

# Transportation Information Update\*

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## AIR TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Air Canada and CargoJet explore synergies

Air mail has opened the door for Canada's two largest air cargo operators to try working together in a broad range of areas. On November 20, 2013 Air Canada Cargo and Cargojet signed a letter of intent to "explore strategic opportunities". The two Canadian carriers are planning to look at a broad range of areas for cooperation with the objective of either generating more revenues or achieving cost savings, remarked Lise-Marie Turpin, vice president of cargo at Air Canada. This is not limited to commercial activities and could extend beyond cargo.

### 2. Tentative Pilot agreement not ratified

WestJet announced on November 29, 2013 that its pilots have voted against a tentative agreement by a margin of 58.7 per cent. Turnout was very strong, with 96 per cent of pilots voting. The current agreement remains in effect until a new agreement is reached. Pilots at WestJet are represented by the WestJet Pilots Association (WJPA), a non-union employee association.

### 3. Porter looks forward to full council debate on plans Conditional approval sought to enable multiple benefits for Toronto

Porter Airlines President "... believes that there is sufficient information available in these studies for city council to conditionally approve our proposal subject to certification of the aircraft and Transport Canada's approval of the runway extension," said Robert Deluce. "There are natural checks and balances built into the process going forward. Should these conditions not be satisfied, then Porter cannot proceed."

### 4. Canada and Panama expand air transport relationship

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and the Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade, on December 3, 2013 announced Canada's successful conclusion of negotiations with Panama resulting in an expanded Air Transport Agreement. The expanded agreement, which is being applied immediately, builds on the 2008 Canada-Panama Air Transport Agreement by allowing for increased flight frequencies between both countries, as well as greater flexibility for airlines to offer more air services using the flights of other airlines, commonly known as code-sharing.

### 5. Transport Canada proposes regulatory amendments for the certification and oversight of private operators

On December 9, 2013, the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, announced proposed regulatory amendments for the certification and oversight functions of private air operators. These amendments have been published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, on December 7, 2013.

### 6. Air freight growth will slow over next five years

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International freight volumes are expected to grow 17 percent over the next five years, according to the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) "2013-2017 Airline Industry Forecast." "Air cargo is a key enabler for the movement of high-value products and perishable goods around the globe. More than \$6 trillion worth of goods is air freighted annually, accounting for around 35 percent of total world trade."

#### **7. Airlines Expect 31% Rise in Passenger Demand by 2017 (930 Million More Passengers Compared to 2012)**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released the [IATA Airline Industry Forecast 2013-2017](#) showing that airlines expect to see a 31% increase in passenger numbers between 2012 and 2017. By 2017 total passenger numbers are expected to rise to 3.91 billion—an increase of 930 million passengers over the 2.98 billion carried in 2012. The IATA Airline Industry Forecast 2013-2017 is a consensus outlook for system-wide passenger growth. Demand is expected to expand by an average of 5.4% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) between 2013 and 2017. By comparison, global passenger growth expanded by 4.3% CAGR between 2008 and 2012.

#### **8. WestJet reports November load factor of 79.7 per cent**

WestJet on December 4, 2013 announced November 2013 traffic results with a load factor of 79.7 per cent (a 2.9 point decrease from November 2012). Revenue passenger miles (RPMs), or traffic, increased 5.7 per cent year over year, and capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew 9.4 per cent over the same period.

#### **9. Air Canada Reports November Load Factor**

For the month of November 2013, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 76.5 per cent, versus 78.1 per cent in November 2012, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points on a system-wide capacity increase of 3.3 per cent. On this additional capacity, system traffic for November 2013 increased 1.1 per cent.

#### **10. Air Canada to launch Tokyo-Haneda Dreamliner service from Toronto**

Air Canada on December 6, 2013 announced that it will operate daily flights between Toronto-Pearson and Tokyo-Haneda (Tokyo International Airport) beginning July 1, 2014 using the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

#### **11. Air Canada Voted Top Honours in Travel Magazine Awards**

On December 9, 2013, Air Canada has once again been named best airline in North America by frequent travelers. In annual readership surveys conducted in 2013 by U.S. travel magazines *Global Traveler*, *Business Traveler* and *Premier Traveler*, readers named Air Canada the best in North America in multiple categories, including tops for international travel and in-flight service.

