

# Transportation Information Update\*

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## AIR TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Air Canada Cargo Receives Top Industry Award

Air Canada Cargo received the Air Cargo Excellence Diamond Award at the 10th annual World Cargo Symposium recently held in Berlin. The Diamond award is the industry's top award and Air Canada Cargo won it in the "up to 399,999 tonnes" air carrier category. The awards are based on the Air Cargo Excellence Survey presented annually by Air Cargo World Magazine to the airlines and airports achieving the highest scores in the survey based on several performance factors including customer service, value and performance.

### 2. Airships to the oilsands: Giant craft seen as environmentally-friendly benefit to oil and mining industries

The long-held vision of giant airships nearly the length of a CFL field delivering workers and supplies to remote locations is a step closer to reality an article in the National Post reported.

### 3. Lithium Batteries

Lithium batteries are dangerous goods, much like gasoline, propane, and sulphuric acid. In Canada, the shipping and importing of lithium batteries are subject to the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992* and its regulations. There are two main kinds of lithium batteries: A **lithium-metal battery** is usually non-rechargeable, contains metallic lithium, and features a higher energy density than other non-rechargeable batteries. Lithium metal batteries are often used in calculators, pacemakers, hearing aids, remote car locks and watches. A **lithium-ion battery** is rechargeable, does not contain metallic lithium, and features high energy density. A lithium polymer battery is considered a type of lithium ion battery. Lithium ion batteries are used in consumer products such as cell phones, electric vehicles, laptop computers, power tools, and tablets. While most lithium batteries are safe, some have overheated and caught fire. Once ignited, they can cause any nearby batteries to overheat and catch fire as well. These fires are difficult to put out and produce toxic fumes.

### 4. Minister Garneau bans lithium-ion battery shipments on passenger aircraft

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, has issued a new protective direction banning the shipment of lithium-ion batteries on passenger aircraft, effective April 1, 2016. The protective direction reduces potential fire risks associated lithium-ion batteries. Should one lithium-ion battery in a shipment overheat and catch fire, it could cause a chain reaction, resulting in the other batteries igniting as well.

### 5. WestJet creates world's first hi-tech food dispenser

In its never-ending quest to deliver the most caring and personalized service to its guests, WestJet announced on April 1, 2016 the replacement of all standard-issue food and beverage carts with the

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**Robotic Automated Light Food Handler (RALFH)**. RALFH provides incredible guest service utilizing a powerful memory, a facial-recognition camera and an audio conveyance system that allows it to interact with guests to deliver food and beverage orders in an efficient, personalized and technologically awe-inspiring manner.

#### **6. The EUR 245 Billion Question - Why Everybody Has a Stake in European Airspace Modernization**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released a study projecting a one million job and EUR245 billion boost to European prosperity in 2035 from airspace modernization.

#### **7. WestJet to open contact centre in New Brunswick**

WestJet announced on April 4, 2016, that it will open a contact centre in Moncton, New Brunswick, to enhance service for its French-speaking guests. The new facility will open in September 2016, and over the next four years will create more than 400 primarily home-based jobs, two-thirds of which will be full time.

#### **8. Air Canada Partners in Biojet Supply Chain Initiative to Introduce Sustainable Aviation Biofuel to a Canadian Airport**

Air Canada on April 5, 2016 announced it will participate in Canada's Biojet Supply Chain Initiative (CBSCI), a three-year collaborative project with 14 stakeholder organizations to introduce 400,000 litres of sustainable aviation biofuel (biojet) into a shared fuel system at a yet to be determined Canadian airport.

#### **9. WestJet reports March load factor of 83.2 per cent**

WestJet on April 6, 2016 announced the March 2016 traffic results with a load factor of 83.2 per cent up 1.9 points from the same period a year ago. Revenue passenger miles (RPMs), or traffic, increased 7.4 per cent year-over-year, and capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew 5.0 per cent over the same period. For the first quarter of 2016, load factor, revenue passenger miles and capacity were: 82.1%, 5.988b and 7.294b up 0.5 points, 7.6% and 7.0%, respectively from the same quarter a year ago. The airline flew a record 5.3 million guests in the first quarter, a year-over-year increase of 8.4 per cent or approximately 411,000 additional guests. WestJet President and CEO Gregg Saretsky said "We continue to be pleased with our strong traffic growth as a record number of guests chose to fly with us in the first quarter."

#### **10. Board Recommends de Juniac for IATA DG & CEO**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced a decision of its Board of Governors (BoG), unanimously approved at an IATA BoG meeting April 5, 2016, to recommend Alexandre de Juniac, Chairman and CEO of Air France-KLM, to succeed retiring Director General and CEO, Tony Tyler.

