

Transportation Information Update*

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Minister Garneau tables the Canada Transportation Act Review Report

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, issued the following statement on February 25, 2016. "As Minister of Transport, I am pleased to table the *Canada Transportation Act Review Report* in Parliament. "Over a period of 18 months,..." "The Government of Canada will carefully consider the findings" "As Minister of Transport, I am committed to lead a new and modern vision for transportation in Canada. The Report looks ahead, over the next 20 to 30 years, to examine how we can maximize the contribution of our transportation system to support Canada's economic growth. The government is interested in hearing the perspectives from stakeholders. The report can be found at www.tc.gc.ca/ctareview2014.

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AIR TRANSPORTATION

1. Air Canada and CALDA Reach New Agreement for Flight Dispatchers on Contract Terms for 12 Years

Air Canada and the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association (CALDA) on February 1, 2016 announced they have signed a new contract, subject to ratification, on collective agreement terms for 12 years. Air Canada's flight dispatchers are based at the airline's Operations Centre near Toronto Pearson International Airport and assist flight crew in the preparation for flight departures and arrivals.

2. Asia-Pacific air cargo increases 1.6pc

Asia-Pacific air carrier cargo volume grew 1.6 per cent year on year in 2015 to 64.93 billion FTK, reported Air Transport World. Air freight capacity for the year increased 3.5 per cent year on year to 101.86 billion FTKs, resulting in a 63.7 per cent aggregate freight load factor for 2015, down 1.3 points year on year.

3. DHL Express Canada launches Express Easy

DHL Express Canada has launched Express Easy, a new service that brings simple, predetermined rates to international shipping. The new service, which is being piloted at four locations in Toronto and Vancouver, gives walk-in customers access to lower prices from the standard DHL Express Worldwide service. DHL aims to have the service available across the country by April 2016, the company said.

4. WestJet reports record full-year results

WestJet on February 2, 2016 announced its fourth quarter and year-end results for 2015, with record full-year net earnings of \$367.5 million, or \$2.92 per diluted share. This compares with the adjusted net earnings of \$317.2 million, or \$2.46 per diluted share reported in the full-year 2014, up 16 per cent and 19 per cent, respectively. For the fourth quarter, the airline reported diluted earnings per share of \$0.51, down 27 per cent from \$0.70 reported last year. These fourth quarter 2015 results include a pre-tax loss on foreign exchange of \$10.1 million.

5. WestJet Airlines Ltd bruised by 'sudden, deep' slowdown in Alberta as it braces for more blows

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9. How airlines are cutting fares to offset the weak economy and boost demand, February 4, 2016, www.nationalpost.ca
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WestJet Airlines Ltd. is being affected from Alberta's economy in the fourth quarter, forcing the airline to discount fares and redeploy capacity in anticipation of more blows this year. Shares fell 11.07 per cent to \$16.63 and unit revenues will plunge in the first quarter as it cuts ticket prices in Alberta to win over frugal customers. Saretsky said the impact of Alberta's oil-price-fuelled slowdown "was sudden and it's gotten very deep," adding that the provincial economy is much softer now than it was even during the financial crisis.

6. WestJet reports January load factor of 80.1 per cent

WestJet on February 4, 2016 announced January 2016 traffic results with a load factor of 80.1 per cent (an increase by 0.6 points). Revenue passenger miles (RPMs), or traffic, increased 7.8 per cent year over year, and capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew 7.0 per cent over the same period. "We are pleased with our strong January traffic growth to start off 2016," said WestJet President and CEO Gregg Saretsky. "I want to thank our more than 11,000 WestJetters for their ongoing commitment to delivering our brand of caring friendly service."

7. Air Canada Reports Record January Traffic Results

For the month of January 2016, Air Canada reported a system-wide capacity increase of 7.1 per cent and a record load factor of 80.1 per cent tying last year's record. On this additional capacity, traffic increased 7.1 per cent. Air Canada reports traffic results on a system-wide basis, including regional airlines from which Air Canada purchases capacity and Air Canada *rouge*[®]. "I am pleased to report a record load factor of 80.1 per cent for the month of January," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer.

8. Air Canada Named One of Montreal's Top Employers for the Third Consecutive Year

Air Canada has been recognized for the third year in a row as one of "Montreal's Top Employers" in an annual employer survey by Mediacorp Canada Inc.

9. How airlines are cutting fares to offset the weak economy and boost demand

Airlines in Canada and around the world are using discounted airfares to stimulate demand, trading fuller planes for lower yields as the economy weakens. Air Canada and WestJet Airlines Ltd. reported strong load factors in January 2016, with both airlines filling 80.1 per cent of their available seat capacity last month. But strong load factors don't necessarily translate to a strong bottom line if the airline has to cut ticket prices to fill seats. This results in lower yields, or the average fare paid per passenger, per mile flown.

10. Demand for Air Travel in 2015 Surges to Strongest Result in Five Years

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced global passenger traffic results for 2015 showing demand (revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 6.5% for the full year compared to 2014. This was the strongest result since the post-Global Financial Crisis rebound in 2010 and well above the 10-year average annual growth rate of 5.5%. While economic fundamentals were weaker in 2015 compared to 2014, passenger demand was boosted by lower airfares. After adjusting for distortions caused by the rise of the US dollar, global airfares last year were approximately 5% lower than in 2014.