#### **12. Air Canada, Boeing strike jet deal**

Air Canada has chosen Boeing Co. planes over those from Airbus SAS in a deal worth at least \$6.5-billion (U.S.) that will give the country's biggest airline a more efficient fleet. The airline signed a firm order for 61 Boeing 737 Max planes, and options or purchase rights on 48 more aircraft, taking the potential size of the order to 109 aircraft.

#### **13. Airlines Financial Outlook Strengths**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced an upward revision to its industry financial outlook. For 2013 airlines are expected to return a global net profit of \$12.9 billion. This is expected to improve to a net profit of \$19.7 billion in 2014. Both are improvements on the September 2013 forecast which anticipated an industry net profit of \$11.7 billion in 2013 increasing to \$16.4 billion in 2014.

#### **14. Transat profit triples as pricing boosts margins**

Transat A.T. Inc. says cost-cutting efforts and higher selling prices helped it record its best fourth quarter and summer season yet. The Montreal-based travel company says it had a net profit of \$54.7-million or

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\$1.40 per diluted share for the period ended Oct. 31, 2013 compared with \$16.6-million or 43 cents a year ago.

**15. WestJet issues third corporate sustainability report**

WestJet on December 13, 2013 released its 2012 corporate social responsibility report using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework to outline economic, environmental and social performance.

**16. Air Canada Selects Boeing 737 MAX to Renew Mainline Narrowbody Fleet**

Air Canada on December 11, 2013 announced its mainline narrowbody fleet renewal plan that includes commitments, options and rights to purchase up to 109 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. The new aircraft will replace Air Canada's existing mainline fleet of Airbus narrowbody aircraft, creating one of the world's youngest, most fuel efficient and simplified airline fleets.

**17. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports**

In September 2013, 136 airports without air traffic control towers reported 55,915 movements (take-offs and landings). Peterborough, Ontario, and Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, were the most active sites.

**18. Air fares, third and fourth quarters 2012**

Air fares (domestic and international combined) averaged \$254.80 in the 2012 third quarter, down 0.2% from the same quarter of 2011. The average domestic air fare paid by passengers was \$192.10 in the third quarter, up 3.9% from the same quarter a year earlier. The average international air fare was \$343.30 in the third quarter, down 4.3%.

**19. Civil aviation operating statistics, October 2013**

Operational data on civil aviation are now available for October 2013 on the Statistics Canada website.

**20. Improving Economy, E-Commerce, Cost Cutting Lift FedEx Results**

Benefiting from an improving economy, strong e-commerce sales, and profit initiatives launched last year, FedEx raised both bottom and top lines in its latest 2013 quarter. The second-largest U.S. transport company expects even better results from 2014 onwards.

**21. Air Canada Confirms Approval of Regulations, Extending Pension Funding Arrangements**

Air Canada said on December 19, 2013 that the Government of Canada has advised the airline that, further to the agreement announced on March 12, 2013, new regulations applicable to Air Canada's pension funding obligations have been formally approved. As part of the new regulations, Air Canada will be required to make payments of at least \$150 million annually with an average of \$200 million per year, to contribute an aggregate minimum of \$1.4 billion over seven years in solvency deficit payments, in addition to its current service payments. Air Canada may elect to opt out of the new regulations under certain circumstances.

**22. ICAO, IATA formalize global training alliance**

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced on December 20, 2013 the establishment of a new global training alliance that will enhance air transport training and learning resources in the event of the anticipated global shortages of skilled air transport personnel. Current forecasts show the aviation system doubling in capacity by 2030, with hundreds of thousands of new pilots, air traffic controllers and other workers.

**23. Record year for Canadian international air transport relations**

The Government of Canada announced that it has successfully concluded air transport negotiations with Azerbaijan, Burundi, Haiti and Togo. The expanded agreement with Haiti, builds on the 1978 Bilateral Air Transport Agreement, allowing multiple airlines to operate scheduled air services. It also provides air carriers the ability to introduce new prices more quickly, giving them greater flexibility to respond to consumer demand. The new agreements with Azerbaijan, Burundi and Togo allow for more convenience for travellers through code-sharing services. This brings the total number of new or expanded international air transport agreements to 26 for 2013.

