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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### ✈️ Porter inaugurates two more new Florida routes with start of Orlando service

Porter Airlines is taking to the skies with two new routes to Orlando International Airport (MCO) on November 21, 2023, with flights departing from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Ottawa International Airport (YOW). The start of service to Orlando marks the third new Florida destination that Porter has touched down since the start of November, following Tampa and Fort Myers. Flying aboard the new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, Porter brings its genuine hospitality and elevated onboard service to a new market with free, fast WiFi, a selection of premium snacks, and free beer and wine served in glassware.

Porter inaugurates two more new Florida routes with start of Orlando service, November 21, 2023, [www.flyporter.ca](http://www.flyporter.ca)

#### ✈️ Canadiens Announce Air Canada as Official Road Jersey Partner



Source: Air Canada

The Montreal Canadiens and Air Canada have announced a multi-year jersey partnership agreement, which will see the Air Canada logo featured on Canadiens away jerseys worn on the road throughout the duration of the partnership, starting today. The news deepens a 40-plus year partnership between two brands with one common heritage in Montreal. The partnership will also bring a positive impact to the greater Montreal Community. At the end of each season for the duration of the agreement, The Air Canada Foundation and the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation will auction off a set of game-worn road jerseys, with all proceeds benefiting local children's charities which aims to inspire access to the game of hockey for young Canadiens fans.

Canadiens Announce Air Canada as Official Road Jersey Partner, November 23, 2023, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)

#### ✈️ B.C.-based carrier orders electric aircraft



Source: Inside Logistics

Helijet International Inc., plans to become the first Canadian air carrier to provide passenger and cargo services using electric vertical takeoff

and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. The Richmond, British Columbia, company has placed firm orders for ALIA eVTOL aircraft from BETA Technologies. Helijet will integrate the BETA-designed aircraft into its existing network of helicopter services in southwestern B.C. and the Pacific Northwest. The electric aircraft's vertical take-off and landing capability will also have potential to enhance Helijet's provision of emergency response, air ambulance and organ transfer services in the Lower Mainland, as well as support rural and remote communities that do not have access to affordable and convenient air services. Built by electric aerospace company BETA Technologies, the five-passenger + pilot configured ALIA eVTOL aircraft is currently in advanced flight standards development towards commercial regulatory certification in 2026 and will be available for private and commercial service shortly thereafter.

*B.C.-based carrier orders electric aircraft, November 24, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### Heathrow hit with delays due to staff absences, strong winds

London Heathrow Airport experienced flight delays on November 19, 2023 after staff shortages and bad weather led to limits on air traffic. NATS, the UK's airspace manager, said in an emailed statement that temporary restrictions were in place at Heathrow because of "short notice staff absence in the tower and strong winds." Heathrow isn't the only UK airport that has been impacted by air traffic controller shortages this year. London Gatwick Airport said in late September 2023 that it had placed a cap on the number of daily flights through Oct. 1, 2023 because of the rising number of sick leaves. Heathrow confirmed the news in a statement, adding that it encourages passengers to check the latest information with their airline. British Airways said it had to adjust some of its short-haul schedule and has apologized to affected customers and offered them the option to rebook their flight or receive a full refund. Its website showed dozens of flights delayed by up to two hours. NATS said it was working with Heathrow and airlines to minimize disruption, and limits such as this were only imposed to ensure safety. The situation at the UK's biggest airport is expected to improve in the afternoon, NATS added.

*Heathrow hit with delays due to staff absences, strong winds, November 19, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### US airlines keep adding seats they can't get anyone to fill

A record 30 million people are expected to catch a flight over the Thanksgiving holiday, but airlines that specialize in low-cost US travel still don't have much of a reason to celebrate. Spirit Airlines Inc., Southwest Airlines Co. and other domestic-focused carriers are slashing their already low prices. After pandemic-related lockdowns ended, budget domestic airlines bolstered their supply of seats to accommodate a massive influx of travelers in 2022. But these days they're often empty because passengers are gravitating toward more-expensive, internationally focused competitors. As a result, domestic-focused carriers, a group that also includes Frontier Group Holdings Inc. and JetBlue Airways Corp., are expected to struggle financially in 2024 and possibly 2025, analysts say. Those companies have already had a hard year. They've been battered by grounded or delayed aircraft, rising labor costs, volatile fuel prices, and congestion magnified by a shortage of air traffic controllers that's affecting the whole industry. "I get a fare sale promotion, like, four times a day now," Conor Cunningham, a Melius Research analyst, said in an interview. "It's insane." Domestic air fares for Thanksgiving have averaged \$266 round trip, down 7% from 2022 and below pre-pandemic 2019, according to booking app Hopper Inc. Tickets for Christmas are at \$324, down 12% from 2022 and 10% under 2019. Average domestic round-trip fares have declined year-over-year each month from April through October, based on US travel agency ticket sales, according to ARC Corp.