11. Air Freight Growth Slowed to 2.2% in 2015

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released figures for

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21. Air Canada Reports Record Full Year 2015 Results, February 17, 2016, www.aircanada.ca

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global air freight markets showing cargo volumes measured in freight tonne kilometers (FTKs) expanded 2.2% in 2015 compared to 2014. This was a slower pace of growth than the 5.0% growth recorded in 2014. The weakness reflects sluggish trade growth in Europe and Asia-Pacific.

12. Airships could rescue First Nations

Transport costs to remote communities make grocery prices two-and-a-half to three times higher than food prices in Winnipeg's inner city food deserts. The only way to combat this dire situation is to foster the development of a transportation policy that can permanently lower food prices and improve food security. The problem of high transportation costs can only be solved with technology advance. Since the 2005 A2A conference, the airship industry has continued to make advances. Airship programs are underway in the U.S., England, Russia, China, Brazil and Canada. New airships are being built, including the BASI research airship that is undergoing cold-weather testing here in Manitoba.

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35. WestJet marks 20 years of high-care, low-fare flying, February 29, 2016, www.westjet.ca

36. Air Canada Increases Capacity Between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Halifax, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay and St. John's by 48% for summer 2016, February 29, 2016, www.aircanada.ca

37. Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, December 2015, February 29, 2016, www.statcan.gc.ca

13. Emirates SkyCargo wins International Air Cargo Carrier of the Year award in India

Emirates SkyCargo has been named International Air Cargo Carrier of the Year at the Economic Times Logistics' Awards in India. Organised by The Economic Times, India's largest financial daily and the world's second largest financial daily after The Wall Street Journal, the awards aim to recognise excellence in logistics that can set benchmarks for the respective industries in India.

14. 3rd-Quarter 2015 Air Fare Data

The average US domestic air fare decreased to \$372 in the third quarter of 2015, down 6.2 percent from \$396 in the third 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 February 9, 2016.

15. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, October 2015

Take-offs and landings at 124 Canadian airports without air traffic control towers reached 50,211 movements in October 2015. Five airports, each with more than 1,500 movements, accounted for 24% of the activity in October 2015.

16. Air Canada Confirms Ratification of New 12 Year Agreement with Flight Dispatchers

Air Canada said on February 12, 2016 that it welcomes confirmation by the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association (CALDA) that its members have ratified a new contract on collective agreement terms for 12 years. Air Canada's flight dispatchers are based at the airline's Operations Centre near Toronto Pearson International Airport and assist flight crew in the preparation for flight departures and arrivals.

17. November 2015 U.S. Airline Traffic Data

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported on February 11, 2016 that U.S. airlines' systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service load factor – a measure of the use of airline capacity – fell to 83.8 percent in November 2015, seasonally adjusted, after reaching a record high in October 2015.

18. IATA Welcomes New CO2 Emissions Standard for Aircraft

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) welcomed the decision by representatives at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to agree on a CO2 efficiency Standard for commercial aircraft. The Standard, to come into force from 2020, will ensure that CO2 emissions from new aircraft will have to meet a minimum baseline (defined as a maximum fuel burn per flight kilometre which must not be exceeded). From 2023 this will also apply to existing aircraft designs still in manufacture at that date.

19. Air Canada rouge Celebrates Start of Seasonal Vancouver-Cancun flights Today

Customers travelling on Flight AC1782 this morning started their vacation right at their boarding gate as Air Canada rouge celebrated the start of seasonal, non-stop flights between Vancouver and Cancun. "We are delighted to launch seasonal, non-stop flights from YVR to Cancun, one of the most popular vacation destinations on the Mayan Riviera," said Benjamin Smith, President, Passenger Airlines at Air Canada. This winter, Air Canada offers service to Cancun from seven Canadian cities.

20. TNT may sell airline

TNT Express will sell its airline to ASL Aviation Group if that's what it takes to have the European Union

approve the Dutch logistics company's sale to FedEx, the company said. The company said it needed to sell TNT Airways and Pan Air Lineas Aereas to comply with EU airline ownership and control rules after FedEx's EUR4.4 billion (US\$4.90 billion) acquisition of the company, Reuters reported. Under EU rules, foreign investors cannot own more than 49 per cent of a European airline and control of the company must remain in EU hands.

21. Air Canada Reports Record Full Year 2015 Results

Air Canada on February 17, 2016 reported record full year adjusted net income of \$1.222 billion or \$4.18 per diluted share compared to record adjusted net income of \$531 million or \$1.81 per diluted share in 2014, an improvement of \$691 million or \$2.37 per diluted share. EBITDAR (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and aircraft rent) amounted to \$2.534 billion compared to EBITDAR of \$1.671 billion in 2014, an improvement of \$863 million or 51.6 per cent. On a GAAP basis, Air Canada reported operating income of \$1.496 billion in 2015, an increase of \$681 million or 83.6 per cent from 2014. The airline reported net income of \$308 million or \$1.03 per diluted share in 2015 compared to net income of \$105 million or \$0.34 per diluted share in 2014.

