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✈️ Air Canada Becomes First Airline Globally to Offer Disney+ Originals Onboard



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on November 3, 2023 became the first airline globally to bring Disney+ Originals to the skies through its in-flight entertainment (IFE) system. The airline's latest collaboration with Disney, an internationally recognized brand, offers customers even more opportunities to enjoy original programming for all ages while onboard. It also marks Air Canada's most recent investment in its family-focused travel experience, adding critically-acclaimed and exclusive Disney+ Originals such as the first three episodes of *Loki* Season 1 and *Obi-Wan Kenobi*. "We are thrilled to bring Disney+ Original series and films to our inflight entertainment, ...," said John Moody, Managing Director, Product Design at Air Canada.

Air Canada Becomes First Airline Globally to Offer Disney+ Originals Onboard, November 3, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada Joins Forces with Dreams Take Flight Calgary to Create Unforgettable Experiences for Children

Air Canada and Dreams Take Flight are once again joining forces to create an unforgettable experience. This year, we will be taking over 120 children on a once-in-a-lifetime journey from Calgary to a theme park in California, all thanks to the generous support of many Air Canada employee volunteers and the Air Canada Foundation. Dreams Take Flight, since its inception in 1989, has provided over 30,000 Canadian children with special needs the opportunity to experience a unique flight. This is the 30th year Dreams Take Flight Calgary has taken place.



Source: Air Canada

The group of children were accompanied by a team of volunteers, both active and retired employees of Air Canada, who were committed to creating a magical journey for all on board. This team, comprised of pilots, flight attendants, maintenance engineers, and many other ground and behind-the-scenes staff, selflessly gave their time to provide an opportunity for children dealing with mental, physical, or

social hardships. They offered these children a chance to escape their daily struggles, create lasting memories, and discover new possibilities.

Air Canada Joins Forces with Dreams Take Flight Calgary to Create Unforgettable Experiences for Children, November 7, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Dashboard - Air travel complaints per 100 flights – by airline – April 2022 to March 2023

Information on air travel complaints per 100 flights by airline can be found on the dashboard set up by the Canadian Transportation Agency. 1. The tables include airlines with an average of 1 or more complaints per 100 flights to/from/within Canada submitted to the CTA during 1 of the quarterly periods. Airlines that did not meet this criteria, or that did not operate at least 100 flights over the reporting periods, are not included on the list. 2. The complaint data is based on the information submitted by passengers and may not have been reviewed by the CTA at the time of publishing. 3. Complaints are submitted to the CTA after the passenger has attempted to resolve the issue directly with the airline. Airlines have 30 days to respond to the passenger, etc. For further information please check the dashboard. For the period March 31, 2023 to April 1, 2022, Air Transat had the lowest 3.3 and Flair had the most 15.3 per 100 flights, while Air Canada's stood at 4.3 and WestJet stood at 6.6.

Dashboard - Air travel complaints per 100 flights – by airline – April 2022 to March 2023, November 7, 2023, www.cta-otc.gc.ca

The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to Air Canada for violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued an administrative monetary penalty of \$110,000 against Air Canada for various violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations (ATPDR) related to its obligations around persons with a disability and their service dogs. These penalties are for an incident that occurred in June 2023. On June 13, 2023, Air Canada failed to provide a passenger with a disability with an adjacent seat to theirs, which was needed to provide sufficient floor space for their service dog. Subsequently, Air Canada refused to transport the passenger and their service dog on one of its flights. The carrier also failed to provide a written notice, within 10 days of the occurrence, explaining the reasons for the refusal to transport a person with a

disability and their service dog. Contraventions relate to subsections 51(4), 60(1) and 60(2) of the ATPDR. Air Canada will have 30 days to request a review before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada. *The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to Air Canada for violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations, November 9, 2023, www.cta-otc.gc.ca*

Air Canada Takes Action to Improve Experience for Customers with Disabilities



Source: Air Canada

On Nov. 9, 2023, Air Canada announced a series of measures to reduce barriers and make travel simpler, more comfortable and consistently reliable for customers with disabilities. The actions being taken will accelerate Air Canada's Accessibility Plan 2023-26, a three-year strategy released in June 2023, and are intended to reduce or eliminate major sources of dissatisfaction and trip disruption for customers with disabilities. "Air Canada recognizes the challenges customers with disabilities encounter when they fly and accepts its responsibility to provide convenient and consistent service so that flying with us becomes easier. Sometimes we do not meet this commitment, for which we offer a sincere apology. As our customers with disabilities tell us, the most important thing is that we continuously improve in the future. We are listening to them and today we are committing to do better and demonstrating that commitment with concrete actions," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada.