*US airlines keep adding seats they can't get anyone to fill, November 22, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Newcomer of the Year: How Tracy Robinson got CN Rail back on track



Source: Globe and Mail

Tracy Robinson would be the first to admit she was a surprise choice for CEO of Canadian National Railway. She'd stepped away from the industry for close to eight years before taking over CN in February 2022. Sure, she'd spent nearly three decades at Canadian Pacific before that, with roles in sales, marketing and finance, but the investor and analyst community didn't see her as an "operations person." *Newcomer of the Year: How Tracy Robinson got CN Rail back on track, November 22, 2023, [www.theglobeandmail.com](http://www.theglobeandmail.com)*

#### CPKC statement on Mexican Federal Government draft decree on passenger service



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City CPKC on November 17, 2023 issued the following statement on the draft decree concerning passenger rail service in Mexico issued by the Mexican Federal Government: CPKC is reviewing the draft decree and remains directly engaged with the Mexican Federal Government regarding potential passenger rail service on certain existing freight rail corridors. CPKC de México has previously reached an agreement with the Mexican Federal Government to perform a study of what is required for the proposed new passenger rail service on the right of way of the corridor between Mexico City and Querétaro. The draft decree, which is expected to become effective by November 20, 2023, also identifies the San Luis Potosí-Monterrey-Laredo corridor for the proposed passenger rail service. As required by our concession, CPKC de México will work closely with the Mexican Federal Government to evaluate passenger service on that corridor.

*CPKC statement on Mexican Federal Government draft decree on passenger service, November 17, 2023, [www.cpkc.ca](http://www.cpkc.ca)*

## Railway carloadings, September 2023

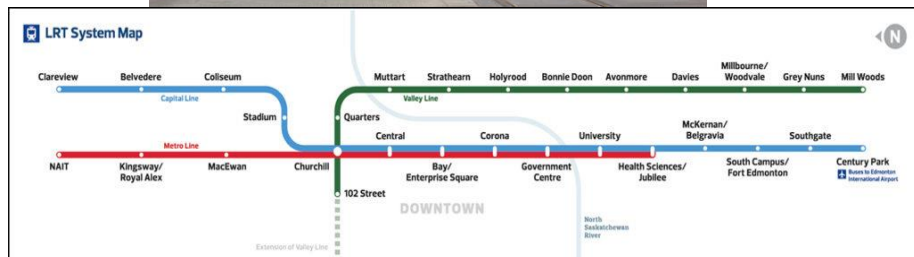


Source: Statcan

In September 2023, Canadian railways transported 30.7 million tonnes of freight, down slightly (-1.9%) from September 2022. The overall freight volume remained just below the previous five-year average of 31.6 million tonnes for the month of September. While shipments of iron ores and concentrates were down, carloadings of coal and certain non-metallic minerals registered strong gains.

*Railway carloadings, September 2023, November 21, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Edmonton Valley Line Southeast Opens



Source: Railway Age

Edmonton, the provincial capital of Alberta, finally welcomed its first passengers on the much-delayed Phase One of the Valley LRT

project, on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023. The eight-mile Valley Line Southeast is notable for two reasons: It operates Canada's longest LRVs, and is Edmonton's first low-floor LRT operation. As such, it is physically separate from the existing high-floor LRT lines. There is no track connection between the two operations.

*Edmonton Valley Line Southeast Opens, November 21, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 46 Weeks



Source: Railway Age

Through the first 46 weeks of 2023 (ending Nov. 18), total North American carload and intermodal traffic decreased 3.1% from the same point last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported Nov. 22, 2023. Both the U.S. and Canada experienced declines, while Mexico saw a gain. North American rail volume for the first 46 weeks of this year (ending Nov. 18) on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads was 30,221,325 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers. Cumulative volume in the U.S. came in at 21,585,007 carloads and intermodal units, down 3.4% from 2022; in Canada, 7,340,071 carloads and intermodal units, down 3.3%; and in Mexico, 1,296,247 carloads and intermodal units, up 4.1%. Canadian railroads reported 98,560 carloads for the week ending Nov. 18, 2023, up 3.7%, and 66,904 intermodal units, an 8.8% decline from the same week last year.