22. Air Canada to Purchase Bombardier C Series as Part of its Fleet Renewal Program

Air Canada on February 17, 2016 announced that it has entered into a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Bombardier Inc. for the acquisition of up to 75 Bombardier CS300 aircraft powered by Pratt & Whitney PurePower® PW1500G engines as part of its narrowbody fleet renewal plan. The LOI contemplates 45 firm orders plus options to purchase up to an additional 30 aircraft and includes substitution rights to CS100 aircraft in certain circumstances.

23. Partnerships “key” to securing aviation’s benefits: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is welcoming partnerships among all stakeholders, including governments, to help aviation fulfil its important role as a catalyst for global economic growth and development. “Airlines will transport 3.8 billion passengers and 53 million tonnes of air cargo this year. In doing so, they will support some \$2.4 trillion in economic activity and some 58 million jobs. In Asia-Pacific, the corresponding numbers are over \$700 billion in GDP and 33 million jobs. By 2034, global demand will reach 7 billion passengers, but that demand can only be accommodated through a working together approach by all aviation stakeholders including governments,” said Tony Tyler, IATA’s Director General and CEO.

24. Air Canada C Series Airframe Heavy Maintenance to be Performed in Quebec

Air Canada said that further to its earlier announcement February 17, 2016 of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Bombardier Inc. for the acquisition of up to 75 Bombardier C Series 300 aircraft, it has agreed to have its C Series airframe heavy maintenance work performed in Quebec by a recognized maintenance provider for a minimum of 20 years from first delivery in 2019.

25. Air fares, second quarter 2015

Air fares—domestic and international combined—averaged \$233.90 in the second quarter, down 1.8% from the same quarter of 2014. This was the lowest level since the fourth quarter of 2009, when air fares averaged \$229.20. The average domestic fare was \$173.90, down 4.8% from the same quarter a year earlier, while the average international fare fell 1.3% to \$303.40.

26. Civil aviation operating statistics, December 2015

The two major Canadian air carriers flew 4.1 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in December 2015, up 5.9% from the same month in 2014. Air Canada (2.3 million) and WestJet (1.8 million) reported record passenger volumes for the month. On average, each passenger travelled 2 676 kilometres, down 0.2% from December 2014. Both carriers increased their traffic and passenger capacity in December 2015.

27. Air Canada stock met with turbulence after CEO takes shot at ‘short-term investors’

Air Canada’s decision to stop providing capacity guidance was a shot across the bow at short-term investors, but the shrapnel is hitting long-term investors too. The airline’s stock fell for the second day in a row on February 18, 2016 after it said it will no longer release capacity forecasts and will also stop providing monthly operational data. The stock has now lost 15.9 per cent of its value since February 16, 2016. CEO Calin Rovinescu was blunt about his rationale for reducing guidance, saying he’s “not running this company for the benefit of short-term investors.”

28. December 2015 Passenger Airline Employment Data

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.7 percent more workers in December 2015 than in December 2014. December 2015 was the highest monthly total (400,422) since August 2008 and was the 25th consecutive month that U.S. scheduled passenger airlines full-time equivalent (FTE) employment exceeded

the same month of the previous year.

29. 2015 Airline Consumer Complaints Up From Previous Year

Airline consumer complaints filed with DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Division during 2015 were up 29.8 percent from 2014, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Air Travel Consumer Report* released on February 18, 2016. For all of last year, the Department received 20,170 complaints, up from the total of 15,539 received in 2014.

30. Global airport cargo volumes rise 2.3 percent in 2015

Cargo volumes at airports throughout the world in December 2015 rose 1.9 percent year-over-year, according to preliminary statistics released by Airports Council International (ACI). For the full year in 2015, airfreight volumes grew 2.3 percent from 2014. ACI attributed the modest increase in 2015 largely to subdued growth in emerging markets and developing economies, in addition to a more modest recovery in advanced economies.

31. WestJet adds limited-addition summer routes

On February 22, 2016, WestJet announced three non-stop seasonal routes offering Canadian travellers even greater choices for connectivity and convenience this summer. In June 2016, WestJet will start service between Brandon, Manitoba and Toronto Pearson International Airport. In addition, the airline will start service between Vancouver and both Hamilton, and London, ON. WestJet's limited-addition flights will be offered only during the peak summer travel season.

32. IATA: Airline industry shows mixed financial progress

The global air cargo industry is expected to generate \$50 billion in revenue, down from the peak of \$67 billion in 2011, Tony Tyler, director general of the International Air Transport Association, said at a roundtable discussion in Hong Kong on February 22, 2016, according to a copy of his prepared remarks. Better technology, including electronic air waybills, and processes are needed to improve efficiency and attract more shippers to air transport, he said.

33. Air Canada Named one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers

Air Canada has been named one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers for 2016, recognizing the airline's success in such areas as promoting women and fostering an inclusive workplace for its 28,000 employees. The award, presented by Mediacorp Canada Inc., is based on its Canada's Top 100 Employers project, which also included Air Canada for the third consecutive year for 2016.

34. Civil aviation operating and financial statistics, 2014

Canadian Level I to III air carriers reported 71.7 million enplaned passengers in 2014, up 6.4% from 2013. The domestic sector rose 6.2% to 39.8 million passengers, while the international sector (including between Canada and the United States) grew 6.6% to 31.9 million passengers. The passenger counts on scheduled flights rose 5.6% to 64.1 million, while the number of passengers flying on chartered flights increased 13.0% to 7.6 million. Total operating revenues rose 7.6% from the previous year to \$22.3 billion in 2014. Total operating expenses increased 6.3% to \$20.6 billion.