**24. 2013 global air cargo up: ICAO**

Global air cargo traffic increased one per cent year on year in 2013, the equivalent of 51 million tons of freight, according to the UN's International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). ICAO said Asia-Pacific was still the world's biggest air freight market with a 31 per cent share of global traffic, a 7.2 per cent year-on-year increase.

## **WATER TRANSPORTATION**

### **1. A new bridge over the St. Lawrence for 2018, says Minister Lebel**

The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, on December 1, 2013 announced a new accelerated timeline for the construction of the new bridge for the St. Lawrence. “We will deliver the new bridge for the St. Lawrence in 2018, three years earlier than originally planned,” said Minister Lebel. “In fact, concrete actions to move the project ahead have already been taken.”

### **2. Antitrust: Commission fines four North Sea shrimps traders € 28 million for price fixing cartel**

The European Commission has fined four European North Sea shrimps traders a total of € 28.7m for operating a cartel in breach of EU antitrust rules. The coordinated price level at which the retailer bought their shrimps directly affected the prices charged to the end-consumers. The size of the market varies but is always at least €100 million. The purpose of the cartel was to freeze the market by stabilising the suppliers' market shares in order to facilitate price increases and stimulate profitability. The cartel affected the EU market and sales in Belgium, Germany, France and the Netherlands in particular.

### **3. EU Antitrust Probe Challenges Carriers' GRI Announcements**

Container lines currently use a variety of methods to announce general rate increases to the market, but those tactics could become more regulated in the future following the launch of the European Union's antitrust investigation into container lines operating in the Asia-Europe trade.

### **4. Drewry: EC price fixing investigation of ocean carriers will take time**

The European Commission is investigating price fixing among shipping lines, intending to discontinue the use of GRI announcements that indicate rate strategies to rivals, but the outcome of the antitrust proceedings is far from certain according to the latest issue of Container Insight from Drewry Maritime Research.

### **5. Ministers thank Tanker Safety Expert Panel for its recommendations**

The Tanker Safety Expert Panel, an independent panel appointed to review Canada's current tanker safety system and to propose measures to strengthen it, on December 3, 2013 released its report, “*A Review of Canada's Ship-Source Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Regime—Setting the Course for the Future.*” The report aims to improve Canada's system for ship-source oil spill preparedness and response in order to better protect the public and the environment.

### **6. Prince Rupert Port Authority – Monthly Traffic Report, November 2013**

The Port of Prince Rupert Authority indicated that its total year to date traffic (January to November 2013) was 496,445 TEUs, a 3.78% decline from the same month a year ago. Imports declined by 3.28% and exports declined by 4.41% in terms of TEUs. Total traffic for November 2013 in terms of TEUs was 50,798 TEUs, up 16.69% from November 2012.

### **7. Port of Metro Vancouver, Accumulated Container Traffic – November 2013**

The Port of Metro Vancouver reported its accumulated container traffic for the period January to November on December 20, 2013. Total containers in terms of TEUs for the period was 2,596,619 compared to 2,493,753, a 4.1% increase compared to the same period a year ago. Imports were 1,391,204 TEUs and exports were 1,205,405 TEUs, representing increases of 4.2% and 4.1%.

### **8. Record Cargo loaded at Sept-Îles**

Canada's Port of Sept-Îles on the Saint Lawrence Seaway said it set a new record earlier in December 2013 when it loaded 302,264 tons of iron ore on a ship, which it said was the largest amount of bulk cargo ever loaded onto a ship in North American maritime history. It said on December 15, 2013 that the bulk carrier CSB Years, loaded with ore worth more than \$40 million

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## RAIL TRANSPORTATION

### 1. CN forecasts double-digit earnings growth in 2014

Canadian National Railway is expecting to deliver double-digit earnings growth in 2014 by boosting its carload volumes on a continued recovery in the North American economy. The country's largest railway says its adjusted diluted earnings should be on top of the \$3.05 to \$3.10-per-share forecast for 2013.

