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



Source: Statcan

Operating revenue for the 24 largest Canadian air carriers totalled \$9.6 billion in the 2023 third quarter, a sharp increase by 21.2% from the same quarter of 2022 and by 19.7% from the third quarter of 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. At \$8.7 billion, passenger revenue remained the main revenue source for airlines in the third quarter of 2023, while air cargo generated \$544.6 million in revenue. In the third quarter, Canadian carriers transported 25.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services.

*Quarterly civil aviation statistics, third quarter 2023, February 20, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

### ✈️ Air Canada warns of higher costs from new agreement with pilots

Air Canada shares tumbled after the airline warned it may face higher operating costs in 2024 as it works out a new labor agreement with its more than 5,000 pilots. The adjusted cost per available seat mile — a key measure of airline expenses — may increase 2.5% to 4.5% in 2024, the Montreal-based carrier said in its earnings report on

February 16, 2024. Shares of Canada's largest airline fell as much as 7.5% in Toronto trading, the most in a year, and traded at C\$17.86 at 1:49 p.m. Chief Financial Officer John Di Bert said on a conference call with analysts that the company is wrestling with cost headwinds from "lagging inflation" as well as regulatory changes and the pending deal with pilots. "A new agreement with pilots will bring a change in wages and other cost-related items," he said. "We have factored our best estimates into our guidance with a view of the Canadian market." Regulatory changes in Canada over customer disruptions and higher airport fees and infrastructure costs might also boost operating costs, Air Canada said.

*Air Canada warns of higher costs from new agreement with pilots, February 17, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### ✈️ WestJet Cargo heading for cruising altitude in 2024

Following an intense implementation itinerary in 2023, which included the successful launch of WestJet Cargo's first freighter fleet alongside rapid company and network growth, the cargo carrier cites partnerships, product portfolio, and digital enhancements as its three focus areas for an equally energy-driven 2024. WestJet Cargo starts the year on a solid basis — the result of an outstanding 2023 centred on deploying the airline's first freighter fleet and building a strong team of cargo experts. 22 new colleagues joined during the course of last year, as WestJet Cargo opened 24 warehouses, 14 freighter handling stations, and expanded its cargo network to a total of 45 very diverse destinations across the world, connecting, for example, Halifax - a smaller province in Nova Scotia, to major cities such as Paris, France, and Narita, Japan. WestJet Cargo's freighter launch events on 22 April 2023, in Vancouver, Toronto, and Halifax, set the scene for what was to come and showcased the airline's commitment to excellence.

*WestJet Cargo heading for cruising altitude in 2024, February 19, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## ✈️ **Minister Rodriguez marks International Day for Commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families**

On February 20, 2024, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, issued this statement to mark the third annual International Day for Commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families: "Today, on the third International Day for Commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families, Canada joins the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the rest of the world to mourn those lost. This is a solemn day of pain and grief for all those who have lost friends and families in air disasters around the world. ... Canada leads the Safer Skies Initiative, which aims to increase the safety and security of commercial airlines..."

*Minister Rodriguez marks International Day for Commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families, February 20, 2024, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## ✈️ **The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to GC Aviation**

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued an administrative monetary penalty of \$110,000 against GC Aviation for contraventions of section 57 of the Canada Transportation Act. These contraventions were committed on seven occasions between February 9 and May 24, 2023, and are related to the operation of a HondaJet aircraft between Canada and the United States, without holding a Canadian aviation document as provided for in Part II of the CTA, thereby contravening section 57(b) of the Canada Transportation Act. Between June 21 and October 11, 2023, GC Aviation committed 15 contraventions related to the operation of a HondaJet aircraft between Canada and the United States without holding a licence as required by Part II of the Canada Transportation Act, section 57(a). GC Aviation has 30 days to request a review before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

*The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to GC Aviation, February 22, 2024, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

## ✈️ **Lynx Air shutting down Monday after filing for creditor protection**



Source: G&M

Low-cost Lynx Air says it will cease operations at 12:01 a.m. MT on Monday and is telling customers with bookings to seek refunds from their credit card companies. Lynx Air, a Calgary-based airline that launched less than two years ago with a promise to make air travel more affordable for Canadians, says it will cease operations on Monday, February 26, 2024. The news came as the low-cost airline announced it had sought and obtained an initial order for creditor protection from the Court of King's Bench of Alberta. "Over the past year, Lynx Air has faced a number of significant headwinds including rising operating costs, high fuel prices, exchange rates, increasing airport charges and a difficult economic and regulatory environment," said the company in a news release. "Despite substantial growth in the business, ongoing operational improvements, cost reductions and efforts to explore a sale or merger, the challenges facing the company's business have become too significant to overcome."

