms, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint



**WHAT CPKC HAS TO OFFER:**

Flexible and competitive benefits package  
Competitive company pension plan  
Employee Share Purchase Plan  
Performance Incentive Program  
Annual Fitness Subsidy  
Part-time Studies Program

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

As an employer with North American presence, the possibility does exist that the location of your position may be changed based on organizational requirements.

**Background Investigation:**

The successful candidate will need to successfully complete the following clearances:

Criminal history check  
Reference check  
Driver's License Verification

**Management Conductor Program:**

Becoming a qualified conductor or locomotive engineer is the single best way for a management employee to learn the business at CPKC. You may be required to obtain a certification or to maintain your current certification/qualification as a conductor or locomotive engineer.

CPKC is an employment equity employer committed to the principles of employment equity and inclusion. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply including women, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC), members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people with disabilities. Accommodations for the job application process can be provided, as appropriate, upon request. All applicant information will be managed in accordance with the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)".

To apply, please click [HERE](#).

**\* 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>

**\* GLG, looking for consulting experts in various transportation and logistics fields**

We have been approached by GLG, a bona fide professional services organization which provides hourly consulting services, looking for experts in various transportation and logistics fields. These are done over the phone or in a web meeting (not in person). If you would like to be considered as a candidate (GLG typically pay up to \$200/hr. for these 30 minute or 60 minute consultations) for any of these please let Andrew Young know and he will put you in contact with them ([uschapter@ciltna.com](mailto:uschapter@ciltna.com)).

**Diesel-to-Electric Battery Repowering | Trains, Trucks, or Boats**

One of our clients, a railcar manufacturer, would like to speak with an expert who is knowledgeable about repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, and trucks. More specifically, they're looking to better understand what it takes to go from diesel to electric battery powered, as well as who the leading suppliers of key components are (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.).

**Project Questions**

- Do you have experience repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, or trucks? If so, please elaborate on your relevant experience below.
- Are you able to discuss the repowering design, specifically what it takes to transition from conventional diesel to electric battery powered?
- Are you knowledgeable about suppliers of key repowering components (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.)? If so, please note which component suppliers you could elaborate on during a call below.

## **Fleet Management | Market Overview**

One of our clients, a project team at a professional services firm, would like to speak with individuals that have in depth knowledge on the truck fleet management space. Topics of interest include:

- Products offered by truck fleet management companies
- Value chain
- Products
- Market size, areas for growth, and top players in the space

Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of a corporation or investment firm. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

### **Project Questions**

- Can you list what are the main products that a truck fleet management company offers?
- On a scale from 1-5 (1=not able to speak, 5=extremely knowledgeable), how knowledgeable are you on the following topics related to fleet management:
  - Who do you believe are the 3-5 main truck fleet management companies and who has been gaining market share in the last 5 years?
  - Can you speak to what is the average gross margin that fleet management companies generally have combining all products and services? (in %)

## **Fleet Operations | Fleet Manager Perspective**

One of our clients, a project team at a professional services firm, would like to speak with professionals with fleet management experience across truck, rail, maritime, or aviation fleets.

Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of an Oil & Gas Provider. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

### **Project Questions**

- Roughly how many vehicles are/were included in your fleet?
- Are you involved in the evaluation and decision-making process for fuel choices and alternative products used in your fleet? Please select which best represent your relevant experience.
  - Are you familiar with fuel alternative products ("green fuel", biofuels, etc.)? Please briefly elaborate on your experience in 1-2 sentences.

- Can you speak to your preference of fuel vs. fuel alternative products and your rationale? Please briefly elaborate in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you provide examples of and speak to companies that are selling fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these companies?
  - Can you speak to the fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these products? What has influenced your perception? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
  - Could you provide examples of when you have utilized fuel alternatives within your business/at your place of work? What were the advantages? The disadvantages? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
  - Could you speak to making purchase decisions regarding fuel alternatives? What were your considerations? What ultimately influenced your decision? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
  - Could you speak to the sources/influences that you consulted during this buying process? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
  - Does your CURRENT company compete with Oil & Gas Manufacturers.
  - Do you have current/recent experience (within 0-2 years) in fleet management across any of the following segments?

## **Freight Brokerage Services | Overview**

One of our clients, an analyst at an investment management firm, would like to speak with a Network Member who can speak on the freight brokerage services space. Topics of discussion include:

The unique dynamics of fresh produce / temperature-controlled shipping

- Defensive actions to take during a brokerage downturn
- Main drivers of freight brokerage financials
- Up and coming tech platforms for freight brokerages

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### **Project Questions**

- Can you speak to the unique dynamics of fresh produce/temperature-controlled shipping? If so, please elaborate on your ability to do so below.
- Have you navigated a downturn at your brokerage? If so, can you speak on the defensive actions that were taken?

- Can you speak on the main drivers of freight brokerage financials? If so, please elaborate in 1-2 sentences on your ability to do so below.
- Can you speak on any emerging tech platforms for freight brokerages? If so, please elaborate on them below.
- Do you have any off-limit topics and/or anything you might be contractually obligated not to discuss regarding this consultation or space? If so, please briefly elaborate on the topics you are not allowed to discuss.



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