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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### ✈️ Air Canada Earns Outstanding Commitment Honours and Sector Distinction Award at Employment Equity Achievement Awards



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada is honoured to have been presented the Outstanding Commitment to Employment Equity award and the Sector Distinction award by The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Federal Minister of Labour and Seniors, as part of the Employment Equity Achievement Awards announced recently. "Air Canada is proud to be a leading employer in Canada and a role model in the aviation sector for its advancement in the workplace of women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities. We are honoured to be recognized with these awards, which reflect our strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion across all sectors of our airline," said Arielle Meloul-Wechsler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and Public Affairs at Air Canada. This is the fifth year that the awards are presented, and this year marks the second time that Air Canada has been recognized.

*Air Canada Earns Outstanding Commitment Honours and Sector Distinction Award at Employment Equity Achievement Awards, November 27, 2023, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

#### ✈️ Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, October 2023



Source: Statcan

In October 2023, 4.6 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports. This was an increase of 14.6% from October 2022 and of 1.6% from the same month in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. October 2023 marked the first month that counts of screened passengers for non-United States international flights surpassed 2019 levels; the domestic sector reached this milestone in May 2023. Screened traffic for transborder flights (Canada–United States) in October remained just below (-3.3%) the pre-pandemic level. *Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, October 2023, November 27, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## ✈ Monthly civil aviation statistics, September 2023



Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines carried 6.7 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in September 2023, up 12.1% from the same month in 2022. With traffic at 19.2 billion passenger-kilometres and capacity at 22.0 billion available seat-kilometres, the passenger load factor was 87.2% in September 2023. Operating revenue earned in September 2023 exceeded the level from the same month of 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, for the 10th consecutive month.

*Monthly civil aviation statistics, September 2023, November 28, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## ✈ Air Transat and Porter Announce Transformative Joint Venture Benefiting Canadian Travellers

Air Transat, air carrier subsidiary of Transat A.T. Inc. (“Transat”), and Porter Airlines (“Porter”) are extending their existing code-sharing agreement by creating a joint venture (the “Alliance”), transforming the current Canadian aviation competitive landscape. By combining both airlines’ complementary networks, this Alliance offers travellers significant benefits, including enhanced travel options across multiple regions. The Alliance expands services between North, Central and South America, Europe, North Africa, Mexico and the Caribbean, integrating Porter’s and Transat’s highly-complementary, non-overlapping networks at Toronto Pearson (YYZ) and Montreal Trudeau (YUL) airports.

*Air Transat and Porter Announce Transformative Joint Venture Benefiting Canadian Travellers, November 28, 2023, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## ✈ Porter Airlines Orders 25 Embraer E195-E2s

Porter Airlines has exercised purchase rights to place a firm order for 25 Embraer E195-E2 passenger jets, adding to its 50 existing firm orders. The new aircraft will be used to extend Porter’s award-winning service to destinations throughout North America. The deal, valued at US\$2.1 billion at list price, brings the airline’s orders with Embraer to 75 firm, with 25 purchase rights remaining. Deliveries from this additional order are set to commence in 2025. Porter, the North American launch customer for Embraer’s E195-E2, has already taken delivery of 24 E195-E2s, and recently announced new destinations including Las Vegas, Miami, San Francisco, and Los Angeles; with destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean also planned. *Porter Airlines Orders 25 Embraer E195-E2s, November 29, 2023, [www.flyporter.ca](http://www.flyporter.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### ✈ U.S. Department of Transportation Announces New Thought Leadership Series “Up, Up, and Away: Innovations in Advanced Air Mobility”

The U.S. Department of Transportation on November 28, 2023 announced that Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the U.S. DOT Volpe Center will partner on a virtual thought leadership program entitled “Up, Up, and Away: Innovations in Advanced Air Mobility.” The seven-part event series will take place from November 2023 through February 2024. Each forum features leading Federal and private sector panelists and is open to the public. Registration is required. “A new era of aviation is taking off,” said Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, U.S. DOT Carlos Monje. “Drones, advanced air mobility aircraft, and other kinds of innovations have the potential to help us tackle some of our most difficult challenges and achieve major breakthroughs that will lead us to a new aviation system ecosystem.”