*Lynx Air shutting down Monday after filing for creditor protection, February 23, 2024, [www.globandmail.ca](http://www.globandmail.ca); and Lynx Air to cease operations Monday, obtains creditor protection, February 22, 2024, [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)*

## ✈️ **Air Canada Expands Regional Services with Luxury Motorcoach Land-Air Connections for Customers**

Air Canada on February 21, 2024 announced that it has partnered with The Landline Company to connect airports in Hamilton and Waterloo Region with the airline's Toronto Pearson global hub. Customers will be able to book a single itinerary combining a luxury motorcoach service with Air Canada flights for a seamless, convenient and more sustainable journey. Now available for booking, the multimodal service will begin operating as a pilot project from John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport and the Region of Waterloo International Airport in May 2024, with the potential to make it available elsewhere in Canada in the future.

*Air Canada Expands Regional Services with Luxury Motorcoach Land-Air Connections for Customers, February 21, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

### **Airlines' chief pleads for more green fuel to save air travel**

The head of global airlines' biggest trade group implored oil producers to make more low-emissions aviation fuel, warning the future of commercial air travel depends on the industry's successful decarbonization. Sustainable aviation fuel is the best available tool for cutting emissions, International Air Transport Association Director General Willie Walsh said at an aviation summit in Singapore Monday. Demand for the cleaner-burning fuel far outstrips supply, even though it can cost three to five times more than conventional jet fuel. "Every bit of fuel that gets produced would be used because this is an existential issue," Walsh said. "This industry will not be allowed to grow unless we can prove to our customers, regulators, governments, people in general, that we can grow in a sustainable manner." After surviving the pandemic, airlines' biggest challenge is reaching a goal to have net zero carbon emissions by 2050. While the sector currently accounts for a relatively small portion of global emissions, it faces huge challenges to decarbonize and could see its share balloon in coming decades if its rate of progress falls behind other industries. An estimated \$5 trillion of capital investment may be needed to make the transition, much of it to build sustainable fuel refineries. Walsh also warned that hydrogen won't be a viable alternative form of propulsion any time soon, underscoring the importance of increasing production of sustainable aviation fuel.

*Airlines' chief pleads for more green fuel to save air travel, February 19, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Investigation underway into 2 separate train derailments in B.C.



Source: MSN

Canada's Transportation Safety Board (TSB) said on February 18, 2024 that it's looking into two unrelated railway derailments in B.C.'s mountains, deploying investigators to one near Field, B.C., and gathering information on another near Revelstoke that sent two people to hospital. The federal agency said both incidents involved trains operated by Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) railway. One of CPKC's trains derailed near Field, a small community near the Alberta border, the TSB said, adding it had sent a "team of investigators" to the site, known as Ottertail station. In a statement on February 18, 2024 morning, the TSB said the derailment happened on February 17, 2024, but did not provide an exact time. Meanwhile, another derailment nearly 13 kilometres east of Revelstoke happened after 10 p.m. on February 16, 2024, after two trains collided east of the southern Interior city, sparking a fire, officials confirmed.

*Investigation underway into 2 separate train derailments in B.C., February 16, 2024, [www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com)*



#### CPKC and TCRC labour negotiations update

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on February 16, 2024 filed a Notice of Dispute with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service requesting the appointment of a Federal Conciliation Officer to assist CPKC and both the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) – Train & Engine (T&E) division and the TCRC - Rail Canada Traffic Controllers (RCTC) division in reaching negotiated collective agreements. The TCRC - T&E represents CPKC's roughly 3,200 locomotive engineers, conductors and train and yard workers, and the TCRC - RCTC represents approximately 80 rail traffic controllers, all in Canada. This is a process available under the Canada Labour Code to help employers and unions achieve negotiated collective agreements. Since September 2023, CPKC has been negotiating in good faith with the TCRC - T&E and TCRC - RCTC. CPKC has offered both a fair and balanced agreement with wage and benefit increases and more schedule predictability and quality of life improvements for its T&E employees. The latest collective bargaining negotiation session took place the week of January 29, 2024. Both CPKC and Union leadership remain far apart on the issues.