Air Canada Takes Action to Improve Experience for Customers with Disabilities, November 9, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

WestJet enhances Edmonton's global connectivity with new US flights to key markets



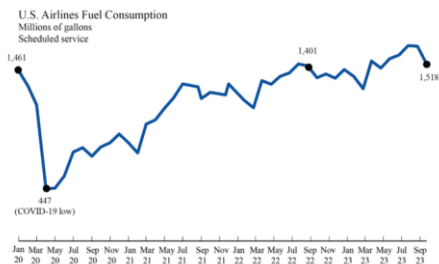
Source: WestJet

WestJet on November 7, 2023, as part of its 2024 summer schedule, unveiled new non-stop service between Edmonton International Airport and Atlanta, Nashville and San Francisco, demonstrating the airline's ongoing commitment to expanding the city's transborder aviation network. The announcement builds on the momentum from summer 2023, when WestJet announced new service to Minneapolis and Seattle, along with strengthened domestic connectivity from Alberta's capital, which will be sustained through 2024.

WestJet enhances Edmonton's global connectivity with new US flights to key markets, November 7, 2023, www.westjet.ca

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U.S. Airlines' September 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 11.4% from August 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 2.8% from Pre-Pandemic September 2019



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on November 3, 2023, released U.S. airlines' September 2023 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.518 billion gallons of fuel, 9.2% less fuel than in August 2023 (1.672 billion gallons) and 2.8% more than in pre-pandemic September 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in September 2023 (\$3.14) was up 32 cents (11.4%) from August 2023 (\$2.82) and up \$1.19 (60.6%) from September 2019. Total September 2023 fuel expenditure (\$4.77B) was up 1.1% from August 2023 (\$4.72B) and up 65.1% from pre-pandemic September 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for September 2023 include 6.0% increase in domestic fuel consumption, 4.2% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and 9.6% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 9.2% from August 2023 to September 2023, while increasing 4.2% from September 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' September 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 11.4% from August 2023; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 2.8% from Pre-Pandemic September 2019, November 3, 2023, www.bts.gov

The future of flight in a net-zero-carbon world: Nine scenarios, lots of sustainable aviation fuel

Several major airlines have pledged to reach net-zero carbon emissions by midcentury to fight climate change. It's an ambitious goal that will require an enormous ramp-up in sustainable aviation fuels, but that alone won't be enough, our latest research shows. The idea of jetliners running solely on fuel made from used cooking oil from restaurants or corn stalks might seem futuristic, but it's not that far away. Airlines are already experimenting with sustainable aviation fuels, including biofuels made from agriculture residues, trees, corn and used cooking oil, and synthetic fuels made with captured carbon and green hydrogen.

The future of flight in a net-zero-carbon world: Nine scenarios, lots of sustainable aviation fuel, November 3, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

✈️ JetBlue CEO targets big airlines over low-dare Spirit travelers



Source: AJOT

JetBlue Airways Corp. wants to use its acquisition of deep-discount carrier Spirit Airlines Inc. to compete with the four major airlines, with plans to rebrand Spirit jets and reduce their seats per plane by 10% to 15%, Chief Executive Officer Robin Hayes testified at an antitrust trial. JetBlue's primary goal in spending \$3.8 billion to buy Spirit was to go up against the likes of American Airlines Group Inc., Delta Air Lines Inc., United Airlines Holdings Inc. and Southwest Airlines Co., Hayes told a judge in Boston during a trial over the federal government's bid to block the deal. "It is a very tall order to compete with them," Hayes said Monday, his second day on the witness stand. The top four airlines account for about 80% of US ticket revenue. "We've spent 20 years now carving out 5%" of the market as a value-focused carrier, Hayes said. JetBlue has studied possible acquisitions of smaller airlines for years and determined it was the only way to compete with larger carriers. "You'd never, ever get to the size they are based on organic growth," Hayes said of the big four companies. "Let's recall that they didn't get there through organic growth either — they got there through mergers and acquisitions." The US Justice Department's lawsuit challenging the JetBlue-Spirit merger is part of an ongoing effort by antitrust regulators to limit consolidation within the airline industry, after decades of approving deals with little restriction. Government lawyers say the transaction violates antitrust law because it would eliminate JetBlue's fastest-growing competitor and limit choices for passengers, especially in the market for ultra-low-cost air travel. Hayes defended the deal, saying it was never intended to eliminate a potential rival. "This was about securing and anchoring JetBlue's future," he said. "We wanted to create a low fare, high-quality challenger to the legacy airlines."

