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Airports Council Names Gerry Bruno 2023 Downes Award Recipient

Airports Council International - North America (ACI-NA), the trade association representing commercial service airports in the United States and Canada, today announced that Gerry Bruno has been named the recipient of the 2023 William E. Downes, Jr. Memorial Award. The Downes Award, the highest honor given by ACI-NA, is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting the cause of airports and aviation throughout the local, national, and worldwide communities. The award was presented during a special ceremony at the 2023 ACI-NA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Long Beach, California on October 1, 2023.

To read the full article, please visit:
https://airportscouncil.org/press_release/airports-council-names-gerry-bruno-2023-downes-award-recipient/

We at CILTNA, would like to congratulate Gerry on this well-deserved recognition. Your contribution to the aviation industry has been outstanding.

Air Canada Offers its Global Customers for the First Time In-Flight Audible Original Audiobooks and Podcasts



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on October 3, 2023 became the first airline to offer Canadian Audible Original Audiobooks and Podcasts and more in its in-flight entertainment (IFE) system, further expanding its award-winning product offering. Through premium and dynamic audio storytelling, Audible provides Air Canada's customers immersive, relaxing entertainment during their travel journey onboard. The collaboration marks Air Canada's latest investment in providing unparalleled IFE content for its global customers. "We're thrilled to announce Audible as the latest global brand to work with Air Canada as we continue to expand the in-flight entertainment choices we offer our customers. Entertainment is an important part of the in-flight experience, and with a growing interest in audio stories, the addition of inspiring and engaging articles and interviews in audio format complements the diverse range of content available in our unparalleled in-flight programming," said John Moody, Managing Director, Product Design at Air Canada.

Air Canada Offers its Global Customers for the First Time In-Flight Audible Original Audiobooks and Podcasts, October 3, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalties to American Airlines for violations of the Air Passenger Protection Regulations

On September 28, 2023, enforcement officers of the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) have issued administrative monetary penalties totaling \$64,500 (\$51,000 and \$13,500) against American Airlines for various violations of the Air Passenger Protection Regulations (APPR) related to its obligations around flight delays and cancellations. These penalties are for incidents that occurred in March 2023 and July 2023.

The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalties to American Airlines for violations of the Air Passenger Protection Regulations, September 28, 2023, www.cta-otc.gc.ca

Porter adds Los Angeles and San Francisco to growing list of U.S. destinations

On October 3, 2023, Porter Airlines launched its first two western U.S. destinations in California with daily roundtrip service connecting Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ). The new routes will be operated by the Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, featuring a 132-seat, all-economy, two-by-two configuration. There are no middle seats on any Porter flight.

Porter adds Los Angeles and San Francisco to growing list of U.S. destinations, October 3, 2023, www.flyporterairlines.ca

Porter launches non-stop service between Edmonton and Ottawa

Porter Airlines is launching service between Ottawa International Airport (YOW) and Edmonton International Airport (YEG). The new route begins with one daily roundtrip flight operated on the 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. The aircraft is a two-by-two configuration, meaning there are no middle seats on any Porter flight. The Edmonton-Ottawa route offers a variety of connections to the east coast via Ottawa, including Newark and Boston. Porter also operates multiple non-stop daily flights between Edmonton and Toronto-Pearson.

Porter launches non-stop service between Edmonton and Ottawa, October 4, 2023, www.flyporter.com