*CPKC and TCRC labour negotiations update, February 16, 2024, [www.cpkc.ca](http://www.cpkc.ca)*



#### CPKC requests conciliator in talks with Teamsters

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and unions achieve negotiated collective agreements. The railway is in talks with both the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) – Train & Engine (T&E) division and the TCRC – Rail Canada Traffic Controllers (RCTC) division trying to reach negotiated collective agreements. The TCRC – T&E represents CPKC's roughly 3,200 locomotive engineers, conductors and train and yard workers, and the TCRC – RCTC represents approximately 80 rail traffic controllers, all in Canada.

*CPKC requests conciliator in talks with Teamsters, February 19, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## CN Files a Notice of Dispute

On Feb. 16, 2024, CN filed for a notice of dispute in its negotiations with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) to support the parties in achieving a negotiated settlement. The TCRC represents approximately 6,000 conductors, conductor trainees, yard coordinators and locomotive engineers across CN's network in Canada. CN strongly believes that an agreement can be achieved through the collective bargaining process and remains committed to working with the TCRC to reach an agreement that is good for the employees, for CN and for Canada's supply chain.

*CN Files a Notice of Dispute, February 16, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## New Rail Transit Line for Eastern Montreal?



Source: Railway Age

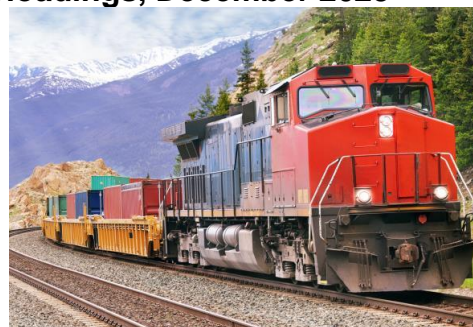
There will probably be a new rail transit line coming to the eastern part of Montreal, but it is years off. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) recently reported that the Autorité régionale de Transport Métropolitain (ARTM), the regional transit authority for the area, is "proposing a ground-level rail line to serve eastern Montreal." All of Montreal's Metro lines run completely underground. The former proposal called for an underground line as well but was apparently

scaled down because of the cost of building it. CBC reported the cost of the current proposal this way: "The cost? A mere C\$10.4 billion, which is considerably lower than the ARTM's fully underground proposal in June 2023.

*New Rail Transit Line for Eastern Montreal?, February 20, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



## Railway carloadings, December 2023



Source: Statcan

Canadian railways transported 31.7 million tonnes of freight in December 2023, up 11.2% from December 2022. This was the second straight month of year-over-year growth and the largest increase in tonnage since January 2023. Non-intermodal freight loadings in Canada increased 10.2% from the same month in 2022, to reach 25.4 million tonnes in December 2023. Higher shipments of potash, iron ores and some energy products more than offset a continued decline in some agricultural and food products, notably grain. Intermodal freight loadings in Canada (mainly containers) increased 9.4% year over year to 2.8 million tonnes in December. This marked the first increase since November 2022, following 12 straight months of year-over-year decreases. Finally, loadings from American railways have increased year over year for five straight months, up 21.0% to 3.5 million tonnes in December 2023. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the "Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard." The total annual rail freight carried in Canada during 2023 was 375.1 million tonnes, up 2.4% from 2022 levels, with most gains in tonnage generated in the early part of the year.

*Railway carloadings, December 2023, February 22, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## **AAR: North American Rail Volume Flat Through Week**

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Source: Railway Age

Through the first seven weeks of 2024 (ending Feb. 17), total North American carload and intermodal traffic was down 0.2%—virtually flat—compared with the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads’ (AAR) Feb. 21 report. While Mexico saw a gain, Canada experienced a decline and U.S. traffic was virtually flat. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 474,226 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.7 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending February 17 were 220,529 carloads, down 0.6 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 253,697 containers and trailers, up 7.9 percent compared to 2023. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included miscellaneous carloads, up 1,983 carloads, to 9,616; chemicals, up 1,543 carloads, to 33,899; and motor vehicles and parts, up 1,187 carloads, to 14,849. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 were coal, down 7,122 carloads, to 59,534; nonmetallic minerals, down 652 carloads, to 27,126; and petroleum and petroleum products, down 122 carloads, to 9,467. Canadian railroads reported 92,737 carloads for the week, down 3.0 percent, and 70,767 intermodal units, up 5.0 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first seven weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,069,472 carloads, containers and trailers, down 4.0 percent.