JetBlue CEO targets big airlines over low-dare Spirit travelers, November 6, 2023, www.ajot.com

✈️ Air Cargo Demand up 1.9% in September, Sustaining Moderate Growth Momentum



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for September 2023 global air cargo markets, showing continuing demand recovery. Global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs), increased by 1.9% compared to September 2022 levels (+6% for international operations). Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTKs), was up 12.1% compared to September 2022 (+0% for international operations). Growth was largely related to international belly capacity which rose 31.5% year-on-year as airlines scaled up operations to meet peak-northern summer travel season demand.

Air Cargo Demand up 1.9% in September, Sustaining Moderate Growth Momentum, November 8, 2023, www.iata.org

✈️ September Passenger Demand Provides Solid End to Third Quarter



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the strong post-pandemic passenger traffic trend continued in September 2023. *Total traffic* in September 2023 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 30.1% compared to September 2022. Globally, traffic is now at 97.3% of pre-COVID levels. *Domestic traffic* hit a new high for the month of September, as traffic rose 28.3% versus September 2022 and exceeded the September 2019 level by 5.0%. *International traffic* climbed 31.2% compared to the same month a year ago. All markets saw double-digit percentage gains year on year. International RPKs reached 93.1% of September 2019 levels. “The third quarter of 2023 ended on a high note, with record domestic passenger demand for the month of September and continued strong international traffic,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General. *September Passenger Demand Provides Solid End to Third Quarter, November 9, 2023, www.iata.org*

✈️ Hyundai’s Supernal to build plant in US to make first flying electric taxis

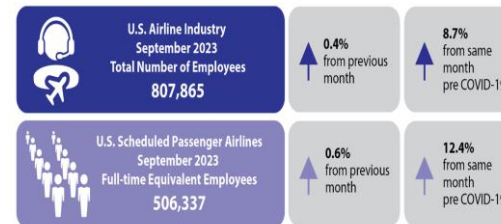


Source: AJOT

Hyundai Motor Group, the world’s third-biggest automaker by sales, plans to build a facility in the US where its air mobility division Supernal will make flying electric taxis intended to be used by commuters. A prototype of the electric vertical take-off and landing craft will be shown at CES in Las Vegas in January 2024, Supernal Chief Executive Officer Shin Jaiwon said. The eVTOL taxi will be capable of flying at 120 miles an hour (190 kph) and have capacity for one pilot and four passengers. December 2024 is the target for a test flight, with ambitions to start commercial service four years later, Shin said in an interview this week with Bloomberg News in Singapore. “Considering all the battery technology and all the infrastructure and regulation to come along, it’s going to take some time,” he said. Batteries are the biggest technical challenge for electric air mobility, accounting for up to 40% of an eVTOL craft’s weight. “That’s really the killer,” Shin said.

“From the operation side, we don’t have air traffic management systems to govern these vehicles,” he said. “Up until this point, even the foreseeable future, we don’t have man-made objects flying routinely below 500 meters.” *Hyundai’s Supernal to build plant in US to make first flying electric taxis, November 8, 2023, www.ajot.com*

✈️ September 2023; Employment Remains 8.7% Above Pre-Pandemic September 2019



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment increased to 807,865 workers in September 2023, 2,939 (0.37%) more workers than in August 2023 (804,926) and 64,765 (8.72%) more than in pre-pandemic September 2019 (743,100). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 533,238 workers in September 2023 or 66% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines added 2,938 employees in September 2023 for a twenty-ninth consecutive month of job growth dating back to May 2021. Southwest led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 882 employees; United Air Lines added 736, and Delta Airlines added 708. U.S. cargo airlines employed 269,870 workers in September 2023, 34% of the industry total. Cargo carriers lost 18 employees in September. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, decreased employment by 149 jobs. *September 2023; Employment Remains 8.7% Above Pre-Pandemic September 2019, November 8, 2023, www.bts.gov*



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AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 44 Weeks



