

# Transportation Information Update\*

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## AIR TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Skyservice Airlines ceases operations

On March 31, 2010, Canada's Transport Minister John Baird issued the following statement: "Today, the Government of Canada was made aware that Skyservice Airlines is shutting down its operations. This is following the appointment of a Receiver by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. ... Skyservice has indicated that it will ensure passenger issues are resolved promptly by working with all tour operator customers and other providers."

### 2. Canadian Transportation Agency issues advice for Skyservice ticket-holders

In light of the cessation of the airflights by Skyservice, the Canadian Transportation Agency on March 31, 2010 issued advice to passengers who hold tickets for travel on Skyservice.

### 3. WestJet announces scheduled service to Cuba

WestJet announced the beginning of scheduled service between Toronto and Varadero, Caya Coco and Holguin, Cuba beginning on April 1, 2010.

### 4. WestJet introduces Clapper technology

WestJet introduced clapper technology aboard its fleet of aircraft. This means that control of seats, lights and television can be controlled by a clap of their hands.

### 5. Air Canada and Asiana Airlines to build strategic partnership in Canada-Korea market

Air Canada on March 31, 2010 announced that it has entered into talks to explore a closer cooperation with Korea's Asiana Airlines that would result in enhanced service in the Canada-Korea market.

### 6. Jazz Air in agreement with Thomas Cook Canada

Jazz Air LP signed an agreement with Thomas Cook Canada Inc. on April 5, 2010. It will result in the regional affiliate of Air Canada flying a fleet six 757-200 aircraft to sunny locales next winter. The agreement with Thomas Cook is the first major relationship for Jazz outside of its capacity purchase agreement with Air Canada, which currently accounts for roughly 99% of its revenue. The agreement will result in revenue of \$100 million and begin in November 2010.

### 7. Jazz Air gets boost from Thomas Cook

Thomas Cook Canada Inc. which secures flights for its Sunquest Vacations unit, had to find replacement planes after Skyservice went into receivership in the last week of March 2010. So it has signed an agreement with Jazz Air LP to operate a new charter carrier that will replace the flying formerly done by insolvent Skyservice Airlines Inc. The agreement will bring revenues to Jazz of \$100 million.

### 8. Westjet reports March load factor of 83.8 percent

Westjet reported its March 2010 load factor on April 6, 2010, an increase of 1.9 points over March 2009. Revenue passenger miles increased 10 percent year over year

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11. Air Canada strengthens position as leading Toronto-California carrier by boosting capacity more than 50 per cent this summer, April 8, 2010, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)
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and available seat miles increased 7.4 percent over the same period. Westjet President and CEO, Greg Saretsky said “I am pleased with our March results...” For the first quarter of 2010 the load factor, available seat miles and revenue passenger miles increased: 1.3 points, 7.9 percent and 9.7 percent.

### **9. Air Canada reports March traffic**

On April 6, 2010, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 82.1 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz for March 2010, versus 80.7 per cent in March 2009, an increase of 1.4 percentage points. System traffic increased 9.6 per cent on a capacity increase of 7.7 per cent system wide. Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive of Air Canada said "We are pleased to report a year-over-year increase in both our load factor and traffic for the month of March. For the first quarter of 2010 the load factor decreased by 0.1 points, available seat miles increased 6.6 percent and revenue passenger miles increased 6.5 percent.

### **10. Passenger loads rise at big Canadian carriers**

Passenger loads improved last month at Canada's two largest airlines (Air Canada and WestJet) as travellers returned to the skies amid an economic upswing.

### **11. Air Canada strengthens position as leading Toronto-California carrier by boosting capacity more than 50 per cent this summer**

On April 8, 2010, Air Canada launched its California expansion program with the inaugural flight of a new service between Toronto and Orange County. The new route is part of a major increase in capacity by 51% this summer between Toronto and California. It also includes a new route to San Diego, more service to San Francisco and the introduction of a wide-body aircraft, featuring Air Canada's industry leading Executive First service with lie flat suites, on select flights to Los Angeles.