*AAR: North American Rail Volume Flat Through Week 7, February 21, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## **UP Confirms \$3.4B Capex Program**



Source: RailwayAge

At its 4Q/Full-Year 2023 earnings presentation, Union Pacific said it would invest \$3.4 billion in capital this year. On Feb. 21, 2024 UP confirmed its plan to support safe operations, renew assets, etc. *UP Confirms \$3.4B Capex Program, February 22, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Import demand growth robust leading into Lunar New Year



Source: Freightwaves

Bookings for twenty-foot equivalent units (IOTI) spiked well above last year's levels for freight bound for the nation's top four port complexes heading into Chinese New Year (CNY). The IOTI is an index that measures container volumes being booked by departure date from the port of origin, about 15-30 days before landing in the U.S. A spike in orders occurs in front of the Lunar New Year celebrated in China each year. The largest amount of maritime containerized freight heading to the U.S. originates in China. This makes it important for importers to get their freight ordered in front of the biggest Chinese holidays as production goes offline for long periods of time. This year's data is showing a dramatic shift.

*Import demand growth robust leading into Lunar New Year, February 17, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### US/WORLD

#### No bump yet in trans-Pacific demand from Red Sea, Panama Canal: Matson



Source: JOC

The Jones Act carrier's expedited service from China saw a strong fourth quarter in terms of volume, but lower freight rates tempered the revenue gains. Express carrier Matson saw container volumes out of China rise strongly in the fourth quarter, but low ocean freight rates kept a lid on revenue growth, it said on February 21, 2024. Matson, in its fourth-quarter and full-year 2023 earnings report, added that the impact of the Red Sea diversions and the Panama Canal drought have yet to provide it with any uplift in trans-Pacific volumes to the US West Coast. The niche carrier reported that its two express services from China carried 34,900 FEUs during the fourth quarter, a 23% year-over-year gain; it is the carrier's second-busiest trade segment.

*No bump yet in trans-Pacific demand from Red Sea, Panama Canal: Matson, February 21, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*





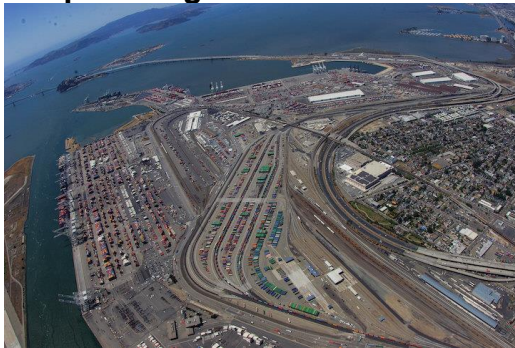
## Cargo ship attacked off coast of Yemen

Two missiles were fired at a cargo ship off the southeast coast of Yemen on February 22, 2024, causing fire onboard, the British Maritime Trade Operations Agency (UKMTO) reported. The maritime agency said it received a report of a missile attack on a cargo ship sailing around 70 nautical miles southeast of the port city of Aden. Although the type of the ship and its cargo have not been revealed, the UKMTO indicated that the U.S.-British coalition naval forces are actively addressing the situation. The status of any crew casualties remains uncertain. Following the incident, the UKMTO has warned all ships passing through the area to exercise caution. Vessels are also urged to report suspicious sightings or activities that may jeopardize maritime security.

*Cargo ship attacked off coast of Yemen, February 22, 2024, [www.englishnews.cn](http://www.englishnews.cn)*



## Port of Oakland remains preferred gateway for refrigerated export cargo in 2023



Source: AJOT

The Port of Oakland is a refrigerated cargo powerhouse. It ranks number one by TEU (twenty-foot container) volume in refrigerated (reefer) export trade among United States (US) ports. Oakland has ranked first among all US ports in international reefer export TEU's for seven consecutive years. The total commercial value of reefer exports through Oakland reached \$7.1 billion in 2023. "The Port and its partners have made significant investments in state-of-the-art, temperature-controlled facilities over the past seven years, including Cool Port, PCC Logistics and Custom Goods," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. "With this additional cargo capacity and value-added services, we have been able to consistently attract the reefer export business." The Port of Oakland is a premier export gateway for refrigerated products, due in part to its central location on the US West Coast. The Port is often the last US port of call for

container ships before they set sail for Asia. Therefore, refrigerated cargo can arrive fresher to overseas markets by leaving from Oakland. In 2023, the Port of Oakland's reefer export volumes increased by 4%, while total US volumes for temperature-sensitive exports declined by 20%. The Port increased its overall market share of reefer exports by 4.1%, from 14.2% to 18.3%. Top reefer commodities exported from the Port are beef, pork, fruits, dairy products, and vegetables.

