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# Transportation's Top Stories Air Transport Updates

# CANADA

WestJet propels Winnipeg's growth forward with new year-round, daily service to Montreal and Ottawa



Source: WestJet

WestJet on April 8, 2024, celebrated the latest additions to its Winnipeg network, featuring new year-round, daily service to Montreal, as well as increased, daily, year-round service to Ottawa, beginning June 3, 2024. WestJet also announced new highly anticipated seasonal service between Winnipeg and Nashville, set to take off on September 16, 2024, establishing the airline's seventh direct transborder connection out of Manitoba's capital city.

WestJet propels Winnipeg's growth forward with new year-round, daily service to Montreal and Ottawa, April 8, 2024, <u>www.westJet.ca</u>

WestJet Encore and ALPA reach agreement-inprinciple



Source: WestJet

WestJet Encore and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), the certified union representing Encore pilots, today announced they have reached an agreement in principle on the second collective bargaining agreement between the organizations. Both parties now await the ratification vote to be put forward to membership.

WestJet Encore and ALPA reach agreement-in-principle, April 8, 2024, <u>www.westjet.ca</u>

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

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued an administrative monetary penalty of \$55,000 against WestJet for two violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations (ATPDR) related to its obligations of providing services to

persons with a disability. This penalty is for incidents that occurred in October and November 2023. On October 11, 2023 at Dublin Airport, WestJet failed to permit a passenger with a disability to board in advance of other passengers, even though they had made a request for assistance with boarding, locating their passenger seat, transferring between their mobility aid and their seat, and storing their carry-on baggage. Similarly on November 18, 2023 at San Cabos Airport, WestJet failed to permit a passenger with a disability to board in advance of other passengers, even though they had made a request for assistance with boarding, locating their passenger seat, transferring between their mobility aid and their seat, and storing their carry-on baggage. These contraventions relate to paragraph 34(1)(a) of the ATPDR. WestJet has 30 days to request a review before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to WestJet for violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations, April 10, 2024, <u>www.cta-otc.gc.ca</u>

# WestJet and Calgary Flames Alumni Association sign two-year partnership



Source: WestJet

WestJet and the Calgary Flames Alumni Association on April 11, 2024 announced a new two-year partnership focused on unlocking new opportunities to give back to the community through enhanced access to sports for Western Canadian youth.

WestJet and Calgary Flames Alumni Association sign two-year partnership, April 11, 2024, <u>www.westjet.ca</u>

#### US/WORLD

# **VPS** plans to hire 300 pilots to support Postal Service contract

UPS was awarded a large contract by the U.S. Postal Service and now

needs more cockpit crews. UPS is looking to hire more than 300 pilots to support an anticipated increase in air cargo demand driven by a new multi-year contract from the U.S. Postal Service, according to the union representing the company's air crews. "The Independent Pilots Association Executive Board was informed that UPS HR is resuming their pilot hiring process to account for the additional volume surge that will occur as the year progresses," the union said in a statement shared with FreightWaves. "The initial projected estimate for hiring is expected to be 300+ additional crew members, which is subject to adjustment once the network plan for the additional USPS volume is finalized." The Independent Pilots Association is the bargaining representative for about 3,200 pilots at UPS.

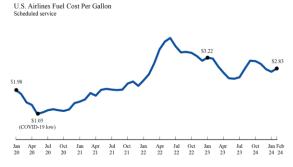
UPS plans to hire 300 pilots to support Postal Service contract, April 5, 204, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

## WorldACD Weekly Air Cargo Trends (week 13) 2024

Global air cargo rates continued to rise throughout March 2024, thanks to strong demand and rising rates from Asia and Middle East origins, taking average prices to within -7% of their elevated levels this time last year and recovering to their levels during last year's winter peak season, according to the latest weekly figures and analysis from WorldACD Market Data. Average rates rose, week on week (WoW), by around +2% in week 13 (25-31 March) to \$2.48 per kilo, following consecutive weekly WoW rises of between +2% and +3% last month, on a globalized basis, progressively narrowing the gap between rates this year and the equivalent periods last year. Average rates in January and February were -19% below their equivalent levels in 2023, but throughout March the gap narrowed, from -15% in week 9 to just -7% in week 13, based on the more than 450,000 weekly transactions covered by WorldACD's data.

