

The New Roadmap for Canada's West Coast

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1,200

Truck & Bus Fleets

250 Suppliers



13,000

vehicles

26,000

employed



\$2.3 billion

revenue



BC Trucking Industry





~16,000



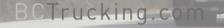
~34,000

GDP 2021

~\$2.6 billion

Transports 92% of ALL consumer products consumed provincially





What does a New Roadmap Look Like?

Barriers

Inter municipal, interprovincial, international

Infrastructure

Literally, a new map

Gateway

Port volume, efficiency, cost, effectiveness

Professional

Safe, efficient, compliant



Big Themes

Chaos

- Port Drayage moves have, at times, moved 50-70% week to week
- Trans-pacific sailings down, then up, then not, then yes.
- Border traffic down 50-70% some weeks, running 120-140% others, but even before 2025 was still down 20% since 2019

Madness

- Fees on in-transit moves to Alaska.
- US states (AB and OK so far) working to ban B1 and B2 visa holders.
- Re-stating (renewing?) english proficiency



Barriers

Remove red tape? Sure!

- Bill 15
- Truck load permit process in BC seriously problematic
- 21 municipalities, no common definition of a truck
- De-carbonization? Yes, but slower and harder
- Interprovincial Trade Barriers? Irritants, not barriers for trucking (largely harmonized already)
- In BC, barriers are infrastructure





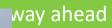
Floods

November 2021

- Hwy 1 AND both rail lines destroyed through Fraser Canyon
- Hwy 1 flooded in Fraser Valley
- Hwy 5 destroyed in many locations
- Hwy 8 largely obliterated
- Hwy 99 impassible
- Hwy 7 closed due to multiple landslides

BC lost 90% of East/West highway movement and 100% of in-province rail movement









Floods – Lessons?

Blasting permits issues in minutes, not months Hwy 5 reopened in weeks as 300+ pieces of heavy equipment and personnel "pre-placed." Province rebuilt infrastructure to mitigate future climate related events Environmental impact regulations largely ignored Hwy 3 ran at 200-400% peak capacity and was largely rebuilt after the crisis In- transit moves through USA permitted

All good?



Floods – Missed opportunities

- Blasting permits back to months
- Hwy 5 "pre-placed" equipment was there due to TMX work.
- Environmental impact regulation contraventions not analyzed
- In-transit moves maxed at 250-300/day (5% of need) due to obtuse regulation, label requirements, bonding, security
- No inventory on vulnerable infrastructure
- No action on Hwy 1 Fraser valley infrastructure
- Repair work still underway (end of decade??)



Gateway - VFPA Container Movements

2024 VFPA Container Volumes, 3.5m TEUs, up 11% from 2023. Imbalance continues:

- Imports, measured as laden inbound, increased by 14% to 1.8 million
- Exports (laden outbound) rose by 5% to 794,724
 TEU.
- Empty container volumes also saw an 11% increase to 857,343 TEU.
- Drayage (trucking) still accounts for about 1/3



Gateway - Port Container Movements



Issues:

- History of Labour disputes (most recent 2014)
- Trucking Commissioner Regulates
 - Number of and what companies that can operate to/from port terminals
 - Number of trucks each company can operate and how trucks operate
 - Rates of pay



Drayage Concerns

- Cost
 - Hourly driver rates 10% more than comparable hourly drivers in broader industry. Trip rate driver 50-100% more.
- It's a local industry
 Drayage is a local industry. ~65% of container move on rail
 What stays local?
- Judicial Reviews
 Re-defining operations of the industry



Professional



Driver Inc.



Compliance



Strengthening Supply Chain: Shippers Role



Driver Inc.



Carriers

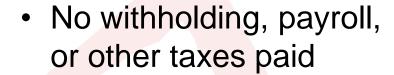
- own/lease the truck, provide fuel, maintenance, other costs, dispatch
- set rates



Drivers

incorporated entity





Undercutting rates



Driver Inc.



Income Reporting

- T4A moratorium
- Fall 2024 federal economic statement provided \$500 million for expanded audits



Labour Market Impact

- Drivers do not show as employees
- Distorts payroll, employee/worker count, safety statistics





Road Safety



Immigration





Road Safety



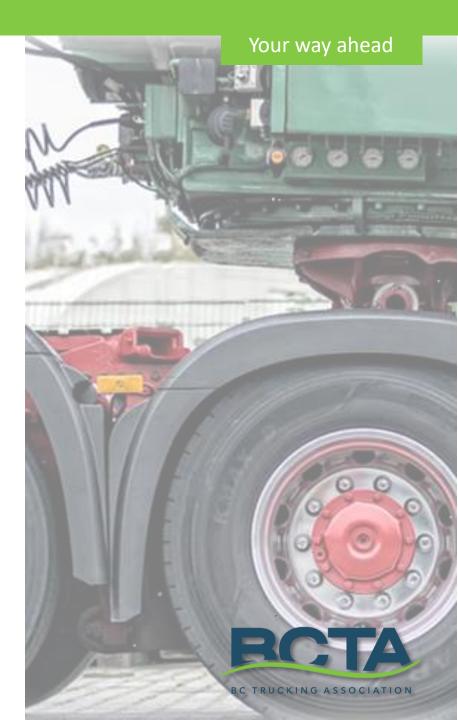
Hours of Service regulations



Solution: speeding



Infrastructure damage



293 Immigration

- Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) and labour mobility program abuse
- All western provincial trucking associations have found:
 - Companies having more TFWs approved than trucks in their fleets
 - Jobs being sold for ~\$40,000 to as much as \$80,000 per position



Currently...

- 950+ companies fined for immigration issues, just under 300 haven't paid
- ESDC-\$29 million for enforcement in '22 fall budget update
- One company fined for employee misclassification
- Change? May 2025, 100+ inspectors from CVSE, ICBC, WSBC, ESDC, Transport Canada, RCMP at Kamloops CVSA events
- 3 more scheduled around BC, more to come, and other provinces
- NSC verification audits, CVIP audits



What Can You Do?





Compliance

Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act

 Each year, government institution head must report steps taken during to prevent and reduce risk that forced labour or child labour is used at any step of production of goods produced, purchased or distributed by the institution







BC Motor Vehicle Act 37.12

Responsibilities of carriers, shippers, consignees and drivers

- **37.12** A carrier, shipper, consignee or other person must not request, require or allow a driver to drive and a driver must not drive if:
- (a) the driver's faculties are impaired by fatigue, illness or a mental or physical infirmity to the point that it is unsafe for the driver to drive,
- (b) driving would jeopardize or be likely to jeopardize the safety or health of the public, the driver or the employees of the carrier,
- (c) the driver is the subject of an out-of-service declaration, or
- (d) the driver, in doing so, would not be in compliance with this Part.





- Basic National Safety Code (NSC) Information
 - Bulletin <u>published monthly</u>: CVSE.ca/WhatsNew.html
- Detailed Carrier Profile





Certificate of Recognition (COR)

- Carriers achieve a higher level of Occupational Health and Safety
- <u>SafetyDriven.ca</u> for list of COR-certified companies







Clean Carrier Program

- Sustainability is now a business imperative
- BCTA's Clean Carrier Program is a proven framework for:
 - reducing emissions
 - increasing efficiency
 - 2024: 35%-41% reduction in fuel consumption & corresponding emissions







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