*Port of Oakland remains preferred gateway for refrigerated export cargo in 2023, February 21, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



## Maritime Administration Announces Centers of Excellence Designations for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education

On February 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced the designation of 32 Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education. The designated COEs consist of 50 maritime training locations across 17 states and Guam. The designation recognizes and promotes support to post-secondary maritime training programs that prepare students for careers in the maritime industry. "Our country depends on a highly-skilled mariner workforce to strengthen both our economy and our national security," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

*Maritime Administration Announces Centers of Excellence Designations for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education, February 22, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



## Business up in January at ports of Savannah, Brunswick



Source: Freightwaves

The Colonel's Island Terminal at the Port of Brunswick handled 65,400 units of roll-on, roll-off cargo in January 2024.



The Port of Savannah kicked off 2024 with a modest gain in container shipments, moving 428,000 twenty-foot equivalent units in January 2024, a 1.5% year-over-year (y/y) increase from the same month last year. The port ended calendar-year 2023 with a total of 4.9 million TEUs, a decrease of 16% compared to 2022. Higher inflation rates and interest rates slowed consumer spending, resulting in higher inventories in warehouses, according to officials for the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA).

*Business up in January at ports of Savannah, Brunswick, February 22, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



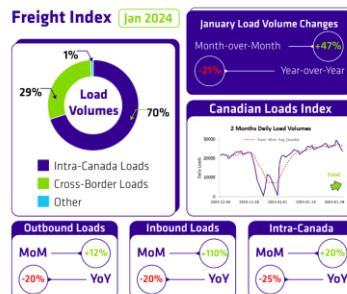
## CANADA

### **THRC Report Points to Lowest Unemployment in Trucking this Year**

Trucking HR Canada's (THRC) quarterly Labour Market Information (LMI) snapshot shows a lower unemployment rate among truck drivers, indicating a smaller pool of potential job applicants and a continued rebound across the supply chain. Some highlights of the report include: 1. Employment of transport truck drivers increased over the course of 2023, averaging 317,300 drivers. Unemployment of truck drivers peaked in April 2023, reaching 6.5%, but dropped over the last three quarters of the year, settling at 3.5% in December 2023. 2. Between Q3 2022 and Q3 2023, the number of vacant driver position decreased by 6,765 positions and the occupational vacancy rate is estimated to have decreased from 8% to 5%. This could signal an easing of the labour market for truck drivers.

*THRC Report Points to Lowest Unemployment in Trucking this Year, February 16, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### **Economic Trucking Trends: Signs of freight market stabilization emerge in January**



Source: Today's Trucking

With data in from the first month of 2024, it appears signs of market stabilization are emerging. The boost in spot market freight volumes and rates is largely attributable to poor weather that drove demand, so February 2024 data will be telling as to the sustainability of the move. ACT Research has upped its Class 8 sales and build forecast for the year. And Motive notes carrier exits are slowing as new entrants join at a faster rate. The first month of the year was a good one for those who toil in the Canadian spot market. Loadlink Technologies reported loads surged 47% in January 2024, marking the highest volumes seen since March 2023. Truck postings nudged up 4% from December 2023, bringing the truck-to-load ratio to 2.61, a 29% improvement since December and better than any month in the back half of 2023. The gains were led by a 110% jump in cross-border loads into Canada. Southbound loads were up 12% while domestic freight jumped 20%.

*Economic Trucking Trends: Signs of freight market stabilization emerge in January, February 16, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

### **Urban public transit, December 2023**



Source: Statcan

In December 2023, urban transit ridership in Canada reached 123.4 million trips, recovering more than 80% of its December 2019 level, pre-COVID-19 pandemic. In 2023, there were roughly 1.5 billion total passenger trips taken, up from the 1.2 billion trips recorded in 2022 but representing 77.4% of the 2019 total. Canada's transit agencies provided 123.4 million passenger trips in December 2023, up 17.1% (+18.0 million trips) compared with the same month in 2022. Although growth has been steady, volumes continue to lag pre-pandemic levels, as there were almost 30 million fewer passenger trips in December 2023 compared with December 2019. In December 2023, transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) was up 25.5% (+\$64.1 million) from the same month in 2022 but was \$23.4 million below the December 2019 revenue.