35. WestJet marks 20 years of high-care, low-fare flying

Twenty years ago, WestJet launched its first flight and began liberating Canadian travellers from the high cost of air travel. On February 29, 2016, the airline celebrates two decades of success with a new Canadian-inspired logo, a birthday seat sale and more.

36. Air Canada Increases Capacity Between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Halifax, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay and St. John's by 48% for summer 2016

Air Canada on February 29, 2016 announced it will increase capacity on two of its routes serving Labrador & Newfoundland by 48 per cent for summer 2016 travel. Effective May 1, 2016, flights between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Halifax, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay and St. John's will be operated by Air Canada Express with 74-seat Bombardier Q400 aircraft instead of the current Bombardier 50-seat CRJ.

37. Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, December 2015

Aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 7.1% in December 2015 from the same month the previous year.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

1. Port of Halifax: Container Traffic for the 4th Quarter of 2015

The Halifax Port Authority released its fourth quarter statistics on January 28, 2016. Total traffic in terms of twenty foot equivalent units (TEUs) for the last quarter of 2015 increased 22.3% to 113,067 TEUs from 92,484 TEUs for the same period in 2014. Total imports increased 17.7% to 53,148 TEUs from 45,137 TEUs and total exports increased 26.6% to 59,919 TEUs from 47,347 TEUs.

2. Port of Halifax: Cruise Traffic for the 4th Quarter of 2015 and for 2015

The Halifax Port Authority released its fourth quarter statistics on January 28, 2016. Cruise traffic for the fourth quarter of 2015 reached 80,812 passengers compared to 87,257 in December 2015, a 7.4% decrease. For the calendar year 2015, total cruise traffic was 222,309 passengers compared to 217,305, a 2.3% increase.

3. Port of Oshawa sees volumes rise in 2015

The Canadian Port of Oshawa, which is situated along Lake Ontario, handled over 378,000 metric tons of cargo in 2015, a 5.95 percent increase from 2014, the port said. Volumes of steel, potash, magnesium chloride and asphalt through the Port of Oshawa all increased in 2015. "Steel continues to lead our cargo volumes in a big way with 190-thousand metric tons moving through the port this past year," Oshawa Port Authority President and CEO Donna Taylor said in a statement.

4. US West Coast container traffic slipped in 2015

US West Coast ports closed out a tumultuous 2015 with a decline of 3 percent in container volume in December 2015, with container traffic also declining 3 percent for the year. The port strike was the cause.

5. Agency launches a consultation on the eligibility of certain shipments to the Greater Vancouver Area under the Maximum Revenue Entitlement Program

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6. Port of NY/NJ handles record 6.37m TEUs in 2015

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's marine terminals handled a record 6,371,720 TEUs of containerized cargo in 2015, a 10.4 percent increase over 2014, when the previous annual record was established, according to the authority. The port saw 2,251 vessel calls in 2015, however, down 7.4 percent from the prior year. The port authority said the reduction in vessel calls illustrates that much of the cargo coming into the port is arriving in larger ships.

7. Enhanced container tracking tool for importers and exporters moving goods through the Port of Halifax

The Halifax Port Authority is now offering an enhanced web-tracking tool for importers and exporters moving containers through the Port of Halifax's container terminals operated by Ceres-Halifax Inc. and Halterm Container Terminal Ltd. The existing site, Halifax Gets It There (www.HalifaxGetsItThere.com), has been updated to include several new features designed to make it

easier for importers and exporters to do business through the Port of Halifax. The enhancements are the direct result of feedback from the market.

8. Port Metro Vancouver expansion would boost container capacity by two-thirds

Port Metro Vancouver is planning a major expansion for Centerm — one of the largest container terminals in the region. About 20 per cent of container goods shipped through the city are already handled at Centerm and if the \$320-million project goes ahead next year, container capacity at the Burrard Inlet terminal would be boosted by two-thirds by 2019. It's a big jump, but according to the latest plans, that extra capacity can be won with a relatively small increase in overall footprint. Funding for the project

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15. Vancouver port's drayage initiative cuts truck turn times, February 25, 2016, www.joc.com

would be fronted by Port Metro and recovered through a new lease-fee agreement with DP World Vancouver, according to the port.

9. Empties headache for carriers as sourcing pattern grows

A widening east-west trade gap is going to push up container repositioning costs for carriers as Asian importers broaden their sourcing origins, according to Drewry.

10. Container lines reportedly discussing new mega-alliance

CMA CGM and Cosco are leading efforts to create a new vessel-sharing alliance that could include Evergreen and OOCL and would shake up three of the four major east-west carrier groupings, the Alphaliner newsletter reported.

11. Diversification protects Port Metro Vancouver from full impact of economic downturn

Port Metro Vancouver on February 18, 2016 released its 2015 year-end statistics. Overall volume remained steady at 138 million tonnes of cargo as sectors experiencing declines were offset by others that hit new records. This is the port's third consecutive year of strong cargo volumes, with new records set in the container, potash, and grain and agri-product sectors. Cargo shipped in containers continued to show substantial growth due to increased trade with Asia, with a five per cent jump in units (known as twenty-foot-equivalent units or TEUs) for a new record of 3.1 million TEUs. Grain and agri-product exports increased by eight per cent over 2014 to 25.1 million metric tonnes, and potash exports were 8.7 million metric tonnes, up 15.6 per cent from the prior year.

