



## Friday, April 23rd, 2021

### [Airlines to lose \\$48B despite banner year for cargo](#)

*Freight Waves, April 21st*

“IATA predicts air cargo revenues in 2021 to hit all-time high on 13% jump in volume. Airlines will rake in record-high cargo revenues in 2021 on double-digit growth in shipping demand but lose 47.7 billion because of weak air travel as most countries struggle with controlling virus variants and vaccinating populations, the international air transport association said Wednesday.”

### [Import Volumes Break 110-year-old Record](#)

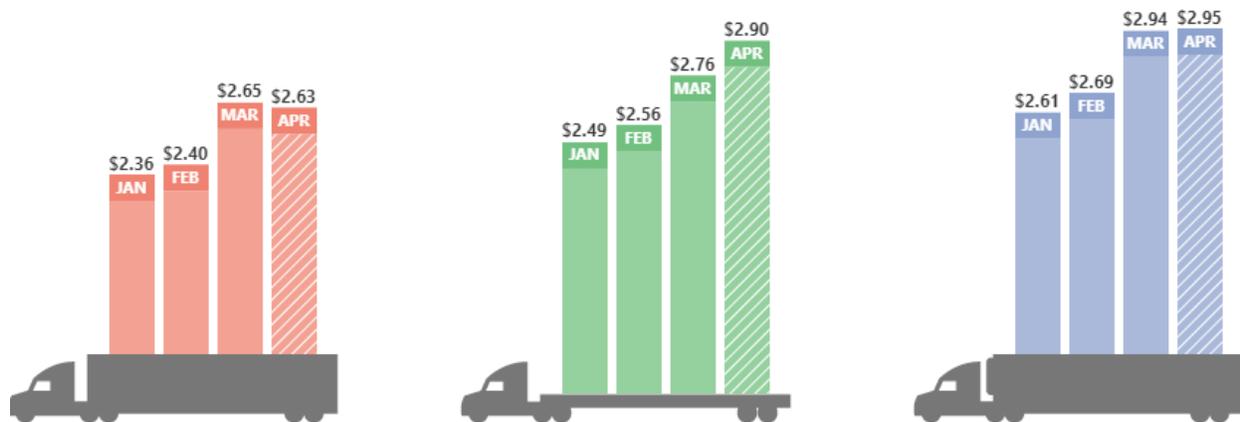
*DAT Freight & Analytics, April 21st*

“The Port of Los Angeles and neighboring Port of Long Beach comprise the San Pedro Bay Port Complex, which handles more containers per ship call than any other port complex in the world. On any given day, there is a long line of ultra-large container vessels off the coast of Los Angeles waiting to unload cargo. Nineteen container vessels were anchored on Monday, April 19, with an average eight-day wait time to unload. This time last year, there was only one anchored vessel was to unload.”

### [Van and Reefer rates bounce from ceiling while flatbed climbs](#)

*DAT Freight & Analytics, April 21st*

“Flatbed spot rates continue to climb, with the national average adding another 5 cents per mile. The national average is now 81 cents higher than the same week last week and 26