*AAR: North American Rail Volume Down Through 46 Weeks, November 22, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## US/WORLD

## Railroads creating new services to win back market share from trucking



Source: JOC

North American Class I railroads and their partners are showing a flash of creativity not seen in years in launching new domestic, international and cross-border services in recent months. While the moves are more of a rail rejuvenation than a renaissance — railroads to some degree are still aligned with precision railroading principles — they are doing a more effective job juggling the interest of investors while providing new products to serve shippers. It's been a long path since CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway and Union Pacific Railroad were culling lanes in the name of "lane rationalization" and precision scheduled railroading (PSR). Railroads know the new services they provide shippers will only draw market share away from trucks if they are reliable and consistent.

*Railroads creating new services to win back market share from trucking, November 20, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Freight rail execs seeing some 'green shoots' for beleaguered sector

The RailTrends conference for 2023, last week's gathering of many of the industry's operating executives as well as those who finance, analyze or try to sell goods and services to the sector, had a cautiously optimistic tone that rail may soon be able to start to snag some market share from the trucking industry. It's not a meeting at which unbridled optimism is usually present. Rail has not seen significant organic growth at the expense of 18-wheelers for a long time. That time span might be viewed as forever, if you have listened to some of the speakers at RailTrends over the years. RailTrends attendees cautiously optimistic that bad years may be behind industry, but the question is will growth emerge?

*Freight rail execs seeing some 'green shoots' for beleaguered sector, November 21, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## Congress steps into debate over jurisdiction of rail fees for ocean containers



Source: JOC

US shippers could be a step closer to receiving clarity over which government agency should have oversight of the storage fees railroads charge for ocean containers as Congress looks to settle whether policing international intermodal freight should fall to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) or the Surface Transportation Board (STB). Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., is working on draft legislation that would "compel" the FMC and STB to draft a memorandum of understanding over which agency has authority over international intermodal freight, according to Rich Roche, a vice president at third-party logistics provider Mohawk Global and member of the FMC's. *Congress steps into debate over jurisdiction of rail fees for ocean containers, November 20, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*



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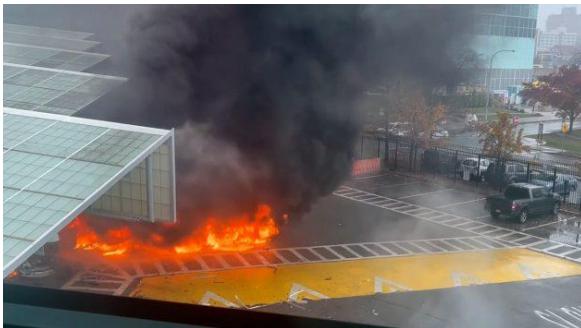
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#### Port of Halifax: Accumulated container traffic (January to September 2023)

For the Port of Halifax, for the 2023 third quarter, total container traffic in TEUs changed -12.9% i.e. to 144,328 from 165,672. Total import traffic for the third quarter of 2023 changed -11.0% i.e. to 78,388 from 88,073. Total export traffic for the third quarter of 2023 changed -15.0% i.e. to 65,940 from 77,599. For the period January to September 2023, total container traffic in TEUs changed -8.7% i.e. to 409,436 from 448,575. Total import traffic for the January to September 2023 changed -10.2% i.e. to 213,213 from 237,449. Total export traffic for the January to September 2023 changed -7.1% i.e. to 196,223 from 211,126.

*Port of Halifax: Accumulated container traffic (January to September 2023), November 23, 2023, [www.portofhalifax.ca](http://www.portofhalifax.ca)*

#### Four Canada-US border crossings closed as vehicle explodes



Source: Inside Logisitcs

Four border crossings between Canada and the US are closed after a single vehicle made a high-speed run onto the bridge on the US side of the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, crashed and exploded. Two occupants in the car were killed and there was damage to structures on the US side. The Rainbow Bridge, Whirlpool Bridge, Peace Bridge, Queeston/Lewiston crossings were all closed around noon on November 22, 2023. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed the situation in the House of Commons, saying it was a very serious situation. "Additional measures are being contemplated and activated at all border crossings across the country," he said. "This is obviously a very serious situation," Canadian Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc told reporters on November 22, 2023. "It's a source of concern for the government of Canada and for the United States so we're taking this circumstance very seriously but to speculate on the origin of this particular circumstance ... when we don't have reliable verified information is not responsible." The FBI notes no terrorism link to this explosion.