North American rail volume for the first 44 weeks of this year (ending Nov. 4) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads was 28,833,863 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers. Cumulative volume in the U.S. came in at 20,586,243 carloads and intermodal units, down 3.7% from 2022; in Canada, 7,008,124 carloads and intermodal units, down 3.4%; and in Mexico, 1,239,496 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.4%. For the week ending Nov. 4, 2023, U.S. Class I railroads moved a total of 484,757 carloads and intermodal units, down 1.7% from the prior-year period, according to the AAR. This comprises 224,415 carloads—down 5.2% from 2022—and 260,342 containers and trailers—up 1.5% compared with last year. Canadian railroads reported 97,307 carloads for the week ending Nov. 4, 2023, up 2.5%, and 67,421 intermodal units, a 10.7% decline from the same week last year.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 44 Weeks, November 8, 2023, www.railwayage.com

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BNSF: Helping to Fuel a Sustainable Tomorrow



Source: Railway Age

Used restaurant cooking oil, tallow and municipal solid waste might not be what most consider the next “big thing” given their “eww” factor, but these raw materials are gaining new respect as a solution to meeting the world’s needs for sustainable energy. That’s because they’re considered feedstocks, which are needed to produce biofuels, or renewable fuels. Feedstocks come from plants, algae and organic waste. Sources include corn, sugarcane, wood chips, sawdust, crop residues and more. Vegetable oils extracted from soybeans, canola, sunflowers and other seeds are also feedstocks. “Renewable fuels are becoming a game-changer as they’re an environmentally friendly alternative to fossil fuels,” Phillip Lowery, Director, Marketing for Agricultural Commodities at BNSF, explained. “At one time, meat processing companies had a byproduct that they had to get rid of and now they have incentive to sell them to refiners.” Biofuel production is taking off, especially in places like California and Washington, states that have set low-carbon fuel standards and are offsetting those with tax incentives.

BNSF: Helping to Fuel a Sustainable Tomorrow, November 6, 2023, www.railwayage.com



President Biden Advances Vision for World Class Passenger Rail with \$16 Billion Investment in America's Busiest Corridor

On, November 6, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced it has awarded \$16.4 billion for 25 passenger rail projects along the Northeast Corridor (NEC), a railroad line running between Boston and Washington, D.C. This particular line is one of the highest volume passenger rail corridors in the world and the busiest in the United States, with hundreds of thousands of daily riders. It also supports billions of dollars in annual economic activity, making it key to the national economy. Projects were selected through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (Fed-State NEC).

President Biden Advances Vision for World Class Passenger Rail with \$16 Billion Investment in America's Busiest Corridor, November 6, 2023, www.dot.gov



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St. Lawrence Seaway's Unifor workers ratify three-year deal



Source: Today's trucking

Unifor members at the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) have ratified a three-year collective agreement, according to a news release. Unifor said the maintenance, operations and clerical group voted 85% in favor, and the supervisory group voted 87% in favor. The ratification follows a strike by 360 employees that halted transit along the seaway from Oct. 22 to the morning of Oct. 30. "I congratulate the members of the St. Lawrence Seaway on their new collective agreements and Unifor is committed to making this the start of a better and more respectful workplace for our members," said Lana Payne, Unifor National president. "The collective agreement reflects the important contributions Seaway employees make every day to keep this critical transportation corridor moving and delivering for local, regional and binational economies," SLSMC president and CEO Terence Bowles said in a news release.

St. Lawrence Seaway's Unifor workers ratify three-year deal, November 3, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Great Lakes reports third quarter 2023 results

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation ("Great Lakes" or the "Company"), the largest provider of dredging services in the United States, today reported financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2023. Third Quarter 2023 Highlights: 1. Revenue was \$117.2 million for the third quarter; 2. Total operating loss was \$5.1 million for the third quarter; 3. Net loss was \$6.2 million for the third quarter; and 4. Adjusted EBITDA was \$5.3 million for the third quarter. Lasse Petterson, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "The third quarter, as expected, was a challenging quarter due to vessel drydocks and idle equipment due to market delays from 2022 and the first half of 2023. Despite the challenges, we continued to bid on projects and build a solid backlog for the fourth quarter and for 2024. Great Lakes ended the quarter with \$1.03 billion of dredging backlog, which does not include approximately \$50.0 million of performance obligations related to offshore wind contracts and \$225.0 million in low bids and options pending award..."