WorldACD Weekly Air Cargo Trends (week 13) 2024, April 5, 2024, www.ajot.com

## U.S. Airlines' February 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 4.8% from January 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 7.9% from Pre-Pandemic February 2019



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on April 8, 2024 released U.S. airlines' February 2024 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.392 billion gallons of fuel, 4.4% less fuel than in January 2024 (1.456 billion gallons) and 7.9% more than in pre-pandemic February 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in February 2024 (\$2.83) was up 13 cents (4.8%) from January 2024 (\$2.70) and up \$0.85 (42.9%) from February 2019. Total February 2024 fuel expenditure (\$3.94B) was up 0.3% from January 2024 (\$3.93B) and up 53.9% from pre-pandemic February 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for February 2024 include a 3.2% increase in domestic fuel consumption, a 9.5% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and a 12.3% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 2.2% from January 2024 to February 2024, while increasing 6.8% from February 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' February 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon Up 4.8% from January 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 7.9% from Pre-Pandemic February 2019, April 8, 2024, <u>www.bts.gov</u>

## USDOT Significantly Modernizes the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Regulations

On April 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a final rule that modernizes the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and Airport Concessions DBE (ACDBE) program regulations. These Congressionally mandated programs were

created over 40 years ago to address and remedy the continuing effects of past discrimination against small businesses owned and controlled by minorities, women, and other socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and continue today to prevent and address ongoing discrimination.

USDOT Significantly Modernizes the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Regulations, April 9, 2024, <u>www.dot.gov</u>

## 🗙 1st-Quarter 2014 Air Fare Data

The average domestic air fare decreased to \$381 in the first quarter of 2014, down 1.0 percent from the average fare of \$384 in the first quarter of 2013, adjusted for inflation, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. During that January to March period, Cincinnati, Ohio, had the highest average fare, \$514, while Sanford, Florida, had the lowest, \$119.

1st-Quarter 2014 Air Fare Data, April 9, 2024, www.bts.gov

## 🛪 3rd-Quarter 2014 Air Fare Data

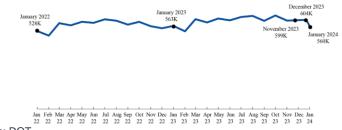
The average domestic air fare of \$396 in the third quarter of 2014 was virtually the same as the average fare in the third quarter of 2013, adjusted for inflation, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. During the July to September 2014 period, passengers originating in Cincinnati, Ohio, paid the highest average fare, \$533, while passengers originating in Mesa, Arizona, paid the lowest, \$100.

3rd-Quarter 2014 Air Fare Data, April 9, 2024, www.bts.gov

# Air Travel Consumer Report: January 2024 Numbers

U.S. Airlines Operated Domestic Flights: January 2022–January 2024 Operated = Scheduled - Canceled

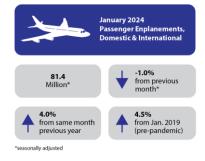
Marketing Network Carriers and their Branded Code-Share Partners



The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on April 11, 2024 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of January 2024 for on-time performance, mishandled bacqace, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. The 560,352 flights operated in January 2024 were 99.56% of the 562,845 flights operated in January 2023. Operated flights in January 2024 were down 0.44% year-over-year from the 562,845 flights operated in January 2023 and down 7.18% month-over-month from 603,756 flights operated in December 2023. In January 2024, reporting marketing carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 72.8%, down from both 83.9% in December 2023 and from 76.2% in January 2023. In January 2024, reporting marketing carriers handled 37.4 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.75%, higher than both the rate of 0.50% in December 2023 and the rate of 0.73% in January 2023. In January 2024, reporting marketing carriers reported checking 56,659 wheelchairs and scooters and mishandling 836 for a rate of 1.48% mishandled wheelchairs and scooters, higher than the rate of 1.39% mishandled in December 2023 and lower than the rate of 1.47% mishandled in January 2023.

Air Travel Consumer Report: January 2024 Numbers, April 11, 2024, <u>www.dot.gov</u>

#### January 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 4.0% from the Same Month Last Year



#### Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 70.0 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in January 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, January enplanements are down 1.0% from December and down 1.0% from the all-time high reached in December 2023. BTS reported 59.8 million domestic passengers and 10.2 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in January, not adjusting for seasonality.