### **12. The Government of Canada restores carry-on bag allowance for U.S.-bound flights**

On April 7, 2010, Canada's Transport Minister John Baird announced that effective, April 8, 2010 airline passengers who are travelling to the United States from Canada will be permitted to bring two carry-on bags and personal items. In addition, the Government of Canada announced new measures to bolster Canada's aviation system including the introduction of new full body scanners, strengthening explosive trace detection, announcing its intention to develop a passenger behaviour observation program, and new funding to enhance aviation security in Budget 2010.

### **13. Another step towards accessible communications**

The Canadian Transportation Agency has reissued a code of practice and released some new formats for accessibility. The publications consisted of: 1. Take Charge of Your Travel: A Guide for persons with Disabilities; 2. Reservation Checklist for Persons with Disabilities: A Step-by-Step Guide for Planning Your Travel; and 3. Code of Practice: Aircraft Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities.

### **14. Eight Skyservice planes detained at Toronto airport**

Eight planes that are part of insolvent Skyservice Airlines Inc.'s fleet remain parked at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, pending a court hearing in the week of April 12, 2010. The Greater Toronto Airports Authority would like to seize Skyservice aircraft as it owes the GTAA more than \$221,000. The Winnipeg Airports Authority has already seized and detained two Skyservice Boeing 757s, and the Manitoba air terminal is trying to recover more than \$451,000 in unpaid bills.

**15. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports [January 2010]** The number of take-offs and landings at the 133 airports without air traffic control towers reached 37,593 movements in January 2010. Year-over-year increases were reported by 73 of these airports in January 2010.

### **16. William A. Restall Named Chairman of the Canadian Airports Council**

The Canadian Airports Council on April 14, 2010 announced that Saskatoon Airport Authority President and CEO William A. Restall has been elected chairman of the association for the next two years.

### **17. Westjet notifies that Southwest Airlines terminates code sharing agreement**

On April 16, Westjet indicated that the code sharing agreement with Southwest Airlines has been terminated. The two companies will proceed independently.

### **18. Travel Advisory: Flight cancellations to/from Europe and Israel, Sunday April 18th**

On April 18, 2010, Air Canada advised that as a result of the spread of volcanic ash over Europe due to volcanic activity in Iceland, a number of airports have closed and airspace has been restricted until further notice.

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**19. Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports [March 2010]**

Aircraft take-offs and landings at the 93 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations increased 3.4% in March 2010 compared with March 2009. These airports reported 506,408 movements in March 2010 compared with 489,732 movements in March 2009.

**20. Travel advisory - Update on flights to/from Europe for Wednesday April 21st**

On April 21, 2010, Air Canada advised that airspace continues to be restricted as a result of the spread of volcanic ash over Europe due to volcanic activity in Iceland. Operating schedules remain subject to change. Updates will be provided on aircanada.com when new information becomes available.

**21. Volcano Crisis Cost Airlines \$1.7 Billion - IATA Urges Measures to Mitigate Impact**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) estimated that the Icelandic volcano crisis cost airlines more than \$1.7 billion in lost revenue through April 20, 2010—six days after the initial eruption. For a three-day period (17-19 April), when disruptions were greatest, lost revenues reached \$400 million per day. IATA, CEO Bisignani said we must also look for ways to mitigate the impact by setting industry best practice. London Heathrow and Dubai are waiving parking fees and not charging for repositioning flights. Bisignani made three specific requests for regulatory relief: Relax Airport Slot Rules; Lift Restrictions on Night Flights; and Address Unfair Passenger Care Regulations. He also urged governments to examine ways to compensate airlines for lost revenues.

**22. European skies open but airlines still scrambling**

Europe's skies were open for business on April 21, 2010 but it could take days or weeks to clear the backlog. About 75 per cent of flights in Europe will operate - some 21,000 of the 28,000 flights normally scheduled, European air traffic agency Eurocontrol said.