Great Lakes reports third quarter 2023 results, November 7, 2023, www.ajot.com

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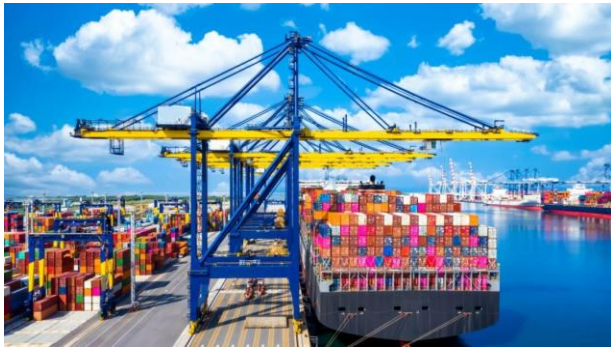
Biden-Harris Administration Invests More Than \$653 Million in Ports to Strengthen American Supply Chains

On, November 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced over \$653 million to fund 41 port improvement projects across the nation under the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). As part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda – a key pillar of Bidenomics – this funding will help grow capacity and increase efficiency at coastal

seaports, Great Lakes ports, and inland river ports. A significant portion of domestic and international U.S. commerce by weight, (over 2.3 billion short tons) moves by water. The port improvement projects announced today will strengthen supply chain reliability, create workforce development opportunities, speed up the movement of goods, and improve the safety, reliability and resilience of ports. These investments are part of the largest dedicated funding for ports and waterways in history – nearly \$17 billion through the President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Biden-Harris Administration Invests More Than \$653 Million in Ports to Strengthen American Supply Chains, November 3, 2023, www.dot.gov

Carrier consolidation, NVO competition weigh on shipper association growth

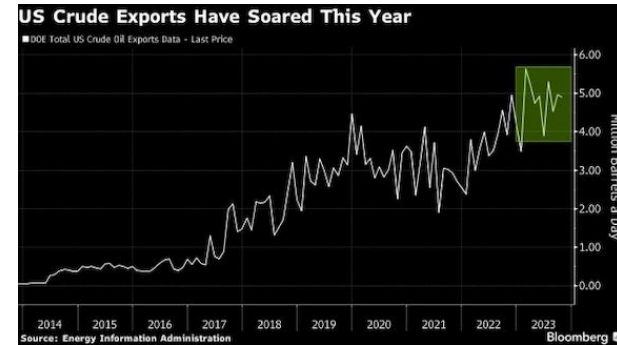


Source: JOC

Shippers whose allocations were cut during the pandemic peak in demand are now having to fight the urge to seek out bargain basement ocean freight pricing. Despite the downturn in ocean rates this year, procurement groups that aggregate shipper buying power have fewer options on any given port pair due to liner carrier consolidation in the mid-2010s. They also must contend with shippers shifting some of their volume to non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOs) offering attractive spot rates. Those two dynamics cut against the notion that these groups, also called shipper associations, are in a position to easily grow their memberships in a market oversupplied with vessel capacity.

Carrier consolidation, NVO competition weigh on shipper association growth, November 6, 2023, www.joc.com

A record number of supertankers is headed to collect US oil



Source: AJOT

A record number of supertankers is steaming toward the US to load oil as shipowners look to capitalize on an increase in the nation’s crude exports. Forty-eight vessels are bound for the country in the coming three months, according to data gathered November 3, 2023 by Bloomberg. That’s the most in at least six years. The flow of vessels illustrates the changing energy landscape as the US pumps more crude than ever before and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies seek to prop up the market with supply curbs. US crude exports have surged this year, government data show. US producers are increasingly sending low-sulfur “light-sweet” oil overseas, while many domestic refiners prefer to fill their slates with heavier grades that yield more diesel-type fuels. The nation lifted its decades-old restrictions on crude exports in 2015. “US slate-optimization is forcing further volumes of US light sweets to the waterborne market,” said Richard Price, an oil markets analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd.

A record number of supertankers is headed to collect US oil, November 6, 2023, www.ajot.com

Could Mean Unusual Holiday Shopping Season Ahead



Source: Railway Age

A glut of goods arriving over the past few years, including the CMA CGM Marco Polo's May 2021 arrival shown here, has led to jam-packed warehouses and rampant discounts this holiday season. Santa is putting his elves to work earlier than ever this year. While the so-called "Christmas creep" phenomenon is an annual topic of debate, this year shoppers may find ample opportunity for ahead-of-schedule holiday shopping with discounts galore. Retailers are predicting an even earlier-than-usual start to the holiday shopping season, at least partially thanks to the unusual shipping trends of the past few years seen at cargo gateways such as the Port of New York and New Jersey leading to some jam-packed warehouses and excess inventory. As a result, retailers may be willing to give deep discounts to see those items finally leave their warehouses.