*Four Canada-US border crossings closed as vehicle explodes, November 22, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca); and No terrorism link in Niagara Falls Rainbow Bridge explosion: FBI, November 23, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### Panama canal announces special auction slot starting Saturday

The Panama Canal, one of the world's main maritime trade routes, announced on Friday it is launching a special auction slot on Saturday, as it battles a severe drought that has forced it to reduce daily ship crossings.

"The purpose of this measure is to provide greater opportunity of obtaining a slot for vessels in the Panamax Locks that have been

waiting in the transit queue for an extended period,” the canal’s authority said in a statement.

Water levels in Gatun Lake, the rainfall-fed principal reservoir that floats ships through the Panama Canal’s lock system, have declined to unprecedented levels for this time of year.

Authorities last month announced slot reductions starting Nov.3 set to last until next February 1.

The naturally occurring El Nino climate pattern associated with warmer-than-usual water in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean is contributing to Panama’s drought.

*Panama canal announces special auction slot starting Saturday, November 24, 2023, [www.theglobeandmail.com](http://www.theglobeandmail.com)*

## **Billionaire shipping scion warns of difficult time for industry**

Rodolphe Saade, the billionaire head of the world’s third-largest container line, warned the industry is entering a choppy period as new vessels ordered during the pandemic shipping boom enter service in 2024. “The difficulty in our sector is that we have a number of container ships that will come into the market starting next year and that runs the risk of creating an imbalance between supply and demand,” Saade, the chief executive officer of Marseille-based shipping giant CMA CGM SA, said in an interview. He was speaking on November 17, 2023 at an event in Paris to mark the creation of a nonprofit artificial-intelligence research lab that’s being backed by the company his family controls. The outlook for the shipping sector has darkened considerably in recent months, with some of the largest container lines including A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S, Hapag-Lloyd and CMA CGM publishing significant slumps in third-quarter earnings and outlining plans for cost cutting. Some have said they fear the decline will last through 2024.

*Billionaire shipping scion warns of difficult time for industry, November 19, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **Global shipping’s \$3.6 billion carbon bill is six weeks away**

Ships sailing to European ports face a combined carbon emissions bill of \$3.6 billion next year (2024), the start of a levy that’s almost certainly going to rise as the continent steps up efforts to combat

climate change. The figure is an estimate of the total price of complying with the European Union’s Emissions Trading System from Drewry Shipping Consultants Ltd. Under the regulation, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2024 vessels going into and out of EU ports must pay for their carbon pollution, affecting deliveries of everything from container loads of finished goods to the liquefied natural gas needed to keep homes warm in winter. The global shipping industry spewed more than a billion tons of CO2 into the atmosphere in 2018 and is almost exclusively powered by oil-derived fuels, which are significantly cheaper than low carbon alternatives. Folding it into the ETS is part of the EU’s plan to decarbonize the sector to combat climate change. Despite stretching into the billions, the bill is a sliver of the revenues generated by international shipping and is unlikely to have a major impact on the prices consumers ultimately pay for goods. Last year, container giant A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S alone enjoyed profit just shy of \$30 billion.

*Global shipping’s \$3.6 billion carbon bill is six weeks away, November 21, 2023, [www.aot.com](http://www.aot.com)*

## **Sharp rise in Asia-Europe Q3 volumes discounted by last year’s import slump**



Source: JOC

Container volume from Asia to Europe rose almost 13% in the third quarter year over year, particularly to Mediterranean destinations, but the comparisons are heavily skewed by the steep slowdown in demand seen during the same period last year. Third-quarter Asia to North Europe volume was up 5% year over year at 2.7 million TEUs, Asia-West Mediterranean and North Africa volume of 780,000 TEUs was up 14% and Asia to the East Mediterranean and Black Sea volume of 865,000 TEUs was an increase of 43%, according to Container Trades Statistics (CTS). Overall, Asia-Europe volume increased 12.9%.