**23. Westjet Announces 'I-care-antee-it' appreciation campaign**

Westjet began an innovative advertising 'I-care-antee-it' as the next evolution of its popular ownership campaign. The campaign captures hundreds of Westjet fliers expressing their care-antee of a great guest experience.

**24. Travel Advisory - Update on flights to/from Europe for Thursday April 22nd**

On April 22, 2010, Air Canada advised that it plans to operate a full schedule of 40 flights Thursday April 22 to/from Canadian cities and the following destinations in Europe: London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich, Geneva, Rome, as well as Tel Aviv.

**25. US Airways ends talks with United about combo**

US Airways said on April 22, 2010 that it has ended talks with United Airlines about a combination, preferring to remain a standalone carrier for now and wait to see if United and Continental Airlines reach a deal of their own. If United and Continental were to complete a deal, it would create the world's largest carrier, flying above Delta Air Lines.

## WATER TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Annual Survey of Water Carriers

Data for the Annual Survey of Water Carriers are now available for 2007 from Statistics Canada.

### 2. Prince Rupert Cruise Industry Holding Steady in 2010: Focussed on Enhancing Visitor Experience

The Prince Rupert Cruise industry is projecting a similar volume in 2010 as in 2009 for cruise ships calling and for passengers. This reflects a decline from the 100,000 passengers it had in 2008. The reason for the decline in the Alaska cruise market has been attributed to regulatory factors and taxes introduced by the State of Alaska in the last three years resulting in an increase in operating costs for cruise lines as a global cruise destination.

### 3. The Halifax Grain Elevator Diversifying and Supporting the Export of Atlantic Agricultural Products through the Port of Halifax

The Halifax Port Authority is working with the operators of the Halifax Grain Elevator to expand and develop an export market for pulse products from the Maritime region. ‘Pulses’ are edible seeds of legumes, like beans, peas, chickpeas and lentils that can be shipped around the world to emerging markets in marine containers.

### 4. “K” Line (a member of the CKYH Alliance) and Mitsui-OSK Line Announce Enhanced Asian Service for Halifax

“K” Line, Hanjin Shipping, Yang Ming Line and COSCO Container Line, members of the CKYH Alliance, in cooperation with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL) will launch a Pearl River – Southeast Asia – Suez Canal express service in mid May 2010 with the Port of Halifax as the first inbound North American Port. The CKYH Alliance commenced service with the Port of Halifax from Asia, via the Panama Canal, with eight Panamax vessels during May of 2009. The new service will deploy nine x 5500 TEU Post-Panamax Class Vessels in a vessel sharing cooperation with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL). It will improve service and enhance the supply-chain network.

### 5. Accumulated Container traffic Report YTD March 2010

Total container traffic at Port Metro Vancouver in terms of TEU till the end of March 2010 increased by 7% compared to the same period in 2009 (i.e., rising to 524, 778 from 491, 719). Imports for the period increased by 11% and exports by 2%.

### 6. Q1 2010 Summary of Cargo & Cruise Activity

The Port of Halifax continued to see an overall improvement in its cargo volumes in the first quarter, consistent with other North American ports. While bulk cargo volumes decreased, breakbulk, containerized and roll-on/roll-off cargo volumes increased versus Q1 of 2009 resulting in overall growth. Given the depth of the recent economic recession and the seriousness of its impact on the global economy, however, cargo volumes have a long way to go – both at the Port of Halifax and at ports worldwide – to recover ground lost from pre-recession record-breaking volumes. Q1 2010 container volumes at Halifax was 99,450 compared to 70,347 for the same period in 2009, a 41.4% increase.