Could Mean Unusual Holiday Shopping Season Ahead, November 6, 2023, www.railwayage.com

Maersk lays off 10,000

Maersk has announced that by early 2024 it will have laid off 10,000 of its staff. The company reported revenues in Q3 2023 that were US\$10 billion below revenues for the same period in 2022. It also reported margin had declined by 4.4 percent. While this result is in line with market conditions, the liner company said it expects global container volume growth will be in the range of -2 percent to -0.5 percent, compared to -4 percent to -1 percent previously. Ocean expects to grow in line with the market. "Our industry is facing a new normal with subdued demand, prices back in line with historical levels and inflationary pressure on our cost base. Since the summer, we have seen overcapacity across most regions triggering price drops and no noticeable uptick in ship recycling or idling. Given the challenging times ahead, we accelerated several cost and cash containment measures

to safeguard our financial performance," Vincent Clerc, Maersk CEO, said in a statement.

Maersk lays off 10,000, November 8, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Container shipping bracing for downturn, Hapag-Lloyd chief says



Source: AJOT

The container shipping industry faces a few years of headwinds as low freight rates, a weak European economy and widening geopolitical turmoil cloud the outlook, the head of the world's fifth-biggest carrier said. "I'm certainly concerned about the next 24-36 months because I think we are going to see a downturn," Hapag-Lloyd AG Chief Executive Officer Rolf Habben Jansen said in an interview on November 9, 2023. "I do expect that the market is going to remain under significant pressure." Rates to transport goods in containers are hovering at unsustainably low levels, and it's impossible to say when that will turn around, he said. "I don't know if it's a price war, but it's certainly low prices," Jansen said, noting that the company has already announced the suspension of some services. Still, when it comes to the volume of shipments, "I'm probably a little bit more on the optimistic side because I do think we are going to see reasonable growth, both in the fourth quarter but also in 2024," he said.

Container shipping bracing for downturn, Hapag-Lloyd chief says, November 9, 2023, www.ajot.com

It can now cost \$4 million to skip the queue at the Panama Canal



Source: AJOT

A logjam at the Panama Canal is leaving shipowners hauling everything from fuels to grains between the US and Asia with no good options - spend weeks waiting at sea, sail around South America, or pay an exorbitant amount to jump the queue. Japan's Eneos Group forked out \$3.98 million in an auction on November 8, 2023 to secure a crossing, bidding documents show. Shipbrokers said Sunny Bright, the company's liquefied petroleum gas tanker, got a slot to cross the congested waterway in the north-bound direction on Nov. 15, 2023. It had previously discharged the fuel it was carrying in China. The additional fee will be on top of the regular transit charges, which can amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The congestion is being caused by a drought in Panama, which has lowered water levels on the canal, disrupting trade between the US and Asia in the weeks ahead of Christmas and beyond.

It can now cost \$4 million to skip the queue at the Panama Canal, November 9, 2023, www.ajot.com



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No one's having much fun in this freight market

Entering the final quarter of 2023, the freight market has moved into an era of somber recalibration. The optimism that jumped in Q3 is now tempered by more introspection, as signs emerge of a market that will remain subdued for a longer period. This new normal is less about the tumult of the past and more about steady adjustment to prolonged market softness. The second half of 2023 has so far brought with it several major bankruptcies, leaving in their wake a new awareness among carriers and brokers of how fragile market equilibrium really is. As Q4 unfolds, much of freight's executive class seems to be adopting a more defensive stance, suggesting collective acceptance of a "lower for longer" market scenario.

No one's having much fun in this freight market, November 6, 2023, www.freightwaves.ca

ConMet acquires TruckWings maker TruckLabs



Source: Today's Trucking

ConMet, a part and component supplier, has acquired TruckLabs, the maker of TruckWings aerodynamic devices that close the gaps

between trucks and trailers. TruckWings deploy at highway speeds to reduce drag, improve stability, and increase a diesel truck's fuel efficiency by 3-6% – saving over 1,100 US gallons (4,000 litres) of fuel and 15,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per year, the company says. They're also marketed as a tool to extend electric or hydrogen vehicle range. Under the terms of the agreement, TruckLabs will become a wholly owned subsidiary of ConMet.

ConMet acquires TruckWings maker TruckLabs, November 7, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Transport Inter-Nord sold to Groupe Guilbault



Source: Today's Trucking

Groupe Guilbault has acquired Transport Inter-Nord, a fleet based in Saint-Jerome, Que., specializing in LTL and truckload freight. Transport Inter-Nord has been owned by the McLaughlin family for more than 33 years, and by Champlain Financial Corporation since 2021. It has 82 trucks, 132 trailers and 145 employees, serving more than 625 municipalities. "We are very proud of this strategic alliance, which will enable us to consolidate our leading position in LTL freight transport in Quebec. Transport Inter-Nord and Transport Guilbault are both family businesses run by third-generation descendants. We share the same values and customer service objectives," said Eric Gignac, president of Group Guilbault. "It's the perfect match — two companies

that take their employees and customers to heart. Transport Guilbault has always been a role model for us, like a big brother, for its values, technologies and, above all, its concern for service. We're delighted to be part of this Quebec flagship," said Steve McLaughlin, president of Transport Inter-Nord.