US/WORLD

United Airlines pilots approve costliest US contract worth \$10.2 billion

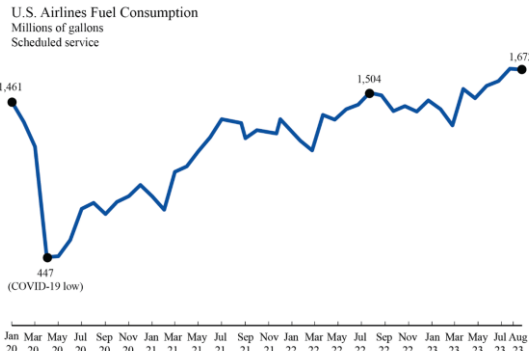


Source: AJOT

United Airlines Holdings Inc. pilots approved a new four-year contract that is the costliest ever at a US carrier, providing a cumulative increase in total compensation of as much as 40.2% over the life of the agreement. The contract, with \$10.2 billion in value over the four-year term, leaves Southwest Airlines Co. alone among the four biggest US carriers without a new post-pandemic pilot accord. The United agreement was approved by 82% of those voting, the Air Line Pilots Association said Friday, September 28, 2023. More than 97% of all United aviators cast ballots. United rose much as 1.6% after the news. Shares pared gains to fall 0.5% to \$42.10 at 1:24 p.m. in New York. United pilots join counterparts at Delta Air Lines Inc. and American Airlines Group Inc. in using an industrywide shortage of aviators as leverage to secure their first post-pandemic contracts with not only notable pay raises, but multiple changes to improve

scheduling and work-life balance. The new United contract includes \$1.7 billion in new policies that affect quality of life, such as increased profit sharing and improved pay during training, the union said. *United Airlines pilots approve costliest US contract worth \$10.2 billion, October 2, 2023, www.ajot.com*

U.S. Airlines' August 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 13.8% from July 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 1.2% from Pre-Pandemic August 2019



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on October 4, 2023 released U.S. airlines' August 2023 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.672 billion gallons of fuel, 0.3% less fuel than in July 2023 (1.678 billion gallons) and 1.2% more than in pre-pandemic August 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in August 2023 (\$2.82) was up 34 cents (13.8%) from July 2023 (\$2.48) and up \$0.88 (45.2%) from August 2019. Total August 2023 fuel expenditure (\$4.72B) was up 13.5% from July 2023 (\$4.16B) and up 46.9% from pre-pandemic August 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for August 2023 include 9.7% increase in domestic fuel consumption, 9.7% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and 17.7% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 0.3% from July 2023 to August 2023, while increasing 1.4% from August 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' August 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 13.8% from July 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 1.2% from Pre-Pandemic August 2019, October 4, 2023, www.bts.gov

Passenger Demand Recovery Continues in August



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the strong post-pandemic passenger traffic trend continued in August 2023. *Total traffic* in August 2023 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 28.4% compared to August 2022. Globally, traffic is now at 95.7% of pre-COVID levels. *Domestic traffic* for August rose 25.4% versus August 2022 and was 9.2% above the August 2019 results. This is largely driven by Chinese domestic demand. *International traffic* climbed 30.4% compared to the same month a year ago. All markets saw double-digit percentage gains year on year. International RPKs reached 88.5% of August 2019 levels. "Demand for air travel performed well in August 2023. For the year to date, international traffic has increased by 50% versus last year and ticket sales data show international bookings strengthening for travel in the last part of the year," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. *Passenger Demand Recovery Continues in August, October 4, 2023, www.iata.org*

Air Cargo Demand up 1.5% in August, First Annual Growth Since February 2022



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for August 2023 global air cargo markets, showing that year-on-year air cargo demand grew for the first time in 19 months. Global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs*), increased by 1.5% compared to August 2022 levels (2% for international operations). Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTKs), was up 12.2% compared to August 2022 (11.8% for international operations). This was largely related to belly capacity which rose 30% year-on-year as airlines ramped-up operations to meet peak-northern summer travel season demand.

Air Cargo Demand up 1.5% in August, First Annual Growth Since February 2022, October 3, 2023, www.iata.org

British Airways reaches tentative deal with pilots' union

British Airways reached a tentative labour agreement with unionized pilots, removing the threat of a walkout through 2027 as the flagship UK carrier cements a recovery from the Covid-19 era travel slowdown. Members of the British Airline Pilots' Association will now vote on whether to ratify the agreement in principle, which builds on pay and working-condition changes made last year, BA said in an emailed statement on Thursday, October 5, 2023. The airline's fortunes have improved since it imposed a pay cut on pilots during the Covid-19 pandemic. Parent company IAG SA announced better-than-expected second-quarter earnings in July 2023, citing BA's performance on North Atlantic routes from London Heathrow airport. Overall, IAG expects capacity to return to 97% of pre-Covid levels by year-end. The deal with pilots follows an accord in August 2023 with 24,000 other staff for a 13.1% pay rise over an 18-month period. Airlines have been proactive in securing new pay deals with staff as they seek to avoid a return to last summer's travel chaos, which saw companies scrambling to recruit enough staff to deal with the post-Covid travel boom.