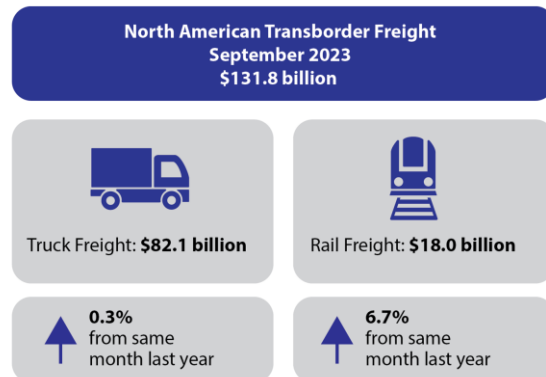
*Sharp rise in Asia-Europe Q3 volumes discounted by last year's import slump, November 22, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*





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### North American Transborder Freight down 1.6% in September 2023 from September 2022



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TransBorder Freight Data, <https://www.bts.gov/transborder>

Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico is indicated as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$131.8 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, down 1.6% compared to September 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada totaled \$64.7 billion, down 2.7% from September 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico totaled \$67.1 billion, down 0.5% from September 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$82.1 billion of freight, up 0.3% compared to September 2022; 5. Railways moved \$18.0 billion of freight, up 6.7% compared to September 2022; 6. Vessels moved \$11.7 billion of freight, up 6.4% compared to September 2022; 7. Pipelines moved \$9.2 billion of freight, down 29.0% compared to September 2022; 8 Air moved \$4.9 billion of freight, down 0.2% compared to September 2022; 9. Multiple

modes declined due to decreases in value of oil and energy commodities. US-Canada trade in both directions is as follows: 1. Truck \$36.6b; 2. Rail \$10.0 b; 3. Pipeline \$8.6 b; 4. Air \$3.0 b; and 5. Vessel \$2.5 b.

North American Transborder Freight down 1.6% in September 2023 from September 2022, November 17, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)



### Groupe Robert opens refrigerated DC in Quebec



Groupe Robert has opened its automated distribution centre in Varennes, Quebec. Located near Highway 30, about 25 km northeast on Montreal, the large vertical capacity distribution centre will boast a height of 131 feet and will have storage capacity for 60,000 pallets, 30,000 for fresh products and 30,000 for frozen products. The company spent over \$200 million to build it, supported by financial contributions from the government of Quebec, Investissement Québec and several partners. Originally announced in March 2021, the building was at that time scheduled to open in early 2023 at a cost of \$150 million.

Groupe Robert opens refrigerated DC in Quebec, November 20, 2023, [www.ctl.ca](http://www.ctl.ca)

## Ontario Making Progress to Widen Highway 17 from Arnprior to Renfrew

The Ontario government has completed the first phase of work to widen Highway 17 from two to four lanes between the Town of Renfrew and Arnprior, with the opening of a new interchange at Calabogie Road in Renfrew County. “Four years ago, our government made a promise to prioritize widening Highway 17 and today’s announcement is proof that we’re making rapid progress to get it done,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. “We recognize how important this project is to the local community and once complete, it will fight gridlock and improve safety for workers, families and businesses in eastern Ontario.” Work completed in Phase 1 of the project included building a new interchange to carry Calabogie Road traffic over Highway 417, a new carpool lot north of the highway, access roads and new ramp connections.

*Ontario Making Progress to Widen Highway 17 from Arnprior to Renfrew, November 20, 2023, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

## BCTA to host commercial EV expo in Vancouver



Source: Inside Logistics

The BC Trucking Association (BCTA) has announced the second edition of Zeroing in on ZEV, a summit showcasing the advancements in low- and zero-emission commercial vehicles. Scheduled for February 21, 2024, the free event will feature an impressive display of over 16 medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, making it the largest gathering of its kind in Canada. Building on the success of the last event, which included 11 vehicles, Zeroing in on ZEV aims to highlight the significant strides the trucking industry is making toward a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

*BCTA to host commercial EV expo in Vancouver, November 22, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Quebec pension fund invests in TFI International



Source: Today's Trucking

Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ), an institutional investor that manages several pension plans in Quebec, has acquired a US\$171.7 million stake in TFI International – Canada’s largest truck fleet. The stake amounting to 1.3 million shares was revealed in the investor’s latest quarterly report with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). “This is a quality company with a good balance sheet and interesting long-term prospects,” CDPQ spokeswoman Kate Monfette told *Transport Routier*. TFI International posted revenues of US\$1.91 billion and revenue of US\$133.3 million in the third quarter of 2023. Although this represents a decline on the same period last year, in the midst of a sluggish market, CEO Alain Bédard said he was confident in the team’s focus on profitability, cash flow, and capital base. Caisse de dépôt is often referred to as “Quebecers’ collective nest egg” because it manages the retirement funds of 6 million Quebecers, including the Quebec Pension Plan (QPP).