*U.S. Department of Transportation Announces New Thought Leadership Series “Up, Up, and Away: Innovations in Advanced Air Mobility”, November 28, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## IATA and ARC Extend Direct Data Solutions Partnership



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Airlines Reporting Corporation (ARC) have extended their Direct Data Solutions (DDS) partnership, which offers subscribing airlines the most comprehensive global set of airline sales, market and itinerary data. Signed at the 2023 IATA World Passenger Symposium, the partnership extension ensures more than 100 global airlines will continue to have access to this critical service for years to come. DDS incorporates airline-contributed data, IATA's Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) transactions and ARC's Area Settlement Plan (ASP) transactions into a single data source to support critical airline analytics and decisions.

*IATA and ARC Extend Direct Data Solutions Partnership, November 29, 2023, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*



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## CANADA

### Register on the CBSA CARM Client Portal Now!

By May 2024, all Canadian-resident and non-resident businesses that import goods into Canada and their Trade Chain Partners need to register on the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) [CARM Client Portal](#). Moreover, if you use the service of a customs broker you must provide delegation of authority to continue to allow them to transact business on your behalf on the [CARM Client Portal](#). For any CN customers not registered, this means having their shipment: 1. held at the Canadian border or the location that it is bonded to; 2. charged for demurrage; 3. delaying all transborder rail and intermodal movements.

*Register on the CBSA CARM Client Portal Now November 24, 2023, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

### The Canadian Transportation Agency issues an administrative monetary penalty to the Canadian National Railway Company for failure to comply with an Order

On November 28, 2023, the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued an administrative monetary penalty totalling **\$75,000** against the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) for failure to comply with a CTA [order](#). This penalty is for incidents that occurred in July 2023. On July 10, July 11 and July 13, 2023, CN failed to comply with a CTA order under subsection [95.3\(1\)](#) of the *Canadian Transportation Act*. The CTA had ordered CN trains to cease arriving at a derail switch on the Waterloo Spur between Kitchener and Elmira, Ontario, before receiving clearance to do so. Failure to do so resulted in idling at the derail switch, therefore contravening subsection 95.3(1) of the *Canadian Transportation Act*. CN has 30 days to request a review before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

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*The Canadian Transportation Agency issues an administrative monetary penalty to the Canadian National Railway Company for failure to comply with an Order, November 28, 2023, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*



### Freight Rail Services Price Index, November 2023



Source: Statcan

Data for November for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statistics Canada website. For November 2023 it is 131.7 compared to 130.8 in October 2023 and 128.1 in November 2022.

*Freight Rail Services Price Index, November 2023, November 29, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD



### Railroads take on EPA's pollution-reporting proposal

A Biden administration proposal to change how rail carriers report air emissions data is getting pushback not just from rail companies but from state government agencies as well. The Environmental Protection Agency's [proposed rule](#), issued in August 2023, is considering making rail yard locomotive activity reporting mandatory as



opposed to the current voluntary reporting structure. The reporting of locomotive activity is aimed at improving air quality in local communities. EPA notes in its proposal that the current approach to informing its National Emissions Inventory, a triennial estimate of air pollution sources, relies on voluntary reporting from private rail companies. “While this approach has mutual benefit to both the EPA and those companies, it is nevertheless a voluntary measure,” according to the agency, which is therefore considering a “rail companies” option “that would additionally regulate the rail companies directly to provide activity data to EPA.”

*Railroads take on EPA’s pollution-reporting proposal, November 24, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## **UP boosts intermodal service with new Houston connections, Phoenix ramp**



Source: JOC

Union Pacific Railroad (UP) is expanding its capacity to handle intermodal containers moving through ports along the Gulf and West coasts with the launch of a Midwest rail service from Houston and a new ramp in Arizona for goods moving from Southern California. UP, in a statement on November 28, 2023, said it will add four inland terminals to its daily on-dock rail service from Houston’s Barbour’s Cut marine terminal starting Dec. 1 — its Global 4 terminal in Chicago, and terminals in Kansas City, Memphis and Laredo in south Texas. The new service is in addition to the five intermodal terminals along the West.