British Airways reaches tentative deal with pilots' union, October 5, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Freight Rail Services Price Index, September 2023



Source: Statcan

Data for September 2023 for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statistics Canada website. The index was 124.9 for the month of September 2023 compared to 121.5 for the month of August 2023 and 125.9 for the month of September 2022. For the third quarter of 2023, the index was 122.4 compared to 123.7 for the second quarter and 126.0 for the third quarter in 2022

Freight Rail Services Price Index, September 2023, September 29, 2023, www.statcan.gc.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% 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, October 1, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Toronto commute snarled for hours as rail network goes down

Workers in Canada's largest city struggled to get home Tuesday, October 3, 2023 after the regional rail system was hit by a "network-wide system failure" caused by an internet collapse at Canadian National Railway Co. Unusually long lines of people were still waiting for trains to depart downtown around 7 p.m. Toronto time. Metrolinx, the government agency that operates a sprawling rail and bus service between Toronto and its suburbs, said it was attempting to run trains every 30 minutes out of Union Station, Toronto's central rail hub, which is located in the financial district. CN Railway, which manages rail

corridors including Union Station, said it was experiencing an internet connectivity problem. “While there is no indication of a cyber security issue, the cause of the outage is currently under investigation,” spokesperson Jonathan Abecassis said by email. Intercity rail service run by Via Rail was also snarled, with trains from Toronto to Ottawa and cities in southwestern Ontario experiencing long delays. “GO trains, VIA trains in and out of Union Station, as well as CN’s customer service portal, all of which require an internet connection to CN’s servers, are currently impacted,” Abecassis said. “CN apologizes for the issue. We are working to get all services up and running safely and efficiently.”

Toronto commute snarled for hours as rail network goes down, October 3, 2023, www.ajot.com

CN Publishes Winter Plan for 2023-2024

CN published its 2023-2024 Winter Plan. The document outlines the actions CN has taken to meet customer demand safely and efficiently during the winter months ahead. Tracy Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, CN said “Winter conditions bring unique challenges to every part of the supply chain, from production to market. CN’s Winter Plan seeks to anticipate those challenges, mitigate their impact, and facilitate quick recovery. But the resiliency and reliability of Canada’s end-to-end supply chain require us all to work together – coordinating our planning and aligning our execution. The Canadian economy, our customers, and Canada’s position as a reliable trading partner need and expect this level of collaboration.”

CN Publishes Winter Plan for 2023-2024, October 5, 2023, www.cn.ca

Why we must address the interconnected harms to people, animals and ecosystems in train derailments



Source: Inside Logistics

On June 24, 2023, a train derailment in Montana caused a bridge to collapse, sending hot asphalt and molten sulfur spewing into the Yellowstone River. The derailment came nearly five months after the

disastrous derailment near East Palestine, Ohio that raised awareness of rail transportation’s risks and prompted renewed efforts to increase rail safety measures. Here in Canada, we have seen comparable derailments in Ontario, Saskatoon — and the deadly Lac-Mégantic rail disaster in Québec in 2013. Still, rail companies continue to ignore safety warnings, cut corners on safety measures, and make job cuts. Notably, most discussions surrounding derailments focus on the impacts to people, minimizing the importance and interconnections of harms to non-human species. However, paying close attention to the harms caused to animals and the environment can create a more accurate picture of damage in a disaster context.