### 7. Halifax Container Throughput Climbs 41.4 Percent

Container throughput in the first quarter of 2010 at the Port of Halifax increased by 41.4 percent to 99,450 TEUs from the same quarter last year. Breakbulk cargo increased by 30.3 percent in the first quarter compared to the year-earlier quarter. Total breakbulk cargo was 35,561 metric tons in the first quarter. The port attributed the increase to strong demand for steel rail imports. Ro-ro cargo increased by 22.2 percent tons year-over-year to 59,871 metric in the first quarter, due to an increase in automobile imports and exports through the port. The Port of Halifax said it expects an overall improvement in its cargo volumes in 2010 which is, in part, attributable to new shipping lines that instituted service at Halifax in the latter part of 2009 as well as the inauguration of new service strings in 2010.

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## 8. Port Metro Vancouver Accumulated Container Traffic Report YTD March 2010

Total container traffic in terms of TEU at the Port of Metro Vancouver till the end of March 2010 was 524,778 a 7% increase from 491,519 compared to the same period in 2009. Imports increased 11% to 275, 077 and exports 2% to 249, 701.

## 9. Port Metro Vancouver 2010 cruise season to be eco-friendly

The first cruise ship of the 2010 cruise season to call at Port Metro Vancouver arrives on April 25, 2010, the first of 58 scheduled calls expected to connect to the Port's new shore power system. "There are only three such systems in the world, which allow cruise ships to connect to the local electrical grid and shut off their diesel engines, greatly reducing their impact on the region's environment."

## 10. Impact study confirms Port of Prince Rupert as a growing Economic force in Western Canada

An impact study conducted for the Port of Prince Rupert by InterVista confirms that this Port is a growing economic force in Western Canada. Port activities are contributing \$280 million in gross domestic output and \$500 million in economic activities to the regional and provincial economies. It also results in employment of 2,700 full-time jobs and \$ 150 million in annual wages. It also shows the long term growth by 2020 to be estimated at \$870 million in gross domestic output and 2,270 full-time jobs.

## RAIL TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Canadian Pacific announces new agreement for westbound coal

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited announced on April 1, 2010 that it has reached a one-year agreement with Teck Coal Ltd (Teck) for the transportation of metallurgical coal from their CP-served mines in southeast British Columbia to Kamloops and Vancouver area ports for export. Contract terms are confidential.

### 2. CN sells commuter rail line segment west of Toronto Union Station to Metrolinx for C\$168 million

CN announced the sale of a key section of track west of Toronto Union Station to Metrolinx (a Ontario government Crown Corporation) for C\$168 million on March 31, 2010.

### 3. West coast rail link aims to reduce border congestion

Government officials indicated that the extension of the second Amtrack Cascades train service between Vancouver and Seattle is one of the measures to reduce wait times at border crossings. Visitors will not only have a second option but visions of a high speed option between the two cities increase as it will provide data on demand and need for the service.

### 4. BNSF, CN Sell Track to Commuter Lines

BNSF Railway and Canadian National Railway signed new track sales accords with large commuter rail operations, in which they sold line and property for over \$100 million each but retained some freight corridor rights. BNSF's deal was with the FasTracks program in Denver and CN's was with Metrolinx in Toronto.

### 5. McGuinty Government Improving Public Transit

On April 5, 2010, an additional train trip has been added on the Lakeshore East GO Transit line making morning rush hour travel a little easier for GO commuters in Toronto

### 6. Get ready for kinder gentler CN, exec tells shippers

Peter Ladouceur, assistant VP of sales and marketing of CN, at the shippers State of the Logistics dinner promised that "You're going to see a new CN ... You're going to see

CN come out in a more customer-centric manner. We won't be driving our agenda only, all the time, as we have done in the past 10 years." Ladouceur admitted CN has bullied its customers in the past and that they are going to be a lot more

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cognizant of the fact that there is a thing called a supply chain and that it's not just about CN.

#### **7. TCRC- MWED and Canadian Pacific reach tentative contract for Maintenance Of Way Workers**

Teamsters Canada Rail Conference – Maintenance of Way Employees Division (TCRC-MWED) and Canadian Pacific announced on April 10, 2010 a tentative three-year contract settlement was reached. The agreement has been sent for ratification.