#### **11. February Demand Growth Stays Strong**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced global passenger traffic results for February 2016 showing continuing strong demand growth for domestic and international travel. Total revenue passenger kilometers (RPKs) rose 8.6%, compared to the same month last year. Monthly capacity (available seat kilometers or ASKs) increased by 9.6%, and load factor declined 0.7 percentage points to 77.8%.

#### **12. Freight Continues to Suffer Headwinds**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air freight markets showing air cargo volumes (measured in freight tonne kilometers or FTKs) suffered a 5.6% fall in February 2016 compared to February 2015. This is heavily skewed due to the impact of the US port strikes in early 2015 (which caused a spike in air freight) and Lunar New Year falling in February in 2016. Comparing January

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and February 2016 performance to January and February 2014 reveals 6.3% volume in growth—equal to a 3.1% annualized growth trend.

**13. Porter offers fastest service connecting Windsor and Thunder Bay to Ottawa and Montreal**

Porter Airlines is offering new direct flights from Windsor and Thunder Bay, to Ottawa and Montreal. This makes flying Porter faster than any other airline offering these routes. The enhanced service begins May 2, 2016.

**14. Europe's top air cargo carriers post lower volumes**

Europe's leading air cargo carriers are continuing to post lower traffic figures month after month while their smaller rivals are still boosting their market shares.

**15. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, December 2015**

In December 2016, take-offs and landings at 118 Canadian airports without air traffic control towers totalled 39,251 movements. Six airports, each with more than 1,500 movements, accounted for 35% of December's activity.

**16. February 2016 On-Time Performance Up From Previous Year, January 2016 - See more at:**

US reporting carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 83.6 percent in February 2016, up from both the 72.8 percent on-time rate in February 2015 and the 81.3 percent mark in January 2016, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Air Travel Consumer Report released on April 13, 2016.

**17. Air Canada establishes freighter service agreement with Cargojet Airways**

Air Canada and Cargojet Inc.'s subsidiary line Cargojet Airways Ltd. are finalizing a commercial agreement in which Air Canada Cargo will launch dedicated freighter services from Canada to Latin America and Europe with Cargojet-operated 767-300ER freighter aircraft. Air Canada Cargo will then become the only provider to offer direct, scheduled freighter service between Canada and Latin America, the companies said.

**18. 'Antiquated' system clips the wings of Canadian airports and makes passengers pay**

Privatizing Canada's non-profit airports would fix many of their problems, a recent review says, but so far, all but one of the country's airport authorities are backing away. Whatever path is taken, the Emerson report recommends a strong regulatory regime to balance the interests of shareholders, airlines and passengers. Emerson's report makes no secret of its preference, arguing that a share-capital model "would provide clearer and more direct accountability and more market-disciplined oversight." But it also acknowledges that some airports would prefer the government to cut their rent and allow for rolling lease extensions while maintaining the existing model — a solution that Vancouver supports. "Most of the airports actually believe that the current model is the best one for delivering on the mandate to consumers and to the communities that airports serve," said Gooch at the Canadian Airports Council. "The organization has an economic development mandate. It's there to serve the community, it's not there to serve shareholders."

**19. WestJet launches Boston service from Halifax**

On April 15, 2016, WestJet launched its newest service out of Halifax with the departure of flight 3712 to Boston. The new flight will operate daily on WestJet Encore's fleet of Canadian-made Bombardier Q400 NextGen aircraft.

**20. Air France, Lufthansa, and British Airways Fined for Inadequate Responses to Disability Complaints**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on April 14, 2016, fined Air France, Lufthansa, and British Airways for not adequately responding to complaints filed by passengers with disabilities. Air France and Lufthansa were each fined \$200,000 and British Airways was fined \$150,000. The airlines were also ordered to cease and desist from future similar violations.

**21. Air Canada route Gears up for Winter 2016-2017 with new non-stop flights: Montreal to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and San José, Costa Rica; Toronto to Palm Springs, CA and Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**

Air Canada announced on April 20, 2016 that it will launch four new seasonal Air Canada rouge services between Montreal-Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Montreal-San José, Costa Rica; Toronto Palm Springs, California; and Toronto-Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The non-stop flights will give Canadian travelers more competitively-priced options when flying to sun destinations beginning winter 2016-2017.

**22. Air Canada Confirms Incident Involving Air Canada Express Flight AC7804**

An EVAS Air Beechcraft 1900 was involved in an incident upon landing at Gander International Airport, Newfoundland at approximately 21:30 NDT April 20, 2016. Air Canada Express flight AC7804, a Beechcraft 1900 operated by EVAS Air from Goose Bay to Gander on April 20, 2016 with 14 passengers

and 2 crew on board, sustained damage to its landing gear upon landing, according to initial reports.