*UP boosts intermodal service with new Houston connections, Phoenix ramp, November 29, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## **AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Uptick Continues in Week 47**

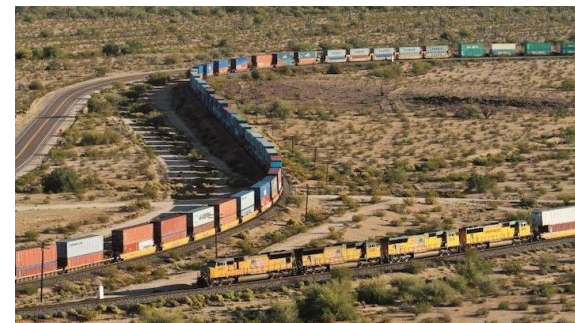


Source: Railway Age

For the week ending Nov. 25, 2023 (Week 47), total U.S. rail traffic was 415,332 carloads and intermodal units, rising 2.4% from the prior-year period, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported Nov. 29, 2023. It is the third consecutive week of gains for carloads and intermodal containers and trailers combined. Total rail traffic for the week ending Nov. 25, 2023, comprised 195,948 carloads, down 2.5% from the same week last year, and 219,384 intermodal units, up 7.1% from 2022, according to the AAR. Canadian railroads reported 91,357 carloads for the week ending Nov. 25, 2023, a 4.5% drop-off, and 69,360 intermodal units, a 0.5% rise from the 2022 period. For the first 47 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,500,788 carloads, containers and trailers, down 3.3%.

*AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Uptick Continues in Week 47, November 29, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## **Union Pacific to open new intermodal terminal in heart of Phoenix**



Source: AJOT

Union Pacific Railroad plans to open a new international intermodal terminal in the heart of Phoenix, providing customers a sustainable rail option between ocean ports in the Los Angeles Basin and the nation’s

fast-growing Southwest region. The new terminal will be owned and operated by Union Pacific and is expected to open in the first quarter of 2024. It will be located in Union Pacific's downtown rail yard and will have the capacity to grow to meet customer demand. "We are excited to offer regional shippers and receivers in Arizona a fast, sustainable rail option to move product into and out of Southern California that is cost competitive and removes trucks from our nation's congested highways, with an ability to expand offerings and grow in the future," said Kenny Rocker, executive vice president-Marketing and Sales for Union Pacific. The new facility will open with drayage support provided by Duncan & Son Lines, a family-owned logistics firm in Buckeye, Arizona, that primarily focuses on international container drayage from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

*Union Pacific to open new intermodal terminal in heart of Phoenix, December 1, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Julie Gascon Appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the MPA

Montreal Port Authority, November 29, 2023. The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) announces the appointment of Julie Gascon to the position of President and CEO. With her proven track record in the marine industry, Ms. Julie Gascon will bring in-depth knowledge of operations in the transportation sector to the entire Port of Montreal ecosystem and put her entrepreneurial know-how to work in implementing the 2023–2027 strategic plan. Nathalie Pilon, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Ms. Gascon are quoted. *Port of Halifax: Julie Gascon Appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the MPA, November 29, 2023, [www.port-montreal.com](http://www.port-montreal.com)*

#### 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.

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

### US/WORLD

#### How the Panama Canal is addressing the issue of water head on



Source: AJOT

The Panama Canal has been a diligent steward of its most precious resource—water, dedicating extensive research and investments to its management. However, 2023 has recorded some of the highest temperatures in history, causing far-reaching consequences for millions around the world. For the Panama Canal, it has been no different. Elevated temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean, compounded by the presence of the El Niño phenomenon and the delayed onset of the rainy season, have directly impacted the levels of freshwater in the Canal's reservoirs, which are essential for its operations. The Panama Canal takes the issue of water scarcity very seriously and is committed to exploring all solutions available to minimize the impact on our operations. Our current operational strategy is focused on saving water while ensuring reliability on transit for our customers around the world. For that, transparency in communicating with customers is critical. We are being proactive in letting the industry know of any adjustments that have been required under these challenging circumstances and will continue to do so. As of today, all transits that have been booked ahead of time are going through the Canal on schedule. That is why

we urge our customers to make reservations ahead of time, so the measures we put in place are reliable for everyone.