### 2. More GO Train and Bus Service for GTHA

Ontario Government is making an effort to improve its Public Transit. So, starting Jan. 4, 2013, Ontario is adding more GO Train and bus trips to make it easier for commuters in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area to take public transit.

### 3. EU to triple rail investment

The European Commission has announced it will spend nearly 1 billion euro (\$1.37 billion) on rail "research and innovation" over the next seven years, tripling its current investment. Siim Kallas, the commission's vice president in charge of transport, explained that he wants more freight traffic off the highways and on the tracks. He said that only 10 percent of Europe's freight traffic is currently on rail — a number that is the equivalent of 66 million trucks.

### 4. CN under and CP over Western Grain Revenue Caps for Crop Year 2012-2013

The Canadian Transportation Agency on December 16, 2013 issued [Decision No. 461-R-2013](#) ruling that the revenues of the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) are under its maximum revenue entitlement and that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP) has exceeded its revenue cap for crop year 2012-2013. CN's grain revenue of \$556,589,140 was \$6,346,256 below its revenue cap of \$562,935,396; and CP's grain revenue of \$ 544,222,877 was \$177,961 above its revenue cap of \$544,044,916. In the 2012-2013 crop year, just over 32.4 million tonnes of western grain were moved, which is 2.0 percent lower than the volume moved during the previous crop year. CP now has 30 days to pay the amount by which they exceeded their 2012-2013 revenue cap, in addition to a five percent penalty of \$8,898.

### 5. Railway Carloadings, October 2013

The Canadian railway industry carried 31.2 million tonnes of freight in October 2013, up 9.0% from the same month last year. The increase was attributable to loadings of several commodities, particularly coal, and non-intermodal shipments from the United States. Intermodal traffic reached 181,000 containers and trailers in October, a combined increase of 6.3%. The tonnage of these units totalled 2.7 million tonnes, a gain of 6.6%.

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## HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Three of Five Modes Carried More U.S. NAFTA Trade in September 2013 than in September 2012

Three of the five transportation modes carried more U.S.-NAFTA trade in September 2013 than in September 2012 as the value of overall U.S. trade with its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, Canada and Mexico, rose 5.0 percent from year to year, according to the September NAFTA freight data released on December 9, 2013 by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Truck, which carries three-fifths of U.S.-NAFTA trade and is the most heavily utilized mode for moving goods to and from both U.S.-NAFTA partners, rose 5.4 percent while rail rose 8.1 percent. Vessel declined 4.3 percent and air 0.1 percent. U.S.-Canada trade by vessel, of which 65.4 percent was imported, had the largest percentage increase of any mode from September 2012 to September 2013, growing 33.0 percent. For trade with Canada in September 2013, trucks carried 54.2 percent of the \$53.1 billion of freight, followed by rail at 16.8 percent, pipelines at 12.3 percent, vessel at 5.8 percent and air at 4.5 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 83.3 percent of the total U.S.-Canada freight flows.

### 2. American Industry Shipped 11.7 Billion Tons of Goods in 2012

American manufacturers and related industries shipped almost 11.7 billion tons of goods valued at more than \$13.6 trillion in 2012, according to preliminary numbers from the 2012 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) released today by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau.

### 3. Freight Shipments Fell 0.7% in October from September

The amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry fell 0.7 percent in October 2013 from September 2013, the first monthly decline after three months of increases, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) released on December 10, 2013. The October 2013 index level (114.3) was 20.5 percent above the April 2009 low during the most recent recession.

### 4. Manitoulin Transport Buys Canada's Vitran

Canadian trucking operator Manitoulin Transport will acquire Toronto-based less-than-truckload company Vitran for \$128 million, including \$29 million in debt, the companies said Dec. 9, 2013.

### 5. Manitoulin Buys Vitran, Leaps to become Canada's 2nd Largest

Manitoulin Transport is buying Vitran Corporation, making Manitoulin the second-largest carrier in Canada. TransForce remains the biggest. On Today's Trucking's 2013 Top 100 listings, Vitran was number three, Manitoulin number 12. Combined, the vehicle count is more than 14,000, supplanting the former second-largest player, The Mullen Group.