*Urban public transit, December 2023, February 20, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Ontario Government Delivering on Commitments to Get it Done

On February 20, 2024, the Ontario government introduced legislation that, if passed, would make it easier and faster to build transit, housing and other critical infrastructure. *The Get It Done Act* would also help people keep more of their hard-earned money by banning new tolls on provincial highways and give them a veto over any future provincial carbon tax.

*Ontario Government Delivering on Commitments to Get it Done, February 20, 2024, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

## Alberta providing \$2.8M to attract women to trucking



Source: Today's Trucking

To help address the driver shortage in Alberta, the provincial government allocated \$2.8 million over the next two years to help Women Building Futures (WBF) program provide necessary training and connections to attract more women to the industry. In 2022-2023,

the province committed \$40 million over four years to provide commercial driver training grants to unemployed and underemployed Albertans. "Our province is stronger when more women are in the driver's seat, and through funding like this, we can help women gain meaningful employment," said Tanya Fir, minister of arts, culture and status of women, in a press release. Of the \$2.8-million grant to WBF, \$1.3 will be allocated in 2023-2024, and the rest of the funds between 2024 and 2025. Currently, women represent only 2.9% of commercial truckers in Alberta, which is below the national rate of 4%. There are approximately 4,260 transport truck driver job vacancies in the province.

*Alberta providing \$2.8M to attract women to trucking, February 20, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## Electric long haul trucking can be cheaper than diesel



Source: Inside Logistics

In the past, it was considered unprofitable to electrify heavy goods vehicles that transport cargo over long distances. But now researchers at Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden have shown that it can be cheaper to run heavy goods vehicles on electricity than on diesel. "I myself am surprised by the results and hope that more haulage companies and heavy goods vehicle manufacturers will be willing to invest in electrification now that we have shown that it can be cost-effective," says Johannes Karlsson, Doctoral student in Automatic Control Engineering at Chalmers.

*Electric long haul trucking can be cheaper than diesel, February 16, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



## **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$1.25 billion in Direct, Accessible Grants for Local Communities to Improve Roadway Safety**

On February 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) opened the process for cities, towns, counties, Tribal governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to apply for \$1.256 billion in funding for local projects that improve roadway safety. The funds are from the competitive grant program, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), which was created in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities both plan and carry out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. The SS4A grant program is a major action that supports funding to advance the DOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy, which launched in 2022 to address the high number of traffic deaths happening across the country.

*U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$1.25 billion in Direct, Accessible Grants for Local Communities to Improve Roadway Safety, February 21, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*





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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Warehousing costs continue to climb, study finds



Source: Inside Logistics

Warehouse costs have been rising steadily since the beginning of 2022 across North America, Europe and Northeast Asia. Transport Intelligence has formulated its warehouse cost index, which tracks overall warehousing costs in North America, Europe, and North-East Asia. The index takes inputs from warehousing rent, labour, and energy costs to determine the current state of overall warehousing costs, as well as estimate the future direction of costs. According to the index, warehouse costs have been rising steadily since Q1 2022 across the board and increased in all three major regions into Q3 2023. Costs remain elevated across all three major regions in comparison with Q3 2022.

*Warehousing costs continue to climb, study finds, February 20, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

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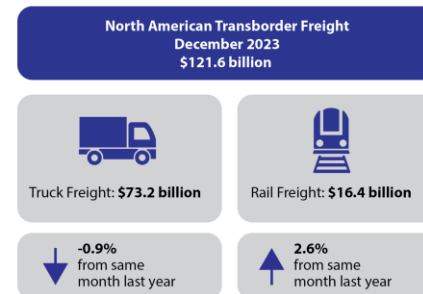
#### ITF member countries create support mechanism for rebuilding Ukraine's transport links

The governments of ITF member countries Canada, Lithuania, Sweden and Ukraine have created a new mechanism to help Ukraine rebuild its war-ravaged transport systems and develop new international trade links. The ITF Secretariat will co-ordinate activities and provide analytical input. Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration, Oleksandr Kubrakov; Sweden's Minister of Infrastructure, Andreas Carlson; Lithuania's Minister of Transport and Communication, Marius Skuodis; Canada's Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez and ITF Secretary-General Young Tae Kim officially launched the mechanism during a visit to Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, on 15 December 2023