*Quebec pension fund invests in TFI International, November 21, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Canadian province gives Drivewyze rare new market for bypass tech

With all but two U.S. states wired for weigh station bypass technology, the fight now for market share shifts to Canada, where Drivewyze just added Newfoundland and Labrador to its network. Drivewyze announced earlier this month that it had signed up the province for its PreClear bypass system, replacing conventional requirements that drivers pull their trucks in to weigh stations. Bypass technology provides a weigh station a data stream of the driver and truck’s safety and maintenance history, which can then send back to the truck a message that it is cleared to pass the location without stopping. Brian Mofford, Drivewyze’s vice president of government experience, told FreightWaves in an interview that getting weigh station bypass into

Canada “has been a challenge for a while.” Drivewyze does have the technology in place in Ontario and Alberta. Canada hasn’t widely adopted the weigh station technology and decentralized safety data is an issue.

*Canadian province gives Drivewyze rare new market for bypass tech, November 23, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## US/WORLD

### ATA Truck Tonnage Index increased 1.1% in October



Source: AJOT

American Trucking Associations’ advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index increased 1.1% in October 2023 after declining 1.1% in September 2023. In October 2023, the index equaled 115.2 (2015=100) compared with 113.9 in September 2023. “After hitting a floor in April, tonnage has slowly and inconsistently improved, but remains 3% below its recent peak in September 2022,” said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. “Despite the monthly gain, truck freight remains soft as it continues to contract on a year-over-year basis. It is important to remember that our for-hire truck freight index, which includes both truckload and LTL freight, is dominated by contract freight with minimal amounts of spot market loads. The traditional spot market remains much weaker than contract tonnage.” September’s decline was unchanged from our October 24 press release. Compared with October 2022, the SA index fell 2.1%, which was the eighth straight year-over-year decrease. In September, the index was down 4.1% from a year earlier.

*ATA Truck Tonnage Index increased 1.1% in October, November 21, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



### Taking charge to eliminate battery failures



Source: Today's Trucking

The electric trucks may be coming, but that won’t render the 12-volt batteries used to power today’s trucks redundant. In fact, it could render them all-the-more important as truck makers look to shift more accessory power loads to the 12-volt system so as to maximize the range driven by the lithium-ion battery packs that will propel the trucks themselves. “The low-voltage network continues to grow in complexity,” Mark Wallace, CEO of battery maker Clarios said during a recent interview with trucking journalists. The system is being asked to do more, such as power the increasing array of power-consuming devices and ever-larger screens found inside the cab and to provide driver comfort without idling. It’s also there to provide critical safety functions. If, for instance, an electric truck is involved in a collision the high-voltage network is required to shut down to prevent injury to first responders. The low-voltage system will be relied on to provide critical functions such as unlocking automatic door locks, power communication devices to send SOS signals, and to provide steering and braking capabilities to get the truck safely off the road.

*Taking charge to eliminate battery failures, November 23, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*



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



Source: Statcan

In September 2023, the number of non-resident visitors to Canada accounted for 90.9% of the number observed in September 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, the number of returning Canadian residents reached 85.5% of the level recorded in September 2019. Residents of overseas countries took 682,300 trips to Canada in September 2023, and US residents took 2.2 million trips. At the same time, Canadian residents returned from 3.9 million trips abroad. Vacations by cruise increased for the seventh consecutive month to 355,400 total cruise arrivals.

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

### US/WORLD

#### U.S. Department of Transportation Advances Transportation Solutions in Underserved Communities With \$3.4 Million In Rural and Tribal Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on November 20, 2023 announced it is advancing vital transportation projects in underserved communities across the United States by awarding 13 grants totalling \$3.4 million through the new Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA). Administered by the Build America Bureau, the RTA grant program supports early-stage development of transportation solutions in rural and Tribal communities with grants funding technical, legal, and financial assistance. The Bureau received 406 applications requesting more than \$127 million in funding. Of those, 70 applications totalling \$19 million were submitted from Tribal applicants.