12. US east coast ports enjoy stellar 2015 at 7.9 million laden TEU

The number of laden containers entering the US east coast ports in 2015 increased 12.6 per cent year on year to 7.9 million TEU. In stark contrast, imports via US west coast ports were up 0.4 per cent, says the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), the shipowners group representing 65 per cent of world's tonnage. While the US east coast ports experienced a surge in incoming traffic, the protracted dock labour dispute and resulting port congestion stunted US west coast growth last year.

13. Port of Metro Vancouver, Accumulated Container Traffic Report: January 2016

The Port of Metro Vancouver reported its accumulated container traffic for January 2016 on February 21, 2016. Total traffic in terms of TEUs was 251, 730 TEUs, an increase of 5.4% compared to the same month a year ago. Imports were 139,963 TEUs, an increase of 4.6% and exports were 111,766 TEUs, an increase of 6.3%.

14. Sharp drop in revenue per container eroding liner results

A look at the 2015 performance of three major carriers — Maersk Line, OOCL and APL — reveals the extent of the decline in average revenue per 20-foot container transported that low bunker prices were unable to offset.

15. Vancouver port's drayage initiative cuts truck turn times

Port Metro Vancouver's 14-point action plan to reduce truck wait times, improve terminal fluidity and ensure compensatory earnings for the approximately 1,700 drayage truck drivers that serve Canada's largest container port is celebrating its two-year milestone with dramatically reduced turn times.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

1. Norfolk Southern profits fall 25pc

The Norfolk Southern Railway net profit declined 25 per cent year on year in 2015 to US\$1.6 billion, drawn on revenues of \$10.5 billion, which fell 9.5 per cent. Fourth quarter net profit also fell 29.4 per cent to \$361 million year on year as revenues dropped 20 per cent.

2. CP: NS merger would meet STB standards

In its third white paper defending what has become an increasingly hostile bid for Norfolk Southern Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway detailed its confidence that a tie-up would pass muster with U.S. rail regulators.

3. Canada opens dedicated office to support redevelopment of Lac-Mégantic

The Canadian government in the last week of February 2016 announced that it would provide federal funding to support a new bureau that will oversee the reconstruction and economic recovery of the city of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec over the next three years. Lac-Mégantic was

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devastated by the derailment of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway crude oil train derailed and exploded in the city on July 6, 2013.

4. IANA: Intermodal volumes inch up 2.8% in 2015

Intermodal volumes inched up 2.8 percent in 2015 from the prior year to 16.7 million units, despite network congestion and macro-economic headwinds, according to the Intermodal Association of North America's (IANA) fourth quarter and year-end Intermodal Market Trends & Statistics report. The domestic container segment's volumes rose 5.1 percent year-over-year in 2015 to 6.8 million units, while the ISO container segment's volumes inched up 2.8 percent year-over-year to 8.4 m.

5. Major upgrades begin at Joyce-Collingwood SkyTrain Station

The Government of Canada, the B.C. government and TransLink are celebrating the start of construction for upgrades to the Joyce-Collingwood SkyTrain Station to improve accessibility, capacity, safety and security. The \$26-million Joyce-Collingwood Station upgrade is being funded by the Government of Canada (contributing \$5.8-million through the Building Canada Fund), the B.C. government (contributing \$11.6-million), and TransLink (contributing \$8.6-million). Construction began earlier this month, and the upgrades are expected to be complete by fall 2017.

6. CN to purchase its common shares under a specific share repurchase program

CN announced on February 5, 2016 that it will repurchase common shares under a specific share repurchase program (**Program**). The purchase will form part of the Normal Course Issuer Bid for up to 33 million shares (Bid) announced on Oct. 27, 2015.

7. US rail freight dropped the most in six years in 2015

US rail freight dropped the most in six years in 2015 and future prospects are not good for the coming year, say Bank of America transport analysts. "We believe rail data may be signalling a warning for the broader economy," said a note from Bank of America, reported Bloomberg.

8. Improving GO Bloor Station for Commuters in Toronto

The governments of Canada and Ontario are making it easier for commuters to take GO Transit and UP Express by making improvements at the Bloor GO Station. Metrolinx is opening a new "kiss and ride" drop-off area and pedestrian walkway that connects passengers coming from Dundas Street to the Bloor GO station's west tunnel and platforms. The west tunnel provides GO and UP Express customers with elevator access to both platforms and now features a new ticket booth for greater customer convenience.

9. CP to ask NS shareholders to pressure its board to consider merger offer

Canadian Pacific Railway said on February 9, 2016 that it plans to submit a resolution asking Norfolk Southern Railway shareholders to request their board of directors to engage in "good faith discussions" with CP regarding its proposed merger. This is the newest approach by CP after the Calgary-based company has been rebuffed three times.

10. Rail competition intense for even modest US intermodal growth

Outlook for the Class I rail industry in 2016 varies from cautiously optimistic to downright grim. Even though intermodal service has generally improved, the railroads are finding competition from the trucking sector — for domestic loads and marine containers — as fierce as ever.