*How the Panama Canal is addressing the issue of water head on, November 26, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **No reservation at Panama Canal? Prepare for a long wait**

Panama Canal disruptions are worsening. Wait times for vessels without reservations have surged this month. In response to drought conditions, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) cut the number of daily reservation slots from 32 at the beginning of November to 24 currently. Slots will drop to 22 on Friday, then to 18 by Feb. 1, 2024. If enough ships don't divert from the Panama Canal to offset the drop in reservation slots, the number of ships without reservations rises — as does wait time. The average wait time for ships without a reservation for Atlantic-to-Pacific (southbound) transits was 2.1 days at the beginning of November. As of November 29, 2023, it was over five times that — 11.4 days — according to ACP data. The maximum wait on for southbound transits hit 22.8 days on Sunday, triple the maximum wait at the beginning of the month.

*No reservation at Panama Canal? Prepare for a long wait, November 29, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## **Drewry Port throughput indices for November 2023**

The Drewry Container Port Throughput Indices are a series of calendar adjusted volume growth/decline indices based on monthly throughput data for a sample of over 340 ports worldwide, representing over 80% of global volumes. The base point for the indices is January 2019 = 100. Drewry has developed a nowcasting model that uses vessel capacity and terminal duration data (derived from our proprietary AIS model) to make short-term predictions of port throughput. Drewry's latest assessment for November 2023 is as follows: 1. The MoM rise in volumes in September 2023 across the majority of regions – but especially North America, Greater China and Asia, (excl. China) – resulted in a 1.9% increase in the Global Container Port Throughput Index to 112.0 points. However, a steep reduction in port calls in October underpins the 8.4% MoM / 3.4% YoY reduction in October 2023, as indicated by Drewry's Nowcasting Model. 2. The Asia (excluding China) Container Port Throughput Index hit new highs in September 2023, up 2.6% to 109.5 points, 7.4% ahead of last year. The rolling 12-month average growth rate in September 2023 was -0.5%, slightly above the global average growth rate of -0.8%. Drewry's Nowcast Model indicates that volumes will have decreased significantly in October 2023, falling 8.6% MoM. 3. The North

American Container Port Throughput Index jumped 7.4% MoM, reaching 109.1 points in September 2023, but remained 1.5% lower than in September 2022. The rolling 12-month average growth rate fell further into negative territory in September 2023, down to -12.5%, significantly below the global average of -0.8%. 4. In September 2023, the European Container Port Throughput Index rose 1.2% MoM to 100.9 points, but remained 0.7% below September 2022 levels. The downturn is widespread - stretching from Gdansk (-10.1% YoY), through Rotterdam (-5.4% YoY) and Antwerp-Bruges (-13.6% YoY), to Valencia (-5.3% YoY) and Marseilles-Fos (-18.4% YoY).

*Drewry Port throughput indices for November 2023, November 27, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **End of EU block exemption a 'missed opportunity' for regulators: ITF's Merk**



Source: JOC

The European Commission in October decided not to renew the Consortia Block Exemption Regulation that has been in force since 2009. An outspoken critic of the European block exemption for container line consortia says the apparent limited impact its removal will have on container shipping alliances reveals the regulation's inherent weakness and the greater unwillingness from competition regulators to monitor the industry. Olaf Merk, administrator for ports and shipping at the International Transport Forum, a unit of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), has long called for Europe's regulators to pay greater attention to the carriers' exemption from European competition law.

*End of EU block exemption a 'missed opportunity' for regulators: ITF's Merk, November 28, 2023, [www.ioc.com](http://www.ioc.com)*





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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Western Canadian projects raise hydrogen hopes



Source: Inside Logistics

Western Canada's provincial governments continue to fuel interest in hydrogen for commercial vehicles. British Columbia is just the latest jurisdiction to invest in the fuel, as it looks to kickstart the use of hydrogen-powered trucks with a \$16.5-million Pilot Hydrogen Truck Project. That will involve procuring six heavy-duty fuel-cell trucks and retrofitting fueling infrastructure under the direction of HTEC, which designs, builds, and operates hydrogen production facilities. "It marks the first-ever deployment of heavy-duty hydrogen fuel-cell-electric trucks for a diverse range of fleet operators in the province," HTEC president and CEO Colin Armstrong said in a news release. "This pilot project symbolizes a remarkable leap toward a sustainable future." This June, a fifth HTEC retail hydrogen station in Kelowna joined a network of four existing stations to support hydrogen-electric vehicles in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island.