**23. February 2016 Passenger Airline Employment Data**

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.8 percent more workers in February 2016 than in February 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported on April 21, 2016.

**24. Brussels Airlines launches new service from Toronto**

Effective April 21, Star Alliance member Brussels Airlines will connect Toronto Pearson International Airport five times a week with its home base Brussels, and onwards to other destinations in Europe and Africa. Toronto is Brussels Airlines' first destination in Canada, the airline announced at the official launch.

**25. WestJet supporting development of Canadian-made sustainable aviation biofuel**

WestJet on April 22, 2016 announced it has teamed up with Alberta-based, Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) to accelerate the development of sustainable aviation biofuel in Western Canada. "WestJet's collaboration with the CETC is an exciting first step in supporting the development and deployment of a sustainable fuel alternative in Western Canada," said Geoffrey Tauvette, WestJet Director, Environmental and Fuel.

**26. Air Fares, Third quarter 2015**

Air fares, domestic and international combined, averaged \$248.70 in the 2015 third quarter, down 1.7% from the same quarter in 2014. This marked the second consecutive year-over-year quarterly decline. The average domestic fare was \$175.70, down 6.3% from the same quarter a year earlier, while the average international fare edged up 0.2% to \$341.20.

**27. 4th-Quarter 2015 Air Fare Data**

The average US domestic air fare decreased to \$363 in the fourth quarter of 2015, down 8.3 percent from \$396 in the fourth quarter of 2014, falling to the lowest level since 2010, adjusted for inflation, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported on April 26, 2016.

**28. Air Canada to Launch Non-stop Flights from Vancouver to Delhi**

Air Canada on April 27, 2017 announced the introduction of the only non-stop flights from Vancouver to Delhi, India beginning October 20, 2016, in time for Diwali festivities. The dreamliner seasonal, three-times weekly flights complement Air Canada's Toronto-Delhi non-stop service launched last fall. To promote the new Vancouver-Delhi route, Air Canada is offering special introductory fares starting as low as \$999 round trip, all-in. Tickets are now available for purchase on aircanada.com and through travel agents.

**29. Air Canada Cargo sees "dramatic usage increase" on e-air waybill campaign**

Air Canada Cargo says it is seeing dramatic usage increases on its e-air waybill campaign. On January 21, 2016 the airline launched a campaign aimed at obtaining 100% e-AWB usage on domestic shipments by April 28. According to the airline: e-AWB usage in Canada has increased by 55% over last year 60% of Air Canada Cargo's top customers have an e-AWB usage of 90% or more. Usage of Air Canada Cargo's e-Booking tool has doubled since December 2015.

## **WATER TRANSPORTATION**

### **1. Port Metro Vancouver recognized as responsible sustainability leader**

For the third year in a row, Port Metro Vancouver has been ranked among Corporate Knights' 2016 Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders in Canada. The methodology for the ranking takes into account 12 key performance indicators covering management of resources, employees and finances.

### **2. A strong 2016 cruise season marks Canada Place's 30th anniversary**

Port Metro Vancouver's 2016 cruise season officially kicked off on April 4, 2016 with the arrival of the *Star Princess* at Canada Place. Vancouver expects to welcome approximately 830,000 passengers on 228 calls, reflecting a forecasted three per cent increase in passenger volume over 2015.

### **3. Atlantic Canada Ferry Services**

**Saint John, NB/Digby, NS ferry service** is operated year-round by Bay Ferries Ltd. (BFL). The service is being provided using the Transport Canada-owned *MV Fundy Rose* which entered into service in July 2015, after replacing the *MV Princess of Acadia*. Between 2010 and 2015, the Government of Canada has provided \$95.5 million to support this service. **Wood Islands, PEI/Caribou, NS ferry service** is operated by Northumberland Ferries Ltd. (NFL), for eight months of the year (May to December) and uses two of Transport Canada's vessels — the *MV Holiday Island* and the *MV Confederation*. Between 2010 and 2015, the Government of Canada has provided \$65 million to support this service. **Îles-de-la-Madeleine, QC/Souris, PEI ferry service** is operated by C.T.M.A. Traversier Ltée. (CTMA) using the Transport Canada-owned *MV Madeleine*. Between 2010 and 2015, the Government of Canada has provided \$81 million to support this service.

### **4. Supporting Atlantic Canada Ferry Services**

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport announced on April 5, 2016 that the Government of Canada is committing \$51.9 million to extend contracts for one year for interprovincial ferry services in Atlantic Canada and for the disposal of the *MV Princess of Acadia*. This allows for continuous ferry services until March 31, 2017, between Saint John, NB, and Digby, NS; between Wood Islands, PEI and Caribou, NS; and between Iles-de-la-Madeleine, QC and Souris, PEI.