*U.S. Department of Transportation Advances Transportation Solutions in Underserved Communities With \$3.4 Million In Rural and Tribal Grants, November 20, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

#### Biden-Harris Administration Finalizes Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Tool, Moves Climate Change Performance Measure Forward

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 22, 2023 announced a finalized performance measure that will provide State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) a national framework to track transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), along with the flexibility to set their own targets for reduction. "Every state has its own unique climate challenges, and every state ought to have the data, funding, and flexibility it needs to meet those challenges head on," said **U.S. Transportation Secretary Buttigieg**. "This new performance measure will provide states with a clear and consistent framework to track

carbon pollution and the flexibility to set their own climate targets—which we will also help them meet with more than \$27 billion in federal funding through President Biden’s Investing in America agenda.” Two important steps adopted are: new measurement standards and flexibility for each State in adopting standards.

*Biden-Harris Administration Finalizes Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Tool, Moves Climate Change Performance Measure Forward, November 22, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



### **Scooting and Pedaling to Thanksgiving Dinner**

Participating in a run/walk event, commonly referred to as a “Turkey Trot,” on Thanksgiving Day is an annual event for many. There are over 750 Turkey Trots scheduled in 2023, with more than 250,000 people signed up to participate. Turkey Trot registrations in 2023 are up 9.9% from 2022. Will there be similar increases in other forms of recreation/active transportation on Thanksgiving Day this year? Since 2019, e-scooter and bikeshare (both docked and dockless) trips on Thanksgiving Day have increased steadily across five of the largest systems in the Nation. In 2022, nearly 55,000 docked bikeshare trips began on Thanksgiving on one of the five largest systems in the Nation; more than double the number in 2019 (roughly 24,000).

*Scooting and Pedaling to Thanksgiving Dinner, November 23, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.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](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](mailto:info@ciltinternational.org)

**The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport**

**Women in Logistics and Transport**

*Ladies, grab a coffee and join us online for an hour of fun!  
Meet new people, get to know the WiLAT NA Executive Team and find out what exciting plans we have coming up for next year.*

**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.

## Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

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

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

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**Holiday Social**

Sponsored by: **SC**

Presented by the Greater Toronto/Hamilton Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in North America (CILTNA)

Tuesday, 12 December 2023

6-8:30 PM ET

The Barn Door Café, 158 Main Street East #156, Milton, ON L9T 1N6

Drinks, coffee/tea, charcuterie selection and snacks will be provided

While there is no cost to attend this event, we will be collecting cash donations for the Halton Women's Place to help this charity during the holiday season

To RSVP to this event, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/holiday-social/>

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**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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**THE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:  
INDUSTRY INSIGHTS SPEAKER SERIES**

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AT VAUGHN COLLEGE  
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Author,  
Jetliner Cabins

**TOPIC: Accessibility: Special Needs**

▶ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 | 6 TO 7:30 P.M. ◀

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 29<sup>th</sup> please click [HERE](#).

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## **Job Postings**

### **\* The University of Tennessee in partnership with UT-ORII, have two research faculty positions available: 1) ITS and 2) Traffic Safety**

The University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory founded UT-ORII in 2019 to help the US maintain prominence as a global leader in innovation and discovery, and to create a robust talent pipeline in areas of growing national need and demand. UT-ORII is funded by the Department of Energy and the State of Tennessee.

Details of the job descriptions are provided below.

Research Assistant Professor – Intelligent Transportation System  
<http://apply.interfolio.com/136411>

Research Assistant Professor – Traffic Safety  
<http://apply.interfolio.com/136412>

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

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

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

The Manager, Government Affairs and Communications, will be responsible for managing a range of government relations initiatives to promote the business and policy objectives of Canadian Pacific

Kansas City (CPKC) at the municipal and provincial level, in Quebec and Ontario. Under the supervision of the Director, Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs, the Manager will work closely with the Government Affairs and Communications and Media Relations

teams, and others across the company, to execute the initiatives of CPKC's government affairs program. The Manager will also lead CPKC's engagement with francophone media and assist the Communications and Media Relations team with the development of communications products in French. Finally, the Manager will assist the Community Relations team with responding to public inquiries in French. While the Manager's primary focus will be on government affairs and francophone media relations, some engagement with Indigenous communities may also be required.