Why we must address the interconnected harms to people, animals and ecosystems in train derailments, October 5, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

US/WORLD

STB to AAR on Reciprocal Switching: 15 More Days to Comment



Source: Railway Age

The **Surface Transportation Board** (STB) has partially granted the **Association of American Railroads’** (AAR) request to extend the comment period for the **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking** issued **Sept. 7, 2023** in **Docket No. EP 711 (Sub-No. 2), Reciprocal Switching for Inadequate Service**. Meanwhile, Sens. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) are encouraging STB Chairman Martin Oberman to “continue engaging with shippers as stakeholder comments are reviewed and the Board considers next actions.” While the **AAR** late last month called for a **90-day extension**, which would allow comments until Feb. 20, 2024, the STB has decided on a 15-day extension, moving the comment period deadline from Oct. 23, 2023, to Nov. 7, 2023.

STB to AAR on Reciprocal Switching: 15 More Days to Comment, October 3, 2023, www.railwayage.com

AAR: Rail Traffic Remains 'Uncertain'



Source: Railway Age

“Rail traffic, although improving, remains in uncertain territory along with the economy,” Association of American Railroads (AAR) Senior Vice President John T. Gray reported Oct. 4, 2023. While intermodal had “the best volume month of the year in September,” he said, “a sustained boost across rail categories will require stronger overall industrial growth.” U.S. railroads originated 921,716 carloads in September 2023, up 2.3%, or 20,754 carloads, from September 2022, according to AAR’s latest rail traffic report covering September and the week ending Sept. 30, 2023. They also originated 1,008,896 containers and trailers last month, up 0.7%, or 7,096 units, from September 2022. Combined U.S. carload and intermodal originations last month were 1,930,612, up 1.5%, or 27,850 carloads and intermodal units from the same point in 2022. Canadian railroads reported 97,896 carloads for the week ending Sept. 30, 2023, up 2.1%, and 70,662 intermodal units, down 13.6% from the same week last year. For the first 39 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 6,175,243 carloads, containers and trailers, down 3.4%.

AAR: *Rail Traffic Remains 'Uncertain'*, October 4, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Rail dwells rising along West Coast amid shortage of available rail cars

Marine terminal operators in Los Angeles-Long Beach and the Pacific Northwest are dealing with an increase in rail container dwell times due to an east-west imbalance in rail equipment that has worsened in recent weeks.

Rail dwells rising along West Coast amid shortage of available rail cars, October 5, 2023, www.jcc.com

Rail intermodal volumes stabilize in September

September was the highest month in 2023 for U.S. intermodal traffic, finding support in the peak season, according to the Association of American Railroads. U.S. freight railroads originated 1 million containers and trailers in September 2023, a 0.7% increase from September 2022. Year-over-year (y/y) comparisons so far this year have had intermodal volumes trailing year-ago levels. “Intermodal had the best volume month of the year in September, showing, after three years, that ‘peak season’ still exists although much more reserved and occurring somewhat later than past peaks,” AAR Senior Vice President John T. Gray said in a Wednesday, October 4, 2023 release.

Rail intermodal volumes stabilize in September, October 5, 2023, www.freightwaves.com



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Roberts Bank Terminal gains provincial environmental certificate



Source: Inside Logistics

A British Columbia environmental assessment certificate has been issued to Vancouver Fraser Port Authority for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 in Delta, which follows federal approval earlier this year. The provincial certificate contains requirements for the project on matters that fall under provincial jurisdiction. The decision to issue a provincial certificate was made by George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure after considering the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) report on the environmental assessment. The B.C. ministers noted that with the project almost entirely on federal lands, within federal jurisdiction and approved by the federal government, a decision not to issue a B.C. certificate could not prohibit the project from going forward. Issuing the certificate with provincial requirements safeguards provincial interests.

Roberts Bank Terminal gains provincial environmental certificate, September 29, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Statement by Minister Rodriguez on World Maritime Day

On September 28, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, issued this statement on World Maritime Day: "Today is World Maritime Day—a day to recognize the important role marine transportation and marine workers play in keeping our supply chains and people moving. With the longest coastline in the world, and ports of call in the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence Seaway and the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans, Canada relies heavily on maritime trade and transportation. "This year's International Maritime Organization's World Maritime Day theme—*MARPOL at 50: Our commitment goes on*—reflects Canada's long history of protecting the environment from the impacts of shipping and emphasizes our ongoing commitment to this important work. This highlights the critical role that MARPOL (the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) plays in managing and preventing the pollution of the marine environment by ships—from both operational and accidental causes.