#### **8. Government of Canada invests in cross-Canada rail safety**

On April 14, 2010, government officials announced that the Government of Canada will upgrade high-priority rail grade crossings across the country by investing \$11 million in rail safety — a move that will help keep Canadian communities safe and a strategy that has helped reduce fatalities and injuries.

#### **9. Rails Discussing Reform with Congress**

Discussion on the rail bill has begun again. The bill emerged from the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee in December 2009, with the belief that it will have new antitrust language attached before it goes to the full Senate for a vote. Key senators wanted to strip railroads of a limited antitrust exemption they enjoy, which routes most economic issues through the STB rather than submitting them to challenge in district courts. Rail executives indicated that they could not support the bill which strips them of their power to make profits and enable them to invest in their networks. Shippers support the bill as it provides greater competition through increased access.

#### **10. CN freight train derails in Burlington, Ont.**

A CN freight train derailed in Burlington, Ontario. Fortunately, no major injuries or major damage was reported. The accident is likely to slow Toronto-bound train commuters.

#### **11. Canada And Ontario Invest In Six GO Transit Projects In The Greater Toronto Area**

Residents and commuters will benefit from federal and provincial infrastructure funding towards six GO Transit projects in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The governments of Canada and Ontario are each providing up to \$8.3 million towards the projects. The joint investment will support the widening of six railway bridges in the GO Transit Weston subdivision to accommodate a fourth track for the Georgetown South corridor. Total eligible project costs are estimated at \$16.6 million

#### **12. Rail Safety Week — CN vows no compromise in campaign to end railway crossing and trespassing fatalities and injuries**

CN Police Chief Stephen Covey is vowing *no compromise* in the campaign to end accidents, injuries and fatalities on and near railway crossings, tracks and property.

During its current safety week (April 21), they will send clear messages to motorists and commuters about the importance of safety at crossings and the deadly risks of trespassing on railway tracks and property.

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## HIGHWAY

### 1. Work begins on Peace Bridge plaza improvements

Government officials participated in a groundbreaking ceremony on April 1, 2010 to mark the start of construction on the Peace Bridge Commercial Lane Traffic Improvements project.

### 2. Peace Bridge plaza improvements begin

A \$2 million construction project is set to begin on the Peace Bridge Commercial Lane Traffic Improvements project and is expected to be complete this summer. It includes the construction of a fifth primary inspection lane and booth for Canada-bound commercial vehicles and a designated Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (VACIS) area.

### 3. Canada-U.S. border caught in Mexican standoff

The Canada-U.S. border is stuck in the 19th century. Speakers at a recent conference in Toronto indicated that the border is over regulated. According to media reports, the panelists agree Canada needs more fluidity, not less, when it comes to border crossings. The panelists, comprised mostly of bureaucrats and academics agreed that it's important to bring efficiencies to the border which carries more than \$1.5 billion in trade every day (i.e., about a million dollars a minute). In March, the Obama Administration scrapped a U.S.\$410-billion cross-border trucking program with Mexico, which was originally designed to allow Mexican trucks freedom on American roads.

### 4. Sask budget continues investment in highways

Saskatchewan's 2010 budget has earmarked \$250 million for investment in highways. This investment makes it the second largest highways capital program in the province's history.

### 5. CTA wants feds to move straight to universal EOBR mandate

There is the possibility that the U.S. will move towards a broader mandate than Canada for electronic on-board recorder (EOBR) usage later this year, so the Canadian Trucking alliance is of the opinion that Canada should head for a universal EOBR mandate right away. Its CEO, David Bradley says that "Canada is not bound by the same regulatory structures as US and could if it so chooses move to a broad or universal mandate from the outset. Obviously, you would still want to be harmonized with the U.S. from a technology standards point of view, and it is imperative that industry and government reach accord on a fair and equitable enforcement policy, and a technology investment plan, but there is no obligation on the Canadian governments to introduce an interim, remedial step as the FMCSA [U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration] is doing."