### **5. Ferry freight war on East Coast takes subsidy issue to court**

A shipping war between two Newfoundland and Labrador ferry companies is training the spotlight on federal subsidies, their constitutionality, and how removing them could drive up freight rates for local trucking companies. While Marine Atlantic, a Crown Corporation, has at times received \$100-million-plus subsidies from the federal government, privately-owned ferry competitor Oceanex does not. The disparity led Oceanex to launch a court challenge over the issue on Feb. 26, 2016 essentially arguing that Marine Atlantic's rates — after subsidies do their work — are too low, slowly eroding Oceanex's market share in the gulf.

### **6. Port of Montreal: Container traffic for the first quarter of 2016**

The Port of Montreal reported its container traffic for the first quarter of 2016 in April 2016. Total container traffic in terms of TEUs increased 4.9% to 350,735 from 334,294. Inbound traffic decreased by 0.1% in other words from 168,307 to 168,536 and outbound traffic increased by 10.1%, and from 182,428 to 165,728.

### **7. Industrial land shortage threatens Port Metro Vancouver**

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Canada's largest port could come to a stop limiting maritime expansion in coming years, unless provincial rules restricting land use can be modified and some local political ill-will overcome.

**8. Port of Vancouver – Accumulated Container Traffic Report: Year-to-date (January to March)**

The Port of Vancouver reported its accumulated container traffic in terms of TEUs for the period January 2016 to March 2016 on April 18, 2016. Total container traffic for this period was down 4.2% to 704,387 TEUs compared to 735,233 TEUs for the same period a year ago. Total imports were down 8.9% to 363,459 TEUs compared to 399,075 TEUs and total exports were up 1.4% to 340,928 TEUs from 336,158 TEUs for the above period, respectively.

**9. Cooperative agreement renewed between the Ports of Antwerp and Montreal**

Following a joint trade mission in Montreal on April 12, 2016 the port authorities of Montreal and Antwerp, Belgium have renewed their cooperative agreement.

**10. Port of Halifax – Accumulated Container Traffic Report: Year-to-date (January to March)**

The Port of Halifax reported its accumulated container traffic in terms of TEUs for the period January 2016 to March 2016 on April 19, 2016. Total container traffic for this period was up 28 % to 114,421 TEUs compared to 89,367 TEUs for the same period a year ago. Total imports were up 13.4% to 53,971 TEUs compared to 47,584 TEUs and total exports were up 44.7% to 60,450 TEUs from 41,783 TEUs for the above period, respectively.

**11. Maritime Administration Announces \$ 4.9 Million to Strengthen U.S. Shipyard Competitiveness**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) on April 18, 2016 awarded \$4.9 million in grants to support capital improvements at nine small shipyards located throughout the United States.

**12. Container shipping's new Ocean Alliance is born**

The Ocean Alliance was born in Shanghai on April 20, 2016 as CMA CGM, China Cosco Shipping, Evergreen Line and OOCL signed a Memorandum of Understanding to offer more than 40 global services connecting markets in Asia, Europe and the U.S.

**13. Two U.S. ports open intermodal facilities**

New intermodal container transfer facilities have opened at the ports of Jacksonville and New Orleans to facilitate the movement of cargo by rail. Freight railroad CSX has already begun using the Port of Jacksonville's (JaxPort) intermodal terminal at Dames Point on a limited basis to support a high-level military training exercise this month in advance of its official opening to commercial container movements towards the end of summer, according to the port authority.

**14. With near-zero rates, container lines target breakbulk, project cargo**

Container lines will continue to aggressively target the depressed breakbulk and project cargo market with "close to zero" freight rates for the foreseeable future, according to Drewry Shipping Consultants.

## RAIL TRANSPORTATION

### 1. New document on rail noise and vibration

The Agency published on March 30, 2016 *Noise and Vibration from Idling Locomotives*. This document explains noise and vibration from idling locomotives, including: reasons why locomotives idle; characteristics of noise and vibration from idling locomotives; and potential ways of managing noise and vibration impacts. It was developed by the Canadian Transportation Agency's (Agency) Rail Infrastructure Advisory Committee, which is comprised of representatives from the industry, government organizations and the public.

### 2. U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$255 Million Loan for New Railcars to Improve Transit Service in Chicago

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx on March 30, 2016 announced the closing of a \$255 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to buy new railcars, helping to modernize one of the oldest and busiest transit systems in the country.

### 3. Improvements Completed At Square One GO Bus Terminal

Metrolinx has completed improvements to the Square One Bus Terminal that will make it easier for customers to take GO Transit. The upgraded terminal now features a new station building to better serve customers and meet growing demand. The building includes three GO service windows, accessible public washrooms and a climate-controlled waiting area. Other improvements to the terminal include: a new public address and CCTV system along the bus platforms; three new ticket vending machines--two near the platforms and one by the station building; PRESTO card balance checker; and monitors displaying bus routes and platforms.