Statement by Minister Rodriguez on World Maritime Day, September 28, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

DP World chooses contractors for hydrogen RTG pilot in Vancouver



Source: Inside Logistics

DP World has selected contractors for a hydrogen fuel cell pilot project at its terminals at the Port of Vancouver. Loop Energy, a hydrogen fuel cell manufacturer, and Tycrop Manufacturing, an engineering company based in Chilliwack BC, have been chosen to provide a hydrogen electric solution for DP World's pilot project to decarbonize its rubber-tired gantry cranes (RTGs) fleet at the Port of Vancouver. HTEC is supplying the hydrogen. The pilot project will see DP World's first RTG powered by hydrogen fuel cell systems put into operation at the Port. The RTG pilot is expected to begin operation in Q2 2024, and will be used as a demonstrator to scale the electrification across the organization's global fleet in subsequent phases.

DP World chooses contractors for hydrogen RTG pilot in Vancouver, October 3, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

BC Ferries sets price cap



Source: Today's Trucking

Ferry users, including commercial trucks, can expect an annual fare increase by a maximum of 3.2% for the next four years, the British Columbia Ferry Commission announced on October 3, 2023. This

final price cap for the sixth performance term, from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028, is lower than the 9.2% proposed in March. The additional \$500 million in funding from the B.C. government helped to keep cap fares lower than anticipated, commissioner Eva Hage said in a press release. "A maximum 3.2% increase in annual fares will, I believe, be sufficient to allow BC Ferries to meet the financial demands of the upcoming performance term, while at the same time providing British Columbians with safe, reliable and affordable ferry service."

BC Ferries sets price cap, October 4, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

US/WORLD

Panama Canal fiscal year 2024 update



Source: AJOT

The Panama Canal's budget for fiscal year 2024 begins next Sunday, October 8, 2023, as the authority will continue to manage its operations to maximize water availability in the extreme drought conditions experienced by the country, maintaining the draft at 44 feet and the number of transits between 30 and 32 per day, as previously announced. Hence on October 2, 2023, the Canal announced that as of November 1st, 2023 the average number of transits through the Canal will be adjusted to 31 transits per day: nine through the Neopanamax locks and 22 through the Panamax locks. Additionally, changes will be made to the booking system, introducing Operating Condition 5. Under this condition, the daily transit reservation quotas will be adjusted to a maximum of 30 reservations: eight in the Neopanamax locks and the difference in the Panamax locks. To allow customers to adjust their itineraries and reduce waiting times for vessels that do not have a reservation, Condition 3 will be in effect from October 4 to 31, limiting the total number of reservations at the Panamax locks to a total of 14. This measure makes it possible to manage the number of vessels on standby and ensures that vessels en route or in queue, which have not been booked, can transit within

reasonable timeframes. These adjustments have been made to manage the water shortage, among other actions to administrate transits, which have allowed the Canal to stabilize waiting times for customers.

Panama Canal fiscal year 2024 update, October 2, 2023, www.ajot.com

Port of Long Beach named 'Best West Coast Seaport'



Source: AJOT

The Port of Long Beach has been named the Best West Coast Seaport in North America for the fifth year in a row by the readers of shipping trade publication Asia Cargo News. The honor was announced during the Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain Awards held Sept. 28 in Singapore. Asia Cargo News hosts and organizes the awards ceremony yearly to recognize the top seaports, shipping lines and other logistics industry leaders. More than 15,000 readers of Asia Cargo News made the nominations for each category, then determined the winner from a list of eight finalists in each category. “It’s wonderful to be honored again by the very customers we serve,” said Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero. “Thank you to the waterfront workforce and industry partners who continue to make the Port of Long Beach the most sustainable, efficient gateway for trans-Pacific trade.” “We are investing \$2.2 billion during the next 10 years to upgrade our rail infrastructure, modernize terminals, deepen channels and enhance our operations to stay ahead of our competition,” said Long Beach Harbor Commission President Bobby Olvera Jr. “We are grateful for the recognition by Asia Cargo News and the support of its readers.” *Port of Long Beach named 'Best West Coast Seaport', October 5, 2023, www.ajot.com*



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Gordie Howe International Bridge Survey - Wants to Hear from Carriers

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project is North America's largest binational infrastructure project. The bridge will allow users to directly connect to the highway networks of Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario while adding redundancy, capacity, and connectivity to the region's international bridge system.

Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), a not-for-profit Canadian Crown corporation responsible for the construction of the bridge is looking to hear from Canadian and American trucking firms that regularly conduct cross-border carriages at the Ontario-Michigan border. They have commissioned a third-party research firm to conduct this study which will help inform important aspects of the Gordie Howe Bridge crossing experience, such as crossing times, cost of tolls, tolling infrastructure and other important considerations related to bridge amenities. To thank you for your time, those who complete the survey will receive a CAD \$100 / US \$75 e-gift card.

To participate in the survey online, visit:
<https://ghibtrucking.malatest.net/>

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, August 2023



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for August 2023 on Statistics Canada website. The index for August 2023 was 130.2 compared to 127.4 for the month of July 2023 and 129.6 for August 2022.

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, August 2023, September 29, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Hydrolux plans truck hydrogen fueling station network in Quebec



Source: Today's Trucking

Quebec-based Hydrolux has unveiled the Trans-Québec 1 project, which will consist of seven green hydrogen refueling stations across the province for heavy trucks. This builds on its Project 117, which included establishing two refueling stations, one in Val-d'Or and the other in Saint-Jérôme. The Trans-Québec 1 stations will be installed in the municipalities of Val-d'Or, Saint-Jérôme, Lévis, Saguenay, Rivière-du-Loup, Mont-Laurier and Coteau-du-Lac. Each of the stations will be equipped with a 5-megawatt electrolyzer with capacity that can be doubled to follow the growth in demand. "With its seven stations, the Trans-Québec 1 project will become the backbone of green hydrogen refueling for heavy transport in Quebec, thereby contributing to the growth of this sector necessary for the decarbonization of heavy transport," said Friedrich Dehem-Lemelin, president and CEO of Hydrolux.

Hydrolux plans truck hydrogen fueling station network in Quebec, October 4, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

CTA White Paper to Discuss Decarbonization Realities and Journey Towards a Zero-Emission Future for Heavy Trucks



Source: Ontruck

As new proposed emissions regulations for heavy trucks are set for Canada in 2024, the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is working with member fleets and suppliers to tell the story of decarbonization in our sector and our journey towards zero-emission vehicles. CTA believes the Government of Canada must understand our sector's commitment to finding solutions to reducing emissions, while also capturing how these technologies are currently being deployed by fleets and their operational and technological performance within the varied Canadian landscape. CTA's report will capture what decarbonization efforts are currently happening across Canada, with these real-life experiences helping to guide future discussions with CTA's Board, including what targets future regulations should contain and realistic timelines for these regulations to come into force.

CTA White Paper to Discuss Decarbonization Realities and Journey Towards a Zero-Emission Future for Heavy Trucks, October 5, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

US/WORLD

ATRI Research Delves Into Challenges for Women Drivers



Source: Ontruck

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) is initiating research on the challenges facing women truck drivers as well as barriers that discourage women from considering a career as a truck driver. The Canadian trucking Alliance is a member of ATRI. The comprehensive study will also identify strategies for overcoming industry issues faced by women. Previous ATRI research has confirmed that women make up only 8.1 percent of all U.S. truck drivers, and only 2.7 percent of over-the-road truck drivers. In response, the ATRI Research Advisory Committee prioritized this new women-focused research initiative at its 2023 Annual Meeting.

ATRI Research Delves Into Challenges for Women Drivers, September

29, 2023, www.cantruck.ca

Alternate delivery model gains traction in US but has ways to go



Source: Freightwaves

Somewhere between theory and practice lies a segment of the parcel-delivery market known as “out-of-home” service. Through parcel lockers, designated pickup locations, local stores or a combination of all three, carriers and merchants look to save time, money, cut carbon emissions and reduce porch pilferage, all the while making it as convenient as possible for end consumers to get their packages. A lot depends on density of population nevertheless the full acceptance of this alternative delivery model needs further improvement before it becomes fully acceptable.