### 6. Government and community partnership delivers accessible transportation services for residents of Yarmouth County

On April 7, 2010, government and other officials announced funds for a new accessible minivan for the residents of the Town of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle.

### 7. Important Information for Carriers Operating during the G8 and G20 Summits

CTA met with RCMP representatives to discuss impacts of the G8 and G20 Summits which take place on June 25, 26 and 27 (2010) in Huntsville and Toronto, respectively. RCMP officials appealed to all Canadian carriers to keep an eye out for and report suspicious behaviour, as potentially dangerous activities aimed at the G8 and G20 Summits could originate in any part of the country. Carriers may incur some inconvenience in the form of disruption.

### 8. Stoney Trail in Calgary drives forward

The Alberta government signed a 33-year contract with Chinook Roads Partnership to design, build, operate and partially finance Stoney Trail from 17th Avenue SE to east of Macleod Trail. The contract also includes maintenance of Deerfoot

## Highway Transportation

### Canada

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### **9. CTA launches cargo crime study**

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) announced on April 9, 2010 the launch of a "first-of-its-kind" study to examine cargo crime activity in Canada and explore solutions to tackle this problem. The trucking group will be working with the provincial trucking associations, law enforcement and representatives from the insurance industry on the project.

### **10. UPS boosts profit outlook**

United Parcel Service Inc. said its first quarter earnings per share for 2010 will be much higher than it had expected, and raised its outlook for the rest of 2010, sending its shares up 4 per cent in after-hours trading.

### **11. "Topping" off ongoing success of Queenston-Lewiston Bridge Plaza improvements**

On April 16, 2010, government officials celebrated the completion of the external structure – or "topping-off" – of the central plaza building at the Queenston-Lewiston International Bridge. This Bridge is essential to trade with the United States.

### **12. Descartes Completes Acquisition of Portus**

The Descartes Systems Group, a global logistics network, announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary Dexxcartes bvba ("Dexxcartes") has completed the acquisition of Zemblaz NV ((formerly Porthus NV.)

### **13. Government partnership celebrates unveiling of new Züm bus for Brampton**

On April 20, 2010, government officials unveiled the first of Brampton Transit's new fleet of Züm Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses at the Ontario Transportation Expo and Trade show. The \$285-million Brampton Züm project is being delivered in two phases, and the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Brampton are equal funding partners. This project falls under *FLOW*, the Government of Canada's transportation action plan for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

### **14. Large urban transit (February 2010 Preliminary)**

Operating revenue (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit properties (80% of all urban transits) rose 11.7% from February 2009 to \$223.7 million in February 2010. Ridership levels rose to 129.5 million passenger trips in February 2010, a 10.1% increase from the same month a year earlier.

## **GENERAL**

### **1. Merchandise trade inches forward in Feb.**

Statistics Canada reports that Canada's merchandise exports grew 2.8 percent in February 2010, on the strength of industrial goods and materials, compared to a 0.9 percent increase in imports. As a result, Canada's trade surplus with the world widened to \$1.4 billion in February 2010 from \$754 million in January 2010. Increases in trade lead to increases in the demand for transport services.

### **2. Global trade flows are roaring back**

Global trade flows are roaring back, based on statistics revealed on April 13, 2010. The question now is whether global trade imbalances will resurface to haunt policymakers again. Some analysts say they won't as governments are attempting to control its debt, the downturn has reduced the trade imbalances, the US deficit has stabilized at 3% of GDP and expectations that China's trade surplus as a percentage of its GDP will decline.

### **3. Travel between Canada and other countries [February 2010]**

Travel from the United States and overseas countries to Canada rose 5.2% in February 2010 from the previous month. Canadian residents took just under 4.2 million trips outside of the country in February 2010, a 0.7% decline from January 2010.

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