### 4. CN reaches training milestone with 15,000 employees completing rail courses at two education campuses

CN announced on April 4, 2016 that 15,000 employees have completed a range of railway training programs at its two education campuses since they opened in 2014. CN also unveiled plans to provide customer safety training under its new *CN Campus Partnership Program*.

### 5. Precision railroading philosophy can build a leading transcontinental railway, CP argues in white paper

Canadian Pacific (CP) on April 7, 2016 released a white paper detailing how the precision railroading philosophy – which has been used successfully to elevate CP from industry laggard to leader over the last four years – would transform Norfolk Southern Corp. (NS) and eventually build a leading transcontinental railway in North America.

### 6. Commission adopts new rules for access to rail infrastructure

On April 7, 2016 the Commission has adopted rules to create fair conditions for new train services making better use of the available rail infrastructure. EC Commissioner **Bulg** said "Today's adoption is a step in the right direction in order to make railways more efficient in Europe. The new framework agreements will give new entrants a better and fairer access to the rail infrastructure, offering them additional visibility and thereby fostering investments. These new agreements will also optimise the use of the rail infrastructure in Europe."

### 7. Canadian Pacific terminates efforts to merge with NS

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. on April 11, 2016 announced that it has terminated efforts to merge with Norfolk Southern Corp. (NS), including the withdrawal of a resolution asking NS shareholders to vote in favour of good-faith negotiations between the two companies. No further

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financial offers or overtures to meet with the NS board of directors are planned at this time.

#### **8. Rail, ports in Canada's West will need cash injections to handle commodities surge**

Big investments in both rail and marine infrastructure will be required to accommodate an acceleration in commodities shipments, particularly oil, over the next decade, says the Conference Board of Canada. In a

report released on April 9, 2016, the agency said annual tonnage of commodities shipped by rail will grow more quickly than in the past, rising 30% to 260 m. tonnes by 2025, up from 200 m. tonnes in 2011.

#### **9. Another CP merger effort possible but would require a track of more fact**

Canadian Pacific Railway might still make another play to acquire a Class I railroad. But if chief executive E. Hunter Harrison wants to succeed where he has failed twice before — with CSX Transportation in 2014 and with Norfolk Southern Railway this year — he'll need to take a more diplomatic approach to sway legislators, regulators, shippers and shareholders, rail analysts told JOC.com.

#### **10. Pulse Canada wants to postpone sunset provisions in Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act**

Pulse Canada, the national association representing growers, traders and processors of Canadian pulse crops (peas, beans, lentils and chickpeas), is encouraging the Government of Canada to postpone the sunset provisions of the *Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act*, which will take effect August 1, 2016. The extended interswitching provisions contained in the Act have begun to have an effect and evidence of this is mounting within the grain industry. "Some companies are noting lower prices on certain routings and in cases where railways have lost business due to competition, they are actively campaigning to get it back by offering rate reductions and improved levels of service" says Gordon Bacon, CEO of Pulse Canada.

#### **11. CP reports record Q1 results**

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP) on April 20, 2016 announced its lowest-ever first-quarter operating ratio (OR) of 58.9 percent and reported diluted earnings per share of \$3.51 or \$2.50 on an adjusted diluted earnings per share basis. CP's operating ratio improved by 430 basis points year-over-year and for a third straight quarter was below 60 percent. At 58.9 percent the OR is the lowest-ever when compared to adjusted operating ratios in previous quarters. Reported diluted earnings per share increased 83 percent to \$3.51 from \$1.92 and adjusted diluted earnings per share grew 11 percent to \$2.50 from \$2.26. Its first quarter highlights were: 1. Revenues were down 4 percent to \$1.59 billion from \$1.67 billion; 2. Operating income advanced 7 percent to \$653 million from \$612 million; and 3. Net income rose 69 percent to \$540 million from \$320 million, adjusted income was up 2 percent to \$384 million from \$375 million. "I am proud of what the team continues to produce quarter after quarter in these difficult times and we remain optimistic in our outlook given signs of stabilization within the Canadian economy and in key global markets," said Harrison. "As market conditions improve and volumes increase, our team of professional railroaders will be ready. Furthermore, we are confident in our plan to deliver shareholder value, which includes the announcement of a new share repurchase program that demonstrates our continued confidence over the long-term."