*Western Canadian projects raise hydrogen hopes, November 24, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### Lion Electric lays off 150 employees



Source: Today's Trucking

Canadian electric truck and bus startup Lion Electric is cutting 150 jobs, about 10% of its head count, in the U.S. and Canada as it seeks to reach profitability. "Although this was a very difficult decision and we are sad to part ways with valued employees, this initiative was the right thing to do for the business at this point in time," Marc Bedard, CEO and founder of Lion, said in a news release. Lion is far from alone in making hard decisions around electrification. Several electric vehicle startups have filed for bankruptcy reorganization, executed reverse stock splits to prop up their share prices and cut jobs over the past year.

*Lion Electric lays off 150 employees, November 27, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com); and Lion Electric slashes workforce, November 27, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Canada Cartage to acquire GTI Group, expand into U.S.



Source: Today's Trucking

Canada Cartage has acquired Montreal-based GTI Group, moving into the U.S. market and potentially becoming a \$1-billion revenue company. GTI provides brokerage, transportation management, freight forwarding, drayage, intermodal, warehousing and oversized trucking services in Canada and the U.S. While financial details weren't disclosed, Canada Cartage said in a release it expects to generate more than \$1 billion in annual revenue with the addition of GTI. The acquisition marks Canada Cartage's first foray into the U.S. market, where GTI has offices in Houston, Texas, Des Moines, Iowa, and Franklin, Tenn.

*Canada Cartage to acquire GTI Group, expand into U.S., November 29, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, third quarter 2023



Source: Statcan

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is now available for the third quarter is available on Statistics Canada website. The truck index was 121 for the third quarter of 2023 arose

from the second quarter of 2023 of 120.1. The index was down from the third quarter of 2022 of 126.0. The index for September 2023 was 121.7.

*For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, third quarter 2023, November 30, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Feds open doors for foreign transport professionals

The first round of invitations for transport occupations through category-based selection in Canada's Express Entry program has taken place. This focus on candidates with experience in the transport sector—including commercial truck drivers, pilots and aircraft assembly workers—will help the sector attract the skilled talent it needs across the country. On May 31, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada announced changes to Express Entry through category-based selection. These changes will help address labour shortages by inviting candidates with specific work experience or French language ability to apply for permanent residence.

*Feds open doors for foreign transport professionals, November 30, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### Economic Trucking Trends: Tonnage and trucking conditions improve, but spot market flat



Source: Today's Trucking

Highlights over the US Thanksgiving include modest improvements in for-hire truck tonnage and overall trucking conditions, but a spot market that failed to deliver a pre-Thanksgiving boost. Overcapacity remains an issue but that excess capacity is being eliminated faster than expected, according to ACT Research, setting the stage for a brighter 2024. For-hire truck tonnage in the U.S. edged up in October by 1.1% from September levels, recovering the 1.1% it lost the prior

month. "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." Truck tonnage was down 2.1% year over year, the eight straight YoY decrease.

*Economic Trucking Trends: Tonnage and trucking conditions improve, but spot market flat, November 27, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

### **30% of crash-related tows include predatory billing: ATRI**

An American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) study of carrier invoices has found that 30% of all crash-related tows in the U.S. include some form of predatory billing. The research — published in Causes and Countermeasures of Predatory Towing — involved examining carrier invoices from 2021 to 2023, and considered situations where towing and recovery (T&R) providers overcharge, illegally seize equipment, damage assets by using the wrong equipment, or withhold assets that should be released. Even if insurers pay the lion's share of such invoices, the costs are still passed on to carriers in the form of higher premiums. "Predatory towing is a costly issue for motor carriers as well as compliant towing companies, and it has been overlooked for too long," said Shawn R. Brown, Cargo Transporters' vice-president of safety, in a press release.