11. CP ready to abandon takeover bid if NS shareholders can't convince rail to talk

Canadian Pacific Railway CEO E. Hunter Harrison said on February 10, 2016 that he will abandon a proposed takeover of Norfolk Southern Railway if shareholders at the Virginia railroad fail to pressure their board to sit down at the negotiating table with their Canadian counterparts.

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12. CN targeting C\$2.9 billion in 2016 capital investments to raise network efficiency, support long-term growth, and further strengthen safety

CN announced on February 10, 2016 the details of its 2016 plan to invest approximately C\$2.9 billion in rail infrastructure and equipment to raise network efficiency, support long-term growth and further strengthen safety. Claude Mongeau, president and chief executive officer, said: "CN is investing for the long term and we are again planning a significant capital program in 2016 to support a safe and fluid railway network, and to raise the bar on efficiency and customer service. Despite the current uncertain economic environment, it is a good time to harden our infrastructure because we can do the work faster and at a better price."

13. UPS opposition to a CP-NS merger highlights intermodal shippers' fear

UPS, one of the world's largest transportation firms, is the first major user of North America intermodal rail services to publicly weigh in on the proposed merger of Canadian Pacific and Norfolk Southern railways, saying it opposes the potential tie-up

14. Canadian Pacific to seek declaratory order from U.S. Surface Transportation Board

Canadian Pacific on February 16, 2016 announced it will seek a declaratory order from the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) confirming the viability of the voting trust structure that CP has suggested as part of its proposed merger with Norfolk Southern Corp. (NS). CP urges NS, consistent with its duties to its shareholders, to assist constructively in this effort, but intends to proceed regardless of NS's cooperation.

15. CN announces US\$500-million debt offering

CN on February 18, 2016 announced a public debt offering of US\$500 million 2.75% Notes due 2026. CN expects to close the offering on Feb. 23, 2016, subject to customary closing conditions. CN plans to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including the redemption and refinancing of outstanding indebtedness, and share repurchases.

16. CN to purchase its common shares under a specific share repurchase program

CN announced on February 19, 2016 that it will repurchase common shares under a specific share repurchase program (Program). The purchase will form part of the Normal Course Issuer Bid for up to 33 million shares (Bid) announced on Oct. 27, 2015.

17. U.S. Class I railway employment drops 9% in January

Class I freight railroads in the United States employed 156,602 workers as of the middle of January 2016, an 8.67 percent decline from 171,476 employees during the same 2015 period, according to data from the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB). Class I railway employment was also down 2.61 percent from 160,795 in mid-December, 2015. Each of the various employment categories reported to the STB posted decreases from the previous month as well as year-over-year.

18. Canada's railways announce new Parliamentary rail caucus

The Railway Association of Canada on February 21, 2016 announced the creation of a Parliamentary Rail Caucus to be chaired by Sherry Romanado, Liberal MP for Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne, and co-chaired by Marilyn Gladu, Conservative MP for Sarnia-Lambton. "It is an honour and privilege to be asked to chair the Parliamentary Rail Caucus," said Romanado. "I am looking forward to working with the railway industry and parliamentarians from all sides of the aisle." "The rail industry is a critical part of our economy, and I look forward to co-chairing this committee," said Gladu. "We will ensure that input from all regions of the country is part of the ongoing dialogue to ensure continued support for the safe growth of the rail sector."

19. Canadian Pacific Railway Limited declares dividend

The Board of Directors of Canadian Pacific Railway Limited on February 23, 2016 declared a quarterly dividend of thirty-five cents (\$0.35) Canadian per share on the outstanding Common Shares.

20. Railway Carloading, December 2015

The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 27.4 million tonnes in December 2015, down 5.4% from the same month in 2014. Freight (non-intermodal and intermodal) originating in Canada declined 2.7% to 25.0 million tonnes. Intermodal freight loadings fell 2.9% to 168,000 units in December 2015. In terms of weight, intermodal traffic declined 4.4% to 2.5 million tonnes as a result of an increase in containerized cargo shipments. Freight traffic received from the United States fell 26.6% to 2.4 million tonnes as a result of a decrease in both non-intermodal and intermodal shipments.

21. CP receives overwhelming support from shippers for proposed CP-NS combination

Canadian Pacific (CP) has received over 80 letters of support from a broad cross section of customers for CP's proposal to acquire Norfolk Southern Corp. (NS); 62 of these letters have been posted to the [Surface](#)

[Transportation Board \(STB\) website](#). That brings the number of letters from shippers in support of the proposed CP-NS combination to more than three for every one shipper letter in opposition.

22. Small shippers back CP-NS merger while larger shippers push against

Shippers of agriculture and recycling metal back the potential merger of Canadian Pacific and Norfolk Southern railways, while UPS, other major logistics players, elected officials, municipalities, trade groups and chambers of commerce oppose such a deal, according to an analysis of more than 100 letters written to U.S. rail regulators.

23. BNSF profit falls on intermodal volume slip, despite service gains

BNSF Railway's profit fell 9 percent year-over-year to \$1.08 billion in the 2015 fourth quarter due in large part to weaker intermodal carload volume, according to parent company Berkshire Hathaway.

HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

1. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, December 2015

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) increased 0.2% in December 2015, led by higher fuel surcharge rates as large companies adjusted to increased demand during the holiday season. The couriers component rose 0.3%, while the local messengers and local delivery component was unchanged. On a year to year basis (December 2015 to December 2014) the CMSPI increased 0.9% in 2015 compared with the same month a year earlier, following eight consecutive year-over-year declines. The couriers' component rose 1.6%, while the local messengers and local delivery components declined 2.7%.

2. November 2015 North American Freight Numbers

The value of U.S.-NAFTA freight totalled \$88.2 billion in November 2015 as all modes of transportation carried a lower total value of freight than a year earlier, according to the TransBorder Freight Data released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). Canada regained its historical rank as top North America trade partner after falling behind Mexico in total trade value for the first time in October. The value of U.S.-Canada freight totalled \$45.1 billion in November 2015, down 13.8 percent from November 2014, as all modes of transportation carried a lower value of U.S.-Canada freight than a year earlier. Trucks carried 60.4 percent of the \$45.1 billion of freight to and from Canada, followed by rail, 16.3 percent; pipeline, 7.7 percent; air, 4.6 percent; and vessel, 3.6 percent.

3. As truck driver turnover rises, so does driver pay

The battle to recruit and keep truck drivers is heating up. As driver turnover at large truckload fleets spikes, more and more carriers are offering targeted pay increases.

4. Revised November 2015 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI)

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.9 percent in November 2015 from October 2015, falling after a one-month rise, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). The November 2015 index level (122.0) was 28.8 percent above the April 2009 low during the most recent recession.

5. E-commerce powers growth in UPS volumes, profit

UPS surmounted peak-season challenges to deliver 692 million packages in its busiest season — a 7 percent increase from the previous year. UPS said it expects higher revenue, profits and

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volumes in 2016, as e-commerce keeps growing.

6. TNT Express to sell airline to ASL

TNT Express has entered an agreement to sell its airline operations, TNT Airways and Pan Air Líneas Aéreas, to ASL Aviation Group, the company said in a statement February 5, 2016. Completion of deal is conditioned on the completion of FedEx's intended acquisition of TNT, which is expected in the first half of 2016.

7. CN targeting C\$2.9 billion in 2016 capital investments to raise network efficiency, support long-term growth, and further strengthen safety

CN announced on February 10, 2016 the details of its 2016 plan to invest approximately C\$2.9 billion in rail infrastructure and equipment to raise network efficiency, support long-term growth and further strengthen safety. Claude Mongeau, president and chief executive officer, said: "CN is investing for the long term and we are again planning a significant capital program in 2016 to support a safe and fluid railway network, and to raise the bar on efficiency and customer service. Despite the current uncertain economic environment, it is a good time to harden our infrastructure because we can do the work faster and at a better price."

8. VersaCold buys cross-border trucking firm

VersaCold Logistic Services has announced its acquisition of the assets of cross-border carrier Gary Heer Transport. The move marks VersaCold's entry into the US cross-border transportation segment.

9. December 2015 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI)

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.4 percent in December 2015 from November 2015, declining for the second consecutive month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

10. TransForce Announces 2015 Fourth Quarter and Year-End Results

Transforce indicated that for 2015, total revenue from continuing operations amounted to \$4.03 billion, up 19% from \$3.40 billion a year earlier. Net income from continuing operations reached \$145.7 million, or \$1.43 per diluted share, versus \$116.2 million, or \$1.15 per diluted share, a year ago. Including net income from discontinued operations, net income was \$163.4 million, or \$1.60 per diluted share, compared with \$127.9 million, or \$1.26 per diluted share, in the previous year.

11. Mullen Group Ltd. Reports 2015 Financial Results

Mullen Group indicated for 2015, it generated revenue of \$1,214.4 million, a decrease of \$213.5 million or 15.0 percent as compared to \$1,427.9 million in 2014. In 2015 Mullen Group generated net income of \$13.4 million, or \$0.15 per share, a decrease of \$81.2 million as compared to the \$94.6 million or \$1.04 per share in 2014.

12. E-commerce replaces energy as growth engine at Canada's TransForce

E-commerce opportunities on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border are helping TransForce compensate for loss of energy, less-than-truckload volumes.

13. Google Wins Patent for Self-Driving Delivery Truck

Just Google it, and you'll find that the world's Internet search giant was awarded a patent on Feb. 9 for its self-driving delivery truck technology.

14. Uber ruling out move to B.C. until province can develop regulations

Ride-sharing service Uber says it is ruling out any move into British Columbia before the province decides how to manage such operations. Uber has encountered criticism almost everywhere it has expanded. The company has launched in several Canadian cities over the objections of local governments and before regulatory regimes can be put in place. Its drivers have faced fines in cities such as Toronto and Ottawa. And hundreds of cabbies in Montreal last week held protests in traffic against what they see as the threat of Uber. Uber began service in Vancouver in 2012 but later discontinued. The city is now showing a more receptive view of Uber.

15. North American freight market limps into 2016

North American shipment volumes and expenditures continued to fall in January 2016, dipping 1.3 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively, compared with the previous month, according to the latest Cass Freight Index Report. Although the logistics payment solutions provider said the January 2016 declines are "normal seasonal trends and are not necessarily signs of further weakening" of the market, they are still well below the highs seen in mid-2015.