January 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 4.0% from the Same Month Last Year, April 11, 2024, <u>www.bts.gov</u>



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# Transportation's Top Stories Rail Transport Updates

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CN Continues to Advance Decarbonization Efforts with EMD® Mainline Hybrid Locomotive from Progress Rail



Source: Railway Age

CN is proud to announce the purchase of its first hybrid diesel-battery electric mainline locomotive from Progress Rail, a Caterpillar Company, as part of its decarbonization plans. The EMD® will be tested to understand the potential impact and opportunity related to retrofitting a larger portion of the Company's fleet. CN is collaborating on this initiative with the Province of British Columbia who awarded approximately \$3.2 million to the Company under the Clean BC Go Electric Commercial Vehicle Pilots Program. "CN is committed to supporting the transition to a net-zero economy and proud of the progress we've made so far on our decarbonization journey. We know rail is part of the climate solution and we are determined to do our part by setting ambitious science-based targets. Today's announcement is another milestone on moving forward towards a more sustainable future."

CN Continues to Advance Decarbonization Efforts with EMD® Mainline Hybrid Locomotive from Progress Rail, April 5, 2024, <u>www.cn.ca</u>; and <u>CN Acquiring a Progress Rail EMD® SD70H</u>, April 5, 2024, <u>www.railwayage.com</u> AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending April 6, 2024



Source: Railway Age

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on April 10, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending April 6, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 450,142 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.6 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending April 6, 2024 were 209,142 carloads, down 4.5 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 241,000 containers and trailers, up 7.6 percent compared to 2023. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. Canadian railroads reported 95,326 carloads for the week, up 5.5 percent, and 72,636 intermodal units, up 12.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 14 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,218,935 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.1 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending April 6, 2024, April10, 2024, <u>www.ajot.com</u>; and <u>AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through</u> <u>Week 14</u>, April 10, 2024, <u>www.railwayage.com</u>

## **US/WORLD**

# Norfolk Southern announces new initiatives to drive further productivity and accountability

Norfolk Southern Corporation provided an update on April 4, 2024 on its plan to accelerate progress on its strategy and deliver long-term shareholder value. Alan Shaw, Norfolk Southern president and chief executive officer, said, "The initiatives announced today will help us progress toward our strategic goals and close the margin gap with our peers. Our network enhancements and improvements to our reporting structure will empower our new chief operating officer, John Orr, with the scope to implement his scheduled railroading plans and accelerate our operational improvements. This positions Norfolk Southern to become a more productive, resilient, and efficient railroad, and drive long-term value creation."

Norfolk Southern announces new initiatives to drive further productivity and accountability, April 5, 2024, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

**STB Denies Coalition to Stop CPKC Request** 



Source: Railway Age

The Surface Transportation Board on April 5, 2024, by unanimous vote, denied the request of the Coalition to Stop CPKC to modify the reporting requirements imposed in STB's approval of Canadian Pacific's acquisition of Kansas City Southern to create CPKC (Canadian Pacific Kansas City). STB's denial is detailed in Docket No. FD 36500 (Sub-No. 6). The Coalition members are the Village of Bensenville, Village of Itasca, City of Wood Dale, Village of Roselle, Village of Schaumburg, Village of Hanover Park, Village of Bartlett, City of Elgin and DuPage County, all in Illinois and along Metra's Milwaukee District West (MD-W) Line.

STB Denies Coalition to Stop CPKC Request, April 8, 2024, <u>www.railwayage.com</u>

Norfolk Southern to pay \$600M in Ohio train derailment lawsuit



#### Source: Freightwave

Norfolk Southern announced Tuesday that it has agreed to pay \$600 million to settle a class-action lawsuit after a 2023 train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, caused a fire and spilled chemicals. The agreement, if approved by a court, will resolve all class-action claims within a 20-mile radius of the derailment site and personal injury claims within 10 miles of the site, a news release from the railroad said. The company said the settlement is not an admission of liability or wrongdoing. In February 2023, a Norfolk Southern train derailed in East Palestine, a village near the Pennsylvania border that is home to about 4,800 people. Thirty-eight of the general merchandise train's railcars, including 11 tank cars carrying hazardous chemicals that caught fire, derailed, a preliminary National Transportation Safety Board investigation found. Up to 2,000 residents were evacuated. *Norfolk Southern to pay \$600M in Ohio train derailment lawsuit, April 9, 2024, www.freightwaves.com* 