*30% of crash-related tows include predatory billing: ATRI, November 30, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

### **Forum Mobility announces new charging depot for electric drayage trucks in the Port of Long Beach**



Source: AJOT

Forum Mobility, a leading freight electrification provider, announced a new heavy-duty truck charging depot in the Port of Long Beach. This new depot will provide high-speed charging infrastructure for hundreds of drayage trucks per day, supporting the transition of the state's drayage fleet to zero-emission. Forward thinking drayage carriers are already reserving chargers because of the strategic location, adjacent to terminals. "Forum is building dedicated infrastructure for heavy-duty trucks to transition from diesel to electricity. With the support of the Port of Long Beach, the FM Harbor depot will provide drayage truckers a turn-key solution to comply with California Air Resource Board regulations. At Forum Mobility facilities like this one, fleets can make the transition simply and without using their own capital," said Matt LeDucq, CEO and co-founder of Forum Mobility. "Forum is building a network of charging depots at the ports, along freight corridors and near distribution centers to serve owner-operators and carriers of all sizes." said Emmanuel Carrillo, Talon Chief Executive Officer.

*Forum Mobility announces new charging depot for electric drayage trucks in the Port of Long Beach, November 30, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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### CANADA

#### **Minister of Transport announces launch of the National Supply Chain Office to strengthen Canada's supply chains and increase the economy's competitiveness**

Canadians need to have access to affordable goods when they want them and need them. The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of a strong supply chain. The Government of Canada is taking action so that our supply chains remain resilient and competitive.

Today, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, announced the establishment of the National Supply Chain Office, led by Assistant Deputy Minister Robert Dick. This initiative is supported by an investment of \$27.2 million from Budget 2023.

The Government of Canada recognizes that the Pacific Gateway plays a critical role in ensuring that Canada's supply chains are resilient and efficient, and in ensuring that goods get to Canadians and reach global markets as quickly as possible. As such, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, was at the Port of Vancouver to echo the announcement.

In collaboration with industry, labour, Indigenous groups and other levels of government, the Office will work to increase efficiency and resiliency across our supply chains, including mitigating impacts from disruptions. The National Supply Chain Office will:

- develop and implement a National Supply Chain Strategy;
- support the federal government's efforts in responding to

supply chain disruptions, such as those related to extreme weather and labour disputes;

- support data sharing so that goods can move more efficiently, as well as facilitate strategic policy, regulatory and investment decisions by governments and industry; and
- provide overarching leadership and coordination, foster collaboration and conduct external outreach with regard to interprovincial/territorial and global supply chain issues.

The creation of a National Supply Chain Office delivers on one of the key recommendations of the National Supply Chain Task Force's report. Strengthening Canada's transportation supply chains is a key aspect of the Government of Canada's action to help make life more affordable for Canadians. A collaborative and integrated approach is crucial to strengthening our supply chains and growing our economy.

*Minister of Transport announces launch of the National Supply Chain Office to strengthen Canada's supply chains and increase the economy's competitiveness, 1 December 2023, [www.newswire.ca](http://www.newswire.ca)*



## New funding supports supply chain AI projects



Source: Inside Logistics

SCALE AI has announced funding totalling more than \$20 million for five AI projects across different economic sectors. Led by ALDO Group, EllisDon, ATS, Visual Defence, and Cléo, these collaborative projects show that Canadian AI technology provides a global competitive advantage for businesses. The ALDO Group, a leading Canadian fashion retailer, is currently using AI to develop a comprehensive solution aimed at automating key processes, as well as providing real-time analysis and optimization. It will integrate with existing systems and workflows. Eliis Don's AI initiative is to create a predictive tool to accurately estimate the costs of activities and identify potential risks related to construction projects and subcontract work. The predictive tool will analyze four-plus years of historical project data to predict two key KPIs concerning project health, risk related to cost overrun and risk of delay. In addition, the tool will automatically surface past similar projects and delay reasons to PM teams to help improve efficiency.

*New funding supports supply chain AI projects, November 27, 2023, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## National Travel Survey, second quarter 2023



Source: Statcan

During the 2023 second quarter, Canadian residents took 78.3 million trips, 7.7 million more than in the same quarter of 2022. Most of these trips (89.6%) were related to domestic travel. Domestic trips, in the second quarter by Canadian residents was 70.2 million, up by 5.2 million from the second quarter of 2022 and 4.7% more than in the same quarter in 2019. The number of domestic overnight trips was 22.7 million in the second quarter of 2023, while the number of same-day trips was 47.4 million. Domestic travel accounted for 89.6% of all travel by Canadian residents in the second quarter, surpassing the proportion seen in the same quarter of 2019 (87.1%). In comparison, this proportion was 92.0% from April to June 2022. Canadian residents spent \$17.7 billion on domestic travel expenditures in the second quarter of 2023, up 2.6% from the second quarter of 2022 (\$17.2 billion) and up 29.0% from the same period in 2019 (\$13.7 billion), before the pandemic (all figures expressed in this *Daily* release are in current dollars). The top three domestic expenditures in the second quarter of 2023 were accommodations (\$3.5 billion), vehicle operations (\$3.5 billion), and spending in restaurants and bars (\$3.1 billion).