Transport Inter-Nord sold to Groupe Guilbault, November 9, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca



Cargo theft on the rise in Q3: CargoNet

Cargo theft in Canada and the U.S. increased by 59% in the 2023 third quarter, compared to the same time last year, *CargoNet* reports. The organization recorded 692 thefts that cost the industry over US \$31 million. The majority of the cargo stolen in 2023 Q3 can be attributed to shipment misdirection attacks, which remain an ongoing issue in the transportation and logistics sector. This is an example of strategic theft, which allows attackers to use stolen carrier and broker identities to intercept and misdirect goods from their original destinations. While the documented strategic cargo theft increased 430% year-over-year, the amount of stolen full-trailer loads increased by 4% as well. According to *CargoNet*, a significant spike was recorded in the "Other" cargo category, too. It combines different reports that include identity theft complaints, hostage loads, late shipment complaints, and other criminal activities.

Cargo theft on the rise in Q3: CargoNet, November 9, 2023, www.todaystrucking.ca

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Economic Trucking Trends: Class 8 orders remain strong, potentially prolonging trucking's pain

Conditions for truckers continue to be tough, but shippers aren't throwing any parties, either. Rising fuel prices are hurting both truckers and shippers, with FTR's Shippers Conditions Index plunging into negative territory for the first time in nearly a year. Meanwhile, fleets continue to have a healthy appetite for new equipment in 2024. While this may represent replacement demand, continued strength in Class 8 truck orders could prolong current freight market conditions that are characterized by excess capacity, according to ACT Research. Preliminary Class 8 truck orders totaled 31,900 units in October, which when seasonally adjusted would amount to a still-above-trend 25,800, according to ACT Research. It's good enough to grow order backlogs, but OEMs have less buffer than they've been accustomed to over the past two years.

Economic Trucking Trends: Class 8 orders remain strong, potentially prolonging trucking's pain, November 3, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com



U.S. truck tonnage will grow to 14.2 billion tons by 2034, ATA says



Source: Today's Trucking

Truck tonnage in the U.S. will grow to 14.2 billion tons by 2034, according to American Trucking Associations (ATA) projections. "In this edition of *Forecast*, you will see that the trucking industry continues to dominate the freight transportation industry in terms of both tonnage and revenue, comprising 72.2% of tonnage and 79.2% of revenue in 2022," said Bob Costello, ATA's chief economist. "That market share will continue to hold over the next decade, as the country will still rely on trucking to move the vast majority of freight." *ATA Freight Transportation Forecast 2023 to 2034* found that overall truck tonnage will grow from an estimated 11.3 billion tons this year to 14.2 billion tons in 2034. This represents 72.4% of the freight tonnage in 2023 and 72.6% of tonnage at the end of the forecast period. Trucking's revenues will grow from \$1.01 trillion in 2023 to \$1.51 trillion in 2034, which will account for 78.8% of the freight market, the study showed.

U.S. truck tonnage will grow to 14.2 billion tons by 2034, ATA says November 8, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com



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Transportation's Top Stories

Other Transport Updates

CANADA

Minister of Transport announces new client identification database for the transportation of dangerous goods in Canada

On November 3, 2023, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced the launch of new registration requirements and a new Client Identification Database to reduce risks associated with dangerous goods. These new requirements will give Transport Canada more current, accurate, and complete information about persons or organizations who are involved in the transportation of dangerous goods. They demonstrate the Government of Canada's commitment to promoting public safety, including when dangerous goods are handled or transported in Canada.

Minister of Transport announces new client identification database for the transportation of dangerous goods in Canada, November 3, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Canadian international merchandise trade, September 2023



Source: Statcan

In September 2023, Canada's merchandise exports increased 2.7%, while imports rose 1.0%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade surplus widened from \$949 million in August 2023 to \$2.0 billion in September 2023.