#### **POSITION ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

Develop, maintain, and grow strong relationships with key municipal and provincial elected officials and staff to tell the inspiring story of CPKC: the first and only transnational railway seamlessly connecting Canada, the United States and Mexico

Deploy fact-based arguments to educate key municipal and provincial stakeholders, and other audiences, to ensure CPKC is known as the credible industry leader on issues and public policies affecting the railway industry

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

Represent CPKC in business and industry coalitions, as required

Monitor, analyze, and respond to current and potential policy and legislative or regulatory actions at the municipal and provincial level related to the railway industry and CPKC

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

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

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

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

Identify risks and opportunities for CPKC

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

#### **POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

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

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

Ability to learn quickly and demonstrate intellectual curiosity

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

Exceptional interpersonal and relationship building skills

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

Positive and engaging attitude

Professional appearance, work ethic, and demeanor

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

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

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

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

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

#### **WHAT CPKC HAS TO OFFER:**

Flexible and competitive benefits package

Competitive company pension plan

Employee Share Purchase Plan

Performance Incentive Program

Annual Fitness Subsidy

Part-time Studies Program

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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

#### **Background Investigation:**

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

Criminal history check

Reference check

Driver's License Verification



### **Management Conductor Program:**

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

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

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

### **\* Principal Planner: Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority**

Under the direction of the Director of Freight Planning, the Principal Planner: Freight Planning will be responsible for performing a full range of technical planning, research, analysis, written reports, and outreach activities in the specialized field of freight and goods movement planning. The job requires knowledge of goods movement, the application of tools of analysis, the ability to research freight and related topics and produce reports, as well as the ability of effectively engage and interact with stakeholders in the public and private sector.

To apply, please click here:

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

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

We have been approached by GLG, a bona fide professional services organization which provides hourly consulting services, looking for experts in various transportation and logistics fields. These are done over the phone or in a web meeting (not in person). If you would like to be considered as a candidate (GLG typically pay up to \$200/hr. for these 30 minute or 60 minute consultations) for any of these please let

Andrew Young know and he will put you in contact with them ([uschapter@ciltna.com](mailto:uschapter@ciltna.com)).

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

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

#### Project Questions

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

### **Fleet Management | Market Overview**

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

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

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

#### Project Questions

- Can you list what are the main products that a truck fleet management company offers?
- On a scale from 1-5 (1=not able to speak, 5=extremely knowledgeable), how knowledgeable are you on the following topics related to fleet management:

- Who do you believe are the 3-5 main truck fleet management companies and who has been gaining market share in the last 5 years?
- Can you speak to what is the average gross margin that fleet management companies generally have combining all products and services? (in %)

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

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

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

#### **Project Questions**

- Roughly how many vehicles are/were included in your fleet?
- Are you involved in the evaluation and decision-making process for fuel choices and alternative products used in your fleet? Please select which best represent your relevant experience.
- Are you familiar with fuel alternative products ("green fuel", biofuels, etc.)? Please briefly elaborate on your experience in 1-2 sentences.
- Can you speak to your preference of fuel vs. fuel alternative products and your rationale? Please briefly elaborate in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you provide examples of and speak to companies that are selling fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these companies?
- Can you speak to the fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these products? What has influenced your perception? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you provide examples of when you have utilized fuel alternatives within your business/at your place of work? What were the advantages? The disadvantages? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you speak to making purchase decisions regarding fuel alternatives? What were your considerations? What ultimately influenced your decision? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you speak to the sources/influences that you consulted during this buying process? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.

- Does your CURRENT company compete with Oil & Gas Manufacturers.
- Do you have current/recent experience (within 0-2 years) in fleet management across any of the following segments?

### **Freight Brokerage Services | Overview**

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

The unique dynamics of fresh produce / temperature-controlled shipping

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

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#### **Project Questions**

- Can you speak to the unique dynamics of fresh produce/temperature-controlled shipping? If so, please elaborate on your ability to do so below.
- Have you navigated a downturn at your brokerage? If so, can you speak on the defensive actions that were taken?
- Can you speak on the main drivers of freight brokerage financials? If so, please elaborate in 1-2 sentences on your ability to do so below.
- Can you speak on any emerging tech platforms for freight brokerages? If so, please elaborate on them below.
- Do you have any off-limit topics and/or anything you might be contractually obligated not to discuss regarding this consultation or space? If so, please briefly elaborate on the topics you are not allowed to discuss.



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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LHqtGV1mTip9XqFvzDdV9>

If you need assistance with creating your account or joining, please contact Rebecca Whelan at [admin@ciltna.com](mailto:admin@ciltna.com)