## Preliminary Q1 results at embattled Norfolk Southern miss expectations

Norfolk Southern heads toward its May 9, 2024 annual meeting and the resolution of its battle with activist shareholder Ancora over control of the company with a public campaign that may have taken a hit Tuesday, April 9, 2024, judging from a preview of the railroad's first-quarter numbers. In an outlook for Q1 earnings, which are to be released April 24, 2024 Norfolk Southern said adjusted earnings would come in at \$2.49 a share and adjusted operating ratio would be 69.9%. Those numbers are both below Wall Street consensus on how the railroad, which serves the Eastern half of the U.S., performed in the quarter. The report initially pushed Norfolk Southern stock down before a later rebound.

Preliminary Q1 results at embattled Norfolk Southern miss expectations, April 11, 2024, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>



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# Transportation's Top Stories Marine Transport Updates

## CANADA

OTA Addresses Senate Committee on Infrastructure Climate Change Impact



Source: Ontruck

OTA's chair and staff appeared before the Standing Senate Committee on Transportation and Communications last night to discuss the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and supply chain resiliency in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway regions. Highlights of their remarks on truck-marine intermodal provided are below: 1. The existing intermodal connections between truck and marine across the Ontario port network are working well and the trucking industry works hand-in-hand with the marine sector to support the supply chain when opportunities arise; 2. A dramatic shift in marine-truck business patterns because of warmer winters along of the Great Lakes and the Seaway has not materialized to date; 3. The other factors limiting expanded use of marine include: unpredictability of rapidly forming ice. low water levels as well as necessary maintenance that requires a shutdown of various aspects of locks and canal systems; and 4. The province of Ontario, led by the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Marine Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans, through a series of comprehensive transportation planning initiatives, has addressed truck-marine opportunities and continues as an evergreen process. OTA Addresses Senate Committee on Infrastructure Climate Change Impact, April 11, 2024, <u>www.ontruck.ca</u>

# **US/WORLD**

Last-mile carriers need to adapt after bridge collapse



Source:

Logistics

The recent collapse of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge will dramatically impact last-mile carriers and their customers throughout North America. That's the prediction from the president of the Customized Logistics & Delivery Association (CLDA), Joel Pinsky. "We're already hearing from our customers asking us what this will do to their costs and delivery times. I've heard from others in the association that the same thing is happening to them," said Pinsky, who is also the CEO of Global Messenger and Logistics in Baltimore. While much of the reaction has been focused on the ships that go in and out of the harbour, Pinsky expects the impact to quickly spread to many of the last-mile providers who are part of the CLDA.

Last-mile carriers need to adapt after bridge collapse, April 5, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

## Readout from Biden-Harris Administration's Call with Truckers on Impacts of Port of Baltimore's Partial Closure

On Friday, April 5th, 2024 the U.S. Department of Transportation, the National Economic Council, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Small Business Administration met with stakeholders in the trucking sector to discuss ongoing efforts to mitigate challenges caused by the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. The National Economic Council provided a readout of the Biden-Harris Administration's <u>whole-of-government effort</u> to provide immediate response, support affected workers and small businesses, reopen the port, rebuild the bridge, and stand with the people of Baltimore. Last night, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <u>announced</u> a tentative timeline for reopening shipping channels.

Readout from Biden-Harris Administration's Call with Truckers on Impacts of Port of Baltimore's Partial Closure, April 8, 2024, www.dot.gov



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# Transportation's Top Stories Road Transport Updates

## CANADA

Trucking Execs to Freeland: Enforce the Law Against Illegal Driver Inc



Source: Ontruck

Trucking companies from CTA's Executive and provincial association executive committees are imploring Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Freeland to honour a commitment the Government of Canada made to end the tax avoidance and labour misclassification scheme in the trucking industry, known as Driver Inc. The carriers, who play pivotal roles on executive committees at the CTA and provincial association level, represent nearly 55,000 Canadian workers, nationwide. "In advance of Budget 2024, we request urgent action in our industry," stated the letter submitted to the minister by the Canadian Trucking Alliance, on behalf of 31 company presidents and executives who helped craft and signed the document. "Our businesses are at a crossroads. Prolonged inaction from the Government of Canada to do anything about the unscrupulous labour misclassification and tax evasion scheme known as Driver Inc is leading to irreparable damage to one of the most critical sectors of the Canadian economy."