Alternate delivery model gains traction in US but has ways to go, October 2, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

Biden-Harris Administration Opens Applications for Nearly \$10 Billion in Funding to Improve Nation’s Bridges Saturday, September 30, 2023

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration opened applications for nearly \$10 billion in funding for fiscal years 2023-2026 through the competitive Bridge Investment Program’s “Large Bridge Project” category, which funds projects larger than \$100 million. The Bridge Investment Program was established by the President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which makes the single largest dedicated investment in bridges since the construction of the Interstate highway system: a total of \$40 billion over five years to help ensure that some of the nation’s most important bridges remain safe and operational, meet current and future traveler needs, support local economies, strengthen our supply chains, and create good-paying jobs across the country.

Biden-Harris Administration Opens Applications for Nearly \$10 Billion in Funding to Improve Nation’s Bridges Saturday, September 30, 2023, www.dot.gov

DHL Express raises US rates by 5.9%

DHL Express, the international air delivery service of DHL, will impose a 5.9% general rate increase on its U.S.-originating shipments in 2024. The rate increase, announced Friday, takes effect Jan. 1, 2024. The increase is 200 basis points above the 7.9% increase that DHL Express imposed on shipments tendered during 2023. The 2024 increase matches the 5.9% rate increases imposed by UPS Inc. and FedEx Corp.

DHL Express raises US rates by 5.9%, October 2, 2023, www.freightwaves.com



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Canadian international merchandise trade, August 2023



Source: Statcan

In August 2023, Canada's merchandise exports increased 5.7%, while imports rose 3.8%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade balance went from a deficit of \$437 million in July 2023 to a surplus of \$718 million in August 2023, the first trade surplus observed since April 2023. These trade balances are close to the typical bounds for monthly revisions to imports and exports. The contribution of prices to the monthly movements was noteworthy in the results for merchandise exports and imports. In real (or volume) terms, exports rose 3.0% in August 2023 compared with July 2023, while imports in real terms increased 1.2%. Consult the International trade monthly interactive dashboard to explore the most recent results of Canada's international trade in an interactive format.

Canadian international merchandise trade, August 2023, October 5, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Climate and Transportation Research Funding

On October 3, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced a funding opportunity to establish the U.S. DOT Climate and Transportation Research Initiative funded at \$2.5 million for the first year. This funding supports a partnership between U.S. DOT and a university or other eligible organizations to conduct research advancing solutions to the Nation's climate and transportation challenges.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Climate and Transportation Research Funding, October 3, 2023, www.dot.gov



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Register now for the CILTNA 2023 Fall Outlook Conference & Annual Dinner: “Stayin’ Resilient, Stayin’ Alive – Trends Shaping the Future of Transport & Logistics” on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Rideau Club, 99 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON.

For details on schedule and registration rates, please visit:
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On Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 1:00 PM ET/ 12:00 PM CT / 10:00 AM PT/ 6:00 PM GMT CILTNA hosted a Webinar: “Intelligent Transportation Solutions to Retain and Increase Ridership – The TriMet Approach” – Part #2 with guest speakers A.J. O’Connor, Director for Intelligent Transportation Systems at TriMet and Adrian Pearmine, Western Mobility Technology Solutions Leader at STV.

The video recording is available to view: [\[Here\]](#).

The presentation slides are available to view: [\[Here\]](#).

Job Postings

*** 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.

Depending on their availability, this could involve:

- Reading the newsletter to ensure information is accurate and relevant (e.g., “This is no longer a widely used practice. Instead, ...”)
- Offering suggestions on additional angles or insights to include (e.g., “A recent study showed X. It would be good to discuss that here.”)
- 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

* 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 at <https://careers.odgersberndtson.com/en-ca/28622>.

For more information, please contact Kyle Mechar of Odgers Berndtson at 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 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).

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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If you need assistance with creating your account or joining, please contact Rebecca Whelan at admin@ciltna.com