Canadian international merchandise trade, September 2023, November 7, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

October 2023 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Rises Above the October 2022 Level (3.7%) And the Pre-Pandemic October 2019 Level (2.7%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
October 2023 3.6%	October 2023 4.8%
▲ 0.2 change from same month last year	▲ 1.1 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.8% (not seasonally adjusted) in October 2023 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. In October 2023, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 1.1 percentage points from 3.7% in October

2022 and was above the pre-pandemic October 2019 level of 2.7% but still below the October 2020 and October 2021 rates. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in October 2023 was 3.6% or 1.2 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in October 2023 was 3.9%.

October 2023 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Rises Above the October 2022 Level (3.7%) And the Pre-Pandemic October 2019 Level (2.7%), November 3, 2023, www.bts.gov

ITF and World Health Organization to expand collaboration

Plans for the creation of a new Health and Safety Hub to work on links between transport and health policies. The International Transport Forum (ITF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) will strengthen their collaboration on road safety and expand their co-operation to new areas at the intersection of human mobility and public health. A Memorandum of Understanding signed on 2 November 2023 in Paris by ITF Secretary-General Young Tae Kim and WHO Assistant Director-General Ailan Li foresees joint activities relating to: 1. the safety of roads; 2. the co-benefits of sustainable transport policies for reducing emissions and supporting health outcomes, including for active mobility; 3. the health impacts of transport-related air, noise, soil, and water pollution; 4. the trade of second-hand vehicles; and 5. the role of transport in relation to pandemics. The collaboration will cover all geographical locations, with a specific focus on low- and middle-income countries and on expanding existing ITF activities into Africa.

ITF and World Health Organization to expand collaboration, November 3, 2023, www.itd-oecd.org

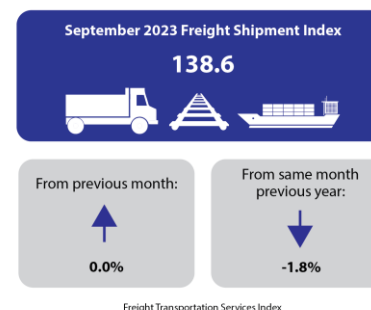
Ukraine recommended to open negotiations to join the EU



Source: Europa

The Commission has adopted the 2023 Enlargement Package, where it recommends that the EU opens accession negotiations with Ukraine, Moldova, and on certain conditions, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Georgia should also be granted the status of a candidate country to join the EU. *Ukraine recommended to open negotiations to join the EU, November 8, 2023, www.europa.eu*

September 2023 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Remains the Same as the Previous Month and Down 1.8% from the Same Month Last Year



Freight Transportation Services Index

Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, in September 2023 remained the same as the August 2023 level, unchanged for two consecutive months, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). From September 2022 to September 2023 the index fell -1.8%

September 2023 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Remains the Same as the Previous Month and Down 1.8% from the Same Month Last Year, November 8, 2023, www.dot.gov



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We are required to give our Chartered Fellows and Chartered Members notice of the forthcoming CILT International AGM to be held on Monday, 4 December 2023. (See Notice of AGM [HERE](#)).

The meeting held on Tuesday, 25 October 2022, Annual Report and Accounts, and the Proxy Voting Form for the AGM are all available on the CILT International Website.

The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom commencing at 1:00 pm GMT and eligible members can register their attendance by clicking on the below link.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_INY38fVdRnaeEfq0oEHfQA

Please do not hesitate to contact Lara Fasanya at CILT International if you have any further questions or require additional information at: info@ciltinternational.org

Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

Ladies, grab some coffee and join us online on Tuesday, December 5 at 1 pm ET/10 am PT for an hour of fun! Meet new people, get to know the WILAT NA Executive Team and find out what we have planned for next year.

Please RSVP at the following link to let us know you are joining us! Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEf-igqT4jG9I-8ct5tBdlIF9tpvt5VAWV>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from RDC containing information about joining the meeting.

This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.

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Women in Logistics and Transport

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Sip & Chat
Eat. Network. Discover.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 1 P.M. – 2 P.M. ET via Zoom
Please RSVP at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-sip-n-chat/>

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN IS A TRIBE OF OTHER SUCCESSFUL WOMEN WHO HAVE HER BACK.

This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.

Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
29 November 2023 | 6 to 7:30 P.M. EST
[To Access the Zoom Session Click Here](#)
vaughn.edu jetlinercabins.com

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Job Postings

*** 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

On Wednesday, November 29 from 6 to 7:30 P.M. EST, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology: The Management Department presents: Industry Insights Speaker Series with guest speaker, Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT who will speaking on "Accessibility: Special Needs". To access the Zoom Session on November 29th please click [HERE](#).

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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