Trucking Execs to Freeland: Enforce the Law Against Illegal Driver Inc., April 8, 2024, <u>www.ontruck.ca</u>

Lineage expands integrated solutions services with new Canada cross-border program



Source: AJOT

Lineage, one of the world's leading temperature-controlled warehouse REITs and integrated solutions providers, today announced new Canada cross-border services. Leveraging the strategic positioning of its facilities and transportation network, the program aims to deliver added transportation advantages for customers looking for end-to-end cold chain solutions in the North American market. The cross-border network offers added transportation value for Lineage customers, including access to multiple delivery points in the Canadian market and strategically positioned transport terminals in Vancouver, Kelowna, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Red Deer and Montreal, as well as a new terminal in Moncton that is planned to be operational later this spring. Canadian and United States networks will be connected by cross-border points in Hobart, Indiana and Burien, Washington.

Lineage expands integrated solutions services with new Canada crossborder program, April 9, 2024, <u>www.ajot.com</u>



February 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 3.1% from the Previous Month and Down 1.1% from the Same Month Last Year



#### Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, rose 3.1% in February from January, rising for the first month after a one month decline, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). From February 2023 to February 2024 the index fell 1.1%.

February 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 3.1% from the Previous Month and Down 1.1% from the Same Month Last Year, April 10, 2024, <u>www.bts.gov</u>

#### Charging ahead: Electric trucks are here to stay



Source: AJOT

A dearth of charging infrastructure has often been cited as a major obstacle in convincing truck manufacturers to ramp up the production of zero-emission, electrically powered heavy-duty vehicles (eHDV). Other factors impeding their development include their limited operational range, payload restrictions, and higher running costs compared to diesel-powered models. It is difficult to get a clear picture of how many electric trucks are currently on the roads but what is not in doubt is that their number is extremely modest when compared to the market as a whole. The International Energy Agency (IEA) indicated in its latest Global EV Outlook that in 2022, 60,000 medium-and heavy-duty trucks were sold worldwide, representing only 1.2% of total truck sales. According to estimates published by business consulting and service firm, Markets and Markets, the global electric truck market totaled 101,499 units in 2022 and is projected to grow to 1,067,985 units by 2030.

Charging ahead: Electric trucks are here to stay, April 11, 2024, www.ajot.com



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# Transportation's Top Stories Other Transport Updates

# CANADA

# Physical flow account for greenhouse gas emissions, by gas type, 2018 to 2021

Data from the physical flow account for greenhouse gas emissions for industries and households are now available upon request by gas type for reference years 2018 to 2021. Gas types included are carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4) and nitrous oxide (N2O), in CO2 equivalents. Data for 2018 to 2021 from the physical flow account (PFA) for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are now available on request for Canada and by province and territory by gas type. The Physical flow account for greenhouse gas emissions, by gas type, table is a supplement to the estimates of total GHG emissions, which are also available (38-10-0097-01).

Physical flow account for greenhouse gas emissions, by gas type, 2018 to 2021, April 8, 2024, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

air, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada totalled 575,500 in March 2024, up 15.5% year over year. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad reached 2.2 million, an 8.3% increase from March 2023. By automobile, US residents took 862,100 trips to Canada in March 2024, up 24.3% from the same month in 2023. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States also rose, up 23.3% year over year to 2.1 million trips in March 2024. All statistics in this release are based on the primary data sources for air and automobile arrivals. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, March 2024, April 10, 2024, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

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## Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, March 2024



Source: Statcan

In March 2024, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile increased 16.5% from March 2023. By

March 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (5.4%) Rises Above the March 2023 Level (5.0%) And the Pre-Pandemic March 2019 Level (3.9%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) March 2024 3.9%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) March 2024 5.4%
<b>0.3</b> change from same month last year	<b>0.4</b> change from same month last year

#### Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 5.4% (not seasonally adjusted) in March 2024 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. In March 2024, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 0.4 percentage points from 5.0% in March 2023 and was above the pre-pandemic March 2019 level of 3.9%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in March 2024 was 3.9% or 1.5 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in March 2024 was 3.8%.