*ITF member countries create support mechanism for rebuilding Ukraine's transport links, February 16, 2024, [www.itf-oecd.org](http://www.itf-oecd.org)*



#### North American Transborder Freight down 0.1% in December 2023 from December 2022



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TransBorder Freight Data, <https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/myhq-rmfq>

Source: BTS

The statistics in this release may not reflect changes in tonnage moved. Total transborder freight by border in December 2023, compared to December 2022 for transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico is as follows:: 1. Total transborder freight: \$121.6 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, down 0.1% compared to December 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$61.1 billion, up 0.7% from December 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$60.4 billion, down 0.9% from December 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$73.2 billion of freight, down 0.9% compared to December 2022; 5. Railways moved \$16.4 billion of freight, up 2.6% compared to December 2022; 6. Vessels moved \$11.0 billion of freight, up 7.0% compared to December 2022; 7. Pipelines moved \$9.1 billion of freight, down 10.3% compared to December 2022; 8. Air moved \$4.6 billion of freight, down 10.3% compared to December 2022. Total transborder freight between US and Canada is as follows: 1. Truck \$32.1b.; Rail \$9.2b; 3. Pipeline \$8.6b; 4. Air \$2.9b; and 5. Vessel \$2.9b.

*North American Transborder Freight down 0.1% in December 2023 from December 2022, February 22, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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**CILTNA GTA/Hamilton Region Chapter Webinar: "A Future with the Gordie Howe International Bridge"**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
60 Minute Webinar  
12:00 PM ET / 9:00 AM PT / 5:00 PM GMT

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Tuesday, 27 February 2024  
5 PM – 7 PM  
D'Arcy McGee's, 44 Sparks St., Ottawa, ON K1P 5A8

Cost: CILTNA Members - No charge  
Non-Members - \$15.00

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Location: 666 3rd Avenue, Oculus Room (6<sup>th</sup> Floor), New York 10017 (5-minute walk from Grand Central Station)

CILT Members: No charge | Non-Members: \$25.00  
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Join us for informative and interactive presentations on a range of topics concerning rail in New York. A unique opportunity to hear from four leaders at the heart of the city's rail industry. Opportunity to network with fellow rail professionals in the city.

Moderated by: Andrew Young FCILT Director, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport North America

Chad Scholes, Executive Director Continuous Improvement, Metro North Rail Road  
*The Laser Train and other efficiency initiatives at Metro North*

James P. Bonner, President New York & Atlantic Railway Company  
*On Shared Rails: The Complexities of Freight Operations Amidst Passenger Priorities*

Graham Beal, Director Project and Program Management, Network Rail Consulting  
*Rail Decarbonization*

Michael J. Shiffer, Ph.D. Senior VP, Regional Planning, NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
*Planning for a Dynamic Future*

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The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Women in Logistics and Transport

**Sip & Chat**

**"Succeeding in Uncertain Times"**

Guest speaker: Peta Wolmarans, Director, Planning at Vancouver International Airport will speak to us about "Succeeding in Uncertain Times"

Peta is a transportation planner and champion of data driven decision-making. She has worked at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) since 2018, as it navigated through both the busiest and quietest years since its inception. She will share lessons learned about resilience and collaboration.

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL woman IS A TRIBE OF OTHER successful women, WHO HAVE HER BACK.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 12 pm – 1 pm ET/9 am-10 am PT - via Zoom

Please RSVP at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-sip-chat/>

*"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."*

On Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at 12 PM ET/ 9 AM PT, WILAT NA hosted their second Sip & Chat event with guest speaker Peta Wolmarans, Director, Planning at Vancouver International Airport who spoke to us on "Succeeding in Uncertain Times".

The presentation slides used during the meeting are available to view [HERE](#).

The video recording for the meeting can be found [HERE](#).

## Job Postings

### \* Economist Policy Analysis

If you hold postgraduate studies in economics, business or a related discipline and have at least 5 years of experience in developing/assessing economic policy and regulation in either a government or commercial environment you may want to consider this position at IATA's Sustainability & Economics division. The objective is to provide our airline members with the sustainability and economic analyses, tools, and support to allow them to meet present and measure themselves against the overall industry's performance.

We work with airlines, regulators, and civil society to develop and implement policies, standards, and solutions that support the



sustainable development of air transport and mitigate its impact on the environment.

Learn more about the responsibilities, necessary skills and location of this [role](#).

### \* **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.

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#### 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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