### 6. Analyst says TransForce not likely to get in bidding war for Vitran

In the wake of Manitoulin's announced agreement to acquire Vitran at a cost of US\$6 per share, TransForce will now have to decide whether to sell its shares for a tidy \$4 million profit, stay put, or up its offer. Manitoulin's offer of \$6 per share represented a 10.3% premium over its price at the close of trading on December 10, 2013. Transforce could have obtained synergies from an acquisition of Vitran.

### 7. North American Transportation statistics, 2012

An updated version of the *North American Transportation Statistics* (NATS) database, a unique online source of information on transportation activity, was released on December 5, 2013 by Statistics Canada. The database is the result of a tripartite initiative representing the transportation and statistical agencies of

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#### **8. Minister's Statement on Final Transit Investment Strategy Report**

On December 12, 2013, Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure, released the following statement on the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel's final report: "The Government of Ontario received the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel final report on how to fund public transit across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The Ontario government will consider the Panel's recommendations before acting in 2014. According to a 2013 Conference Board of Canada report, each \$100 million of public infrastructure investment in Ontario boosts gross domestic product by \$114 million, particularly in the construction and manufacturing sectors. In fact, the next wave of Metrolinx's Big Move projects is expected to create between 800,000 and 900,000 jobs.

#### **9. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, November 2013**

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index decreased 0.8% in November 2013 compared with October 2013. The courier portion fell 0.7% and the local messenger component declined 0.9%. The index increased 2.3% in November 2013 compared with the same month in 2012.

#### **10. TransForce ups the ante for Vitran with "superior offer"**

The bidding war for Vitran Corp. is on. Turns out, TransForce wasn't willing to sit on the sidelines and see Vitran's Canadian operations be acquired by Manitoulin Transport. It is offering \$6.50 per share compared to \$6.00. Vitran has determined that TransForce's offer is better.

#### **11. Manitoulin May Lose Vitran Deal to TransForce**

Manitoulin has five business days to come up with an even better proposal or step aside. If Manitoulin does not make a better offer, the deal will be off as of Dec. 31 and Manitoulin will get \$4 million from TransForce for terminating the contract, as agreed in the Manitoulin Agreement. Aside from the price paid per share, the terms and conditions of TransForce's offer are the same as the ones between Vitran and Manitoulin Transport. TransForce currently owns 19.95 percent of Vitran's outstanding shares.

#### **12. Moving Forward on the Eglinton Crosstown**

Ontario is taking another step forward in the construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT to help ease congestion and create thousands of jobs. Infrastructure Ontario and Metrolinx have released a request for proposals to Crosslinx Transit Solutions and Crosstown Transit Partners, the teams short-listed to design, build, finance and maintain the Crosstown line, including its stations and integrated system of trackwork, signaling and communications infrastructure.

### **GENERAL TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Canada**

##### **1. Travel between Canada and other countries, October 2013**

Travel to Canada rose 0.6% in October 2013 to 2.1 million trips, led by an increase in trips from the United States. Canadians took 5.5 million trips abroad in October 2013, up 0.1% from September 2013.

##### **2. Canada needs new ways to deal with aging infrastructure: Van Horne Institute**

Canada needs to find new ways of repairing, building and financing the country's aging infrastructure. That was one of the conclusions of a six-city series of roundtables, held earlier this year, on Canada's transportation policies for the 21st century. That finding and many others are contained in a "Summary Report on Transportation Policy Roundtables" that was released today by the Van Horne Institute.

##### **3. Torq Energy Logistics and KKR enter into agreement**

Torq Energy Logistics, Ltd. an affiliate of Torq Transloading Inc., and KKR announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement, pursuant to which KKR has committed to invest a total of C\$250 million to fund Torq's capital program and acquisition strategy. Torq is a private company that provides transportation solutions for producers seeking to transport crude oil by rail car in Western Canada. Torq operates six transloading terminals and provides a fully-integrated crude handling and transportation service from the wellsite to the rail car.

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