March 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (5.4%) Rises Above the March 2023 Level (5.0%) And the Pre-Pandemic March 2019 Level (3.9%), April 5, 2024, <u>www.bts.gov</u>

New Report on Single Use Plastics Products Focuses on Mitigation Strategies



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released the Reassessing Single Use Plastics Products in the Airline Sector report to assist airlines, regulators, and the airline supply chain to mitigate the environmental impacts of single use plastic products (SUPP). This publication is timely as the United National Environmental Program (UNEP) has convened an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding agreement on SUPP use by the end of 2024. SUPP are widely used in aviation due to their strength, lightness, and ability to meet safety and security regulations. However, the airline sector faces challenges associated with improved cabin waste performance and the replacement of SUPP with sustainable alternatives. In addition, airlines face technical and operational obstacles, and the lack of harmonized and risk-based regulations presents a significant barrier to improving recycling and circularity of waste management. The absence of smart regulation continues to constrain airline efforts to improve the sustainability of cabin operations.

New Report on Single Use Plastics Products Focuses on Mitigation Strategies, April 8, 2024, www.iata.org



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HURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024	FROM 16:00-17:30 - HARBOUR TOUR HOSTED BY THE VANCOUVER FRASER PORT AUTHORITY (BOARDING TIME 15:45 AND LOCATION TBA)
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#### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Join us on Thursday, 9 May from 4- 5:30 PM for a harbour tour hosted by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. \*Boarding time 3:45 PM and location TBA.

Join us again on Friday, 10 May at the Terminal City Club, 837 W Hastings St., Vancouver for the 2024 CILTNA Annual Spring **Outlook Conference: "Adapting to a Changing World: Challenges** in Transportation, Energy, Environment and Geopolitics".

Come network, make new acquaintances, and hear and interact on some thought-provoking presentations on very real and challenging subjects.

For more details on the agenda and registration, please visit: https://ciltna.com/events/2024-ciltna-spring-outlook-conference/

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Chain Task Force in Canada will speak to us out "Lessons learned. Challenges and mortunities for supply hains in North America Shauna is a professional engineer, certified Supply Chain Professional and certified in Production and Inventory Management from the Association for Supply Chain Management. She worked for Canadian Tire Corporation for 14 years before joining Canadian National Railway (CN) for 8 years, holding the positions including Assistant Vice President, Sales, Industrial Products

Guest speaker: Shauna

America." SUCCESSEUL woman Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 12 pm - 1 pm ET/9 am-10 am PT -IS A TRIBE OF OTHER via Zoom NHO HAVE her back Please RSVP at: https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-sip-chat/

"Lessons learned: Challenges and

opportunities for supply chains in North

Ladies, grab a coffee and join us online for an hour with guest speaker, Shauna McMillan, former member of the National Supply Chain Task Force in Canada who will speak to us about "Lessons learned: Challenges and opportunities for supply chains in North America."

For free registration, please visit: https://ciltna.com/events/16april-wilat-sip-chat/



Please join the Ottawa Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (North America) on 24 April 2024 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM at 50 O'Connor Street, 6th Floor Conference Room, as we hear from our guest Paul Sandhar-Cruz, Director General of Strategic Policy at Transport Canada. Paul will be highlighting a number of the department's current major initiatives and providing an overview of things to watch for from a policy and regulatory perspective in the months to come.

CILTNA Members: Free Non-Members: \$20.00

Sandwiches and salad will be served.

To register, please visit: <u>https://ciltna.com/events/24-april-2024-ottawa-ciltna-luncheon/</u>



# WEBINAR | A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PASSENGER RAIL IN THE USA?

CILT International are pleased to present the first instalment in their latest webinar series, exploring the latest insights and developments within the transport, logistics and supply chain industries. Join them on 17th April at 13.00 BST as they explore the complexities of passenger rail within the USA. They are delighted to welcome Andrew Young, FCILT from CILT North America, as speaker for the session. Andrew is currently Director for Passenger Business at Wi-Tronix and has an extensive background in logistics and transport, spanning over 30 years.

With significant investment being committed to improve passenger rail services, an ambitious program to evaluate new routes and the development of various high-speed rail corridors is the US experiencing a rail renaissance? Find out in their interactive session.

The webinar is free to attend for members of CILT only. Please ensure you have your membership number and CILT branch to hand in order to register.