*National Travel Survey, second quarter 2023, November 24, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Canada's dairy quotas don't limit US access, panel finds

Canada's dairy import quotas don't unfairly limit access for US producers, according to a panel ruling under North America's trade pact, marking a major victory for a Canadian sector long accused of protectionism. A majority of the dispute-settlement panel members found that the quotas aren't inconsistent with the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, ruling against all of the American arguments against Canada's restrictive system. "Canada is very pleased with the dispute-settlement panel's findings, with all outcomes clearly in favor of Canada," Trade Minister Mary Ng said on November 24, 2023 in a statement. "This is good news for Canada's dairy industry and our system of supply management." The decision, which cannot be appealed, means Canada won't have to make any further changes to the system that has been a long-standing trade irritant between the countries. Canada has firmly controlled dairy supplies for decades, limiting domestic production and applying heavy tariffs to restrict imports, in an effort to stabilize incomes for local farmers. US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said she was "very disappointed" by the panel's findings.

*Canada's dairy quotas don't limit US access, panel finds, November 25, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



## **Kuehne+Nagel to acquire Canada-based customs broker Farrow**

With the announcement of the acquisition of Farrow, a well-reputed Canada-based customs broker, Kuehne+Nagel takes a step forward in its Roadmap 2026 growth ambitions. The acquisition complements Kuehne+Nagel's offering for companies that increasingly rely on customs clearance services and supports the growing demand in an environment of increasingly complex international trade regulations. Headquartered in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Farrow's outstanding service is rooted in a 112-year heritage and is supported by 830 employees in 41 locations across Canada and the USA. In 2022, Farrow managed over 1.5 million customs entries. The acquisition of Farrow will be immediately earnings-accretive and will expand the company's customs capabilities in a complementary way, especially at the Canadian and Mexican borders of the USA. "With Farrow, we acquire a leading, diversified customs brokerage and logistics company that brings with it a proven track record of success, a growth-oriented mindset, and significant business scalability," said Hansjörg Rodi, Member of the Management Board, responsible for Road Logistics, Kuehne+Nagel International AG. "The acquisition of Farrow greatly accelerates Kuehne+Nagel's growth ambitions in the customs market and is a compelling, strategic fit, expanding our offering of value-added solutions."

*Kuehne+Nagel to acquire Canada-based customs broker Farrow, November 23, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **US/WORLD**



### **USDOT Launches New Multimodal Freight Office**

As part of the inaugural meeting of the White House Council on Supply Chain Resilience, President Biden and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg on Nov. 27 announced the launch of the Office of Modal Freight Infrastructure and Policy (Multimodal Freight Office) to "oversee the maintenance and improvement of the nation's freight network and supply chains."

In partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the new office will "continue the advancement of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Freight Logistics Optimization Works (FLOW) program that is helping American businesses get goods to shelves faster and cut costs for consumers, a central part of 'Bidenomics.'"

According to DOT, the Multimodal Freight Office is part of the Department's implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as

directed by Congress and will be led by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy Allison Dane Camden. In addition to growing the FLOW partnership, the office, DOT says, will oversee the development of the National Multimodal Freight Network, review State Freight Plans, and provide technical assistance to state and local governments, among other duties.

*USDOT Launches New Multimodal Freight Office, November 28, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



### **Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1.5 Billion Available through the 2024 RAISE Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2024. The popular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact.

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1.5 Billion Available through the 2024 RAISE Grant Program, November 30, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



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## Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

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 TROOP 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.*

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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/tZErf-iggT4jG9l-8ct5tBdlIF9tpvt5VAWV>

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

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## Holiday Social

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

Sponsored by: SC TRANSPORTS

Wednesday, 6 December 2023  
5:30-7:45 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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## **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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