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16. TNT profit sets stage for FedEx takeover

TNT Express returned to the black in the fourth quarter of 2015 as strong growth in European revenues more than offset declines in Brazil and China and its restructuring program gained momentum.

17. Trucking to Maintain Stability Through 2016

Despite predictions of economic turbulence ahead, the operating environment for trucking is expected to remain relatively stable through 2016, according to trucking market analysts at FTR. FTR said 2016 holds “placid conditions” for trucking companies. Capacity is expected to remain tight, but adequate, FTR predicts. However, the industry forecaster also warned two conditions could restrict capacity and lead to rate increases: if the FMCSA reinstates currently suspended hours-of-service changes and if weather shocks to truck productivity turn out to be greater than anticipated.

18. Report: Driver Shortage, Labour Demographics Concerning for Atlantic Trucking

A new report that profiles truck drivers in Atlantic Canada concludes the truck driver shortage will be felt most sharply on the East Coast and, demographically, the capacity crunch is worsening at a faster rate than many parts of the country. New entrants to the industry will not resolve the problem as they will be roughly equivalent to those retiring.

19. On-Demand Trucking Service Wants to be Industry's Uber

TugForce is looking to become the Uber of the trucking industry. As a startup technology company specializing in providing on-demand trucking services for commercial shippers, the online platform will officially launch May 2016.

20. Large Urban Transit, December 2015

In December 2015, total operating revenue (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit systems increased 0.3% from the same month in 2014 to \$285.8 million. Over the same period, ridership rose 2.4% to 142.6 million passenger trips.

21. December 2015 North American Freight Numbers

The value of U.S.-NAFTA freight totaled \$86.7 billion in December 2015 as all modes of transportation – air, vessel, pipeline, rail, and trucks – carried a lower total value of freight than a year earlier, according to the TransBorder Freight Data released today by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Large decreases in the value of commodities moved by pipeline and vessel in December were due to the reduced unit price of crude oil. The value of U.S.-Canada freight totaled \$45.0 billion in December 2015, down 15.2 percent from December 2014, as all modes of transportation carried a lower value of U.S.-Canada freight than a year earlier. Trucks carried 57.3 percent of the \$45.0 billion of freight to and from Canada.

22. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, January 2016

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) increased 3.6% in January 2016, as a result of a 4.4% gain in the couriers’ component. The CMSPI rose 1.1% in January (year-over-year) compared with the same month a year earlier. The couriers’ component increased 1.5%, while the local messengers and local delivery component declined 0.6%.

23. FTR Economist: Four Disruptions Facing US Freight Industry

During a session titled, *The Future of Trucking: Quantifying an Unknown Future*, FTR Truck & Transportation Expert Noël Perry outlined four “exogenous” or outside “exposures” facing the U.S. freight economy. “In some cases, great opportunities, and in some cases really nasty things that people don’t want to talk about,” Perry said. “These could all throw a monkey wrench in the works. Some are positive, some are negative—but they’re all real. The only issue is we can’t quite figure out the timing. You need to be ready.” He outlined his concerns about, recession, depression, regulatory drag and productivity revolution.

GENERAL TRANSPORTATION

Canada

1. Canada, China sign MOU on competition

Commissioner of Competition John Pecman and Vice Chairman Hu Zucui of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on February 1, 2016 in Beijing that will further enhance cooperation between Canada and the People's Republic of China (PRC) on competition matters. The MOU between the Competition Bureau (Bureau) and the NDRC supports communication and collaboration between the two authorities in the fields of competition law enforcement and policy.

2. Trudeau meets with big city mayors about infrastructure funds

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is promising flexibility and fairness with billions in new infrastructure money, meeting with big city mayors on February 5, 2016, who are pressing the Liberals for "carte blanche" on the new cash. Trudeau says his government is putting a priority on getting both existing and additional infrastructure funds out the door quickly to create jobs and help the Canadian economy, reported the Canadian Press.

3. Travel between Canada and other countries, December 2015

Canadian residents made 3.4 million trips to the United States in December 2015, down 1.7% compared with November 2015. The decrease was mainly attributable to a 2.0% decline in same-day car trips. United States residents made 1.9 million trips to Canada in December 2015, an increase of 1.4%. Residents of overseas countries made 458,000 trips to Canada in December 2015, down 1.2% from November 2015. Travel by Canadian residents to overseas countries increased 0.6% in December 2015 to 998,000 trips

4. 2015 "noteworthy" year for transportation and logistics M&A

It was a noteworthy year for merger and acquisition (M&A) activity in the transportation and logistics industry, as total deal value nearly doubled the level raised in 2014, according to *Intersections*, a quarterly analysis of global deal activity in the transportation and logistics industry by PwC US. Primarily attributed to a considerable spike in megadeals (transactions valued at \$1 billion or more), 2015 as a whole closed with \$172.7 billion in announced deals, a major uptick from the \$87 billion recorded in all of 2014, said the report.

5. Characteristics of international overnight travellers, third quarter 2015

Canadian residents made 9.0 million overnight trips abroad in the 2015 third quarter, with spending totalling \$9.4 billion. Of these trips, 6.2 million were to the United States, accounting for \$4.3 billion in spending.

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