To register, please visit: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_OmMOqCSXQTa9QYK</u> <u>mtjlkrw#/</u>



#### CIFFA 75th Anniversary Conference, April 23-24, 2024

The CIFFA 75th Anniversary Conference, April 23-24, 2024, is a momentous occasion filled with pride, reflection, and a vision for the future – "Leading The Path Forward". CIFFA, founded in 1948, plays a pivotal role in shaping the logistics industry in Canada. The 75th-anniversary celebration is not just a reflection on past achievements but a commitment to navigating the evolving challenges of global trade and transportation, ensuring that CIFFA continues to be a driving force in shaping the future of supply chain in Canada.

#### Why attend?

CIFFA's two-day 75th Anniversary Conference will share evolutionary and revolutionary thinking, celebrating the association's leadership through the last 75 years, while helping prepare 450 industry decisionmakers to meet the challenges of the next decade. Register, attend, and expand your network.

## To register, please visit: https://www.ciffa.com/register-now/



# SHIPPING FEDERATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE – "Supply Chain Sea Change" - Montreal, May 7, 2024

A great opportunity to hear from top industry leaders and network with supply chain professionals!

Program and registration details at ShipFed's website here: <u>https://shipfed.ca/register-now-for-our-annual-conference/</u>



# WINDSOR-DETROIT BRIDGE AUTHORITY | AUTORITÉ DU PONT WINDSOR-DETROIT

The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) would like your feedback on the issues that affect you and how they can make crossborder travel easier and more efficient. Please take a few minutes to fill out the feedback survey and have your say.

Survey link: https://forms.gle/E7R6k9QVhhyaHBCd9

## **Job Postings**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Project Questions**

• Do you have experience repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, or trucks? If so, please elaborate on your relevant experience below.

• Are you able to discuss the repowering design, specifically what it takes to transition from conventional diesel to electric battery powered?

• Are you knowledgeable about suppliers of key repowering components (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.)? If so, please note which component suppliers you could elaborate on during a call below.

#### Fleet Management | Market Overview

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

- Products offered by truck fleet management companies
- Value chain
- Products

• Market size, areas for growth, and top players in the space Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of a corporation or investment firm. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

**Project Questions** 

• Can you list what are the main products that a truck fleet management company offers?

• On a scale from 1-5 (1=not able to speak, 5=extremely knowledgeable), how knowledgeable are you on the following topics related to fleet management:

• Who do you believe are the 3-5 main truck fleet management companies and who has been gaining market share in the last 5 years?

• Can you speak to what is the average gross margin that fleet management companies generally have combining all products and services? (in %)

#### Fleet Operations | Fleet Manager Perspective

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

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

**Project Questions** 

Roughly how many vehicles are/were included in your fleet?

• Are you involved in the evaluation and decision-making process for fuel choices and alternative products used in your fleet? Please select which best represent your relevant experience.

• Are you familiar with fuel alternative products ("green fuel", biofuels, etc.)? Please briefly elaborate on your experience in 1-2 sentences.

• Can you speak to your preference of fuel vs. fuel alternative products and your rationale? Please briefly elaborate in 1-2 sentences.

• Could you provide examples of and speak to companies that are selling fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these companies?

• Can you speak to the fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these products? What has influenced your perception? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.

• Could you provide examples of when you have utilized fuel alternatives within your business/at your place of work? What were the advantages? The disadvantages? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.

• Could you speak to making purchase decisions regarding fuel alternatives? What were your considerations? What ultimately influenced your decision? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.

• Could you speak to the sources/influences that you consulted during this buying process? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.

• Does your CURRENT company compete with Oil & Gas Manufacturers.

• Do you have current/recent experience (within 0-2 years) in fleet management across any of the following segments?

#### Freight Brokerage Services | Overview

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

The unique dynamics of fresh produce / temperature-controlled shipping

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

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#### **Project Questions**

• Can you speak to the unique dynamics of fresh produce/temperature-controlled shipping? If so, please elaborate on your ability to do so below.

• Have you navigated a downturn at your brokerage? If so, can you speak on the defensive actions that were taken?

• Can you speak on the main drivers of freight brokerage financials? If so, please elaborate in 1-2 sentences on your ability to do so below.

• Can you speak on any emerging tech platforms for freight brokerages? If so, please elaborate on them below.

• Do you have any off-limit topics and/or anything you might be contractually obligated not to discuss regarding this consultation or space? If so, please briefly elaborate on the topics you are not allowed to discuss.



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