#### **12. CP announces intention to launch new share repurchase program and increases dividend by 43 percent**

Canadian Pacific (CP) on April 20, 2016 announced that it intends to seek Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) acceptance of a new normal course issuer bid. Subject to TSX acceptance, CP's board of directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 6.91 million of its common shares, for cancellation, representing approximately 5 percent of CP's "public float" of common shares as at April 19, 2016. The board also authorized an increase to the company's quarterly dividend to \$0.50 per share from \$0.35 payable on July 25, 2016 to shareholders of record on June 24, 2016.

#### **13. Landmark deal will deliver better rail services to passengers**

The European Commission welcomes the agreement reached on April 16, 2016 evening by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers of the EU on the Fourth Railway Package. This is a series of measures to make European railways more innovative and competitive. The agreement will in particular improve the performance of rail services in the EU to the benefit of passengers with a gradual opening of the domestic rail markets. The agreement now needs to be endorsed by the Member States and the European Parliament in the coming days. Once adopted, the package will complete the single European rail area and therefore deliver on this Commission's agenda of a [fairer and deeper internal market](#).

#### **15. CP: Class I consolidation will happen and drive intermodal growth**

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22. CN celebrates 20 years of transformational change at 2016 annual meeting of shareholders, April 26, 2016, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)

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24. Canadian Pacific shares fell, April 27, 2016, [www.transportweekly.com](http://www.transportweekly.com)



Even after Canadian Pacific Railway abandoned its bid for NS Railway, the head of the Calgary-based railroad is confident Class I rail consolidation will happen and fuel intermodal volume growth.

#### **16. Government of Canada intends to work with Parliament to extend certain provisions for rail in the Canada Transportation Act**

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, and the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, on April 22, 2016 announced the Government of Canada's intention to work with Parliament to postpone for one year the repeal of certain provisions of the Canada Transportation Act that were enacted in 2014 by the Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act.

#### **17. Union Pacific's earnings exceed estimates amid cost cutting**

Union Pacific Corp. reported first-quarter profit higher than analysts' expectations as the railroad cut costs and boosted prices to mitigate a steep drop in cargo demand, pushing shares to their highest value in five months. Earnings declined to \$1.16 a share from \$1.30 a year earlier, the company said in a statement on April 21, 2016. That beat the \$1.10 average of 25 analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

#### **18. CN reports Q1-2016 net income of C\$792 million, or C\$1.00 per diluted share**

CN on April 25, 2016 reported its financial and operating results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2016. The highlights were: 1) Net income increased 13 per cent to C\$792 million, while diluted EPS increased 16 per cent to C\$1.00, compared with the first quarter of 2015. 2) Operating income increased 14 per cent to C\$1,217 million. 3) Revenues decreased by four per cent to C\$2,964 million. 4) Carloadings declined seven per cent and revenue ton-miles declined nine per cent. 5) Operating expenses declined 14 per cent to C\$1,747 million. 6) Operating ratio was 58.9 per cent, an improvement of 6.8 points over the same quarter in 2015. 7) Free cash flow for first-quarter 2016 was C\$584 million, up from C\$521 million for the same quarter a year earlier. Claude Mongeau, president and chief executive officer, said: "CN delivered a very solid quarterly performance..."

#### **19. CN cuts profit forecast amid weak demand, stronger loonie**

Canadian National Railway Co. cut its profit expectations for 2016 amid weak demand for freight shipments and a stronger Canadian dollar. Montreal-based CN said revenue fell by 4 per cent in the first quarter to \$2.9-billion as profit rose by 13 per cent to \$792-million or \$1 a share. Analysts expected revenue of \$3-billion and per-share profit of 92 cents for the three months ended March 31, 2016. CN downgraded this year's forecast for per-share profit to \$4.44, or about the same as last year, after earlier predicting profit would rise by about 5 per cent. A decrease in volume has been blamed for the change.

#### **20. CN declares second-quarter 2016 dividend**

CN announced on April 25, 2016 that its Board of Directors has approved a second-quarter 2016 dividend on the Company's common shares outstanding. A quarterly dividend of thirty-seven-and-one-half cents (C\$0.375) per common share will be paid on June 30, 2016, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 9, 2016.

#### **21. NS profits jump 25% in Q1 2016**

Norfolk Southern Corp. reported a profit of \$387 million in the first quarter of 2016, ended March 31, a 25 percent increase from \$310 million in the same 2015 period. Railway operating revenues fell 6 percent year-over-year to \$2.4 billion for the quarter, however, as overall volumes declined 2 percent from Q1 2015, primarily the result of lower coal volumes. Diluted earnings per share stood at \$1.29 per share in Q1 2016, a 29 percent year-over-year increase.

#### **22. CN celebrates 20 years of transformational change at 2016 annual meeting of shareholders**

Claude Mongeau, president and CEO of CN, said on April 26, 2016 the company has made huge strides since its 1995 initial public share offering (IPO), transforming itself into a North American railway and true backbone of the economy. "CN's journey since its IPO is the story of a remarkable and uniquely successful business transformation," Mongeau told the company's annual meeting of shareholders.

#### **23. Rail carloadings, February 2016**

The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 26.8 million tonnes in February 2016, an increase of 4.5% from the same month last year. Freight originating in Canada increased 7.0% to 24.4 million tonnes. These shipments are composed of both non-intermodal and intermodal freight. Intermodal freight loadings rose 7.8% to 173,000 units in February 2016. In terms of weight, intermodal traffic grew 5.5% to 2.6 million tonnes as a result of an increase in containerized cargo shipments.

#### **24. Canadian Pacific shares fell**

Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) shares fell as plans to repurchase stock disappointed investors expecting a bigger payback following the railroad's failed takeover attempt of Norfolk Southern Corp. CP chief

executive Hunter Harrison said repeatedly during the five-month public campaign for the US rival that he probably would start repurchasing stock if the acquisition attempt ended, which it did last week. The board authorised repurchasing as many as 6.91 million common shares, the Calgary-based company said in a statement, Bloomberg reported. "We sense expectations were perhaps for a larger buyback," Fadi Chamoun, a BMO Capital Markets analyst in Toronto, said in a note to clients.

## HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, February 2016

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) decreased 0.9% in February 2016, mainly reflecting lower fuel surcharge rates. Both the couriers (-1.0%) and the local messengers and local delivery (-0.4%) components declined. The CMSPI rose 1.6% in February 2016 compared with the same month a year earlier. The couriers component increased 2.3%, while the local messengers and local delivery component declined 1.8%.

### 2. Bike-Share Stations in the U.S

The U.S. has a total of 2,655 bike share stations in 65 cities, according to a new report *Bike-Share Stations in the U.S.* issued on April 4, 2016 by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

### 3. Canada's Dicom expands US last-mile logistics, parcel business

Canada's Dicom Transportation Group is driving deeper into U.S. markets as it pursues cross-border and last-mile freight and packages.

### 4. Niagara Bridge Commission Raises Toll Rates on QLB

The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission announced that beginning May 1, 2016 a new toll rate schedule will be in effect for the Queenston-Lewiston bridge due to changes in the average exchange rate during the first few months of 2016.

### 5. Metro Supply Chain Group acquires Evolution Time Critical

Metro Supply Chain Group has completed the acquisition of Europe-based automotive and industrial services emergency logistics specialist, Evolution Time Critical. The deal provides Metro with an opportunity to increase its automotive industry presence and, by utilising Evolution Time Critical's renowned work within a globalised automotive supply chain, to further develop its footprint beyond North America, the company said.

### 6. Martin Roy Transport acquires Quebec repair firm

To ensure it maintains access to the expertise of veteran repair house MGB, Martin Roy Transport has announced its acquisition of the firm. The deal came into place for April 2016.

### 7. Ontario Commits \$20M to Repair Municipal Roads, Bridges

Ontario announced it is providing \$20 million in 2016-17 to municipalities across the province through the Connecting Links program to make roads and bridges safer. Premier Kathleen Wynne announced this funding in Barrie last week with Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca. Connecting links are municipal roads or bridges that connect two ends of a provincial highway through a community, or to a border crossing.

### 8. Uber says it gave U.S. agencies data on more than 12m users

Uber Technologies Inc on April 12, 2016 released its first ever transparency report detailing the information requested by not only U.S. law enforcement agencies, but also by regulators. The ride-sharing company said that between July and December 2015, it had provided

information on more than 12 million riders and drivers to various U.S. regulators and on 469 users to state and federal law agencies. The privately held company, valued at more than \$60-billion, said the agencies requested information on trips, trip requests, pickup and dropoff areas, fares, vehicles, and drivers. Uber

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said it got 415 requests from law enforcement agencies, a majority of which came from state governments, and that it was able to provide data in nearly 85 per cent of the cases.

#### **9. February 2016 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI)**

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the US for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.7 percent in February 2016 from January 2016, falling after two months of growth, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

#### **10. Uber to become legal in Ottawa as of September**

It's now official. Ottawa City Council voted on April 15, 2016 in favour of legalizing Uber in the Capital under new vehicle-for-hire regulations coming this fall. Today's vote comes after two days of heated discussion at City Hall last week around changes to Ottawa's taxi bylaw. Council voted that all taxi and Uber drivers will have to have at least \$2 million in liability insurance. Uber drivers and other ride-sharing services will not be required to have cameras in their vehicles – something the taxi industry had been advocating for. The city will also drop the \$1.50 fee for taxi customers to pay using a debit or credit card. The new licensing system comes into effect on September 30, 2016. Uber has been operating in Ottawa illegally since October 2014. The company has said it will continue operations in Ottawa until the new rules kick in the fall.

#### **11. Lyft talks Toronto expansion as Uber debate gets underway at city hall**

As the first public debate gets underway at city hall over new regulations that would legalize services such as UberX, a second U.S.-based company says they're looking to expand to Toronto. Though Lyft — which operates much like Uber by connecting passengers to private, non-taxi rides through a mobile app — has been coy about its plans to break into the Toronto market, a submission to Thursday's [licensing committee meeting](#) suggests they are eager to make it work. "Toronto is a world class city, and one we are very interested in coming to," reads the submission from Mike Masserman, Lyft's senior director of government relations.

#### **12. Travel between Canada and other countries, February 2016**

Canadian residents made 3.3 million trips to the United States in February 2016, down 4.1% compared with January 2016. Travel by Canadian residents to overseas countries decreased 1.4% in February to 967,000 trips. United States residents made 2.0 million trips to Canada in February, up 2.6% from January. Travel to Canada by residents of overseas countries rose 0.3% in February to 482,000 trips.

#### **13. Ontario's Gin-Cor acquires J.C. Trailers**

Northern Ontario's Gin-Cor Industries of Mattawa has acquired J.C. Trailers Design & Fabrication of Keswick, ON. With a combined workforce of 160, Gin-Cor, a vocational truck builder, welcomes 35 new employees from J.C., which has been a supplier to Gin-Cor for 20 years. J.C. Trailer manufactures trailers for hauling excavators, large mining machinery, and heavy pieces of equipment between 35 - 100 tonnes.

#### **14. WABCO acquires Ontario truck aerodynamics firm LCL**

European-based commercial vehicle tech company WABCO has acquired Canadian aerodynamic device maker Laydon Composites Ltd. for an undisclosed sum, WABCO announced.

#### **15. Power steering problems with Dodge Journey, Chrysler 200, Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Avenger models**

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, is advising the public of power steering issues with certain model vehicles from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Canada and is seeking the public's feedback. Transport Canada has received over 100 consumer complaints involving a failure of a power steering return hose. Following an investigation, the department determined that the loss of power steering assist, along with the potential for a vehicle fire, was a serious safety issue and has notified the manufacturer.

#### **16. Large Urban Transit, February 2016**

Total operating revenues (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit systems increased 0.1% year over year in February 2016 to \$279.3 million. Over the same period, ridership fell 1.7% to 134.9 million passenger trips.

#### **17. Uber Threatens To Leave Toronto And Take 15,000 Jobs With It**

Ride service Uber is threatening to leave Toronto if the city passes new transportation regulations early next month, a move it says will leave 15,000 full-time and part-time drivers out of work. The company sent a letter to its Toronto users this week, making it clear it plans to shut down in the city if council passes proposed new transportation regulations. Uber objected to rules such as a proposed ban on cars older than seven years, and to a one-time \$20,000 licensing fee.

### **18. 2015 Border Crossing/Entry Data**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) has released 2015 Border Crossing/Entry Data. The database includes numbers of personal vehicles, incoming trucks, trains, buses, containers and pedestrians entering the United States through land ports and ferry crossings on the U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico border. Collection of border-crossing data began in response to implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994.

### **19. New logistics model developed to support advancement of circular economy**

Deutsche Post DHL Group has collaborated with Cranfield University and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's Circular Economy 100 initiative to develop a new logistics model to support efforts to expand the circular economy. In a new report published in April 2016, Waste not, want not. Capturing the value of the circular economy through reverse logistics, the partners have introduced the Reverse Logistics Maturity Model, a practical tool that helps organizations to map out and continuously improve reverse logistics processes for their products.

## **GENERAL TRANSPORTATION**

### **Canada/US/EU**

#### **1. Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2015**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on April 1, 2016 released the Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2015 (TSAR).

#### **2. Canada's largest cities sign historic cooperation and partnership agreement**

Montréal Mayor Denis Coderre welcomed his counterpart, Toronto Mayor John Tory, at Montréal's city hall in the first week of April 2016. As part of the visit, both mayors signed a historic cooperation and partnership agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to bring about collaboration between Canada's largest cities on common issues and concerns.

#### **3. Transportation a "critical element" in Canada's economic history**

In a recent editorial, Peter G Hall, Vice-President and Chief Economist, with EDC, commented on the critical element that transportation is in Canada's economic history. Blessed with a vast land mass, Canada's opportunity – and massive challenge – has been in great measure defined by the development of transnational transportation systems and the various multi-modal networks that feed them. The development of rail, road and water transportation systems are among our greatest early national achievements. Transportation was important then, is even more so today, and given the state of global trade development, critical to Canada's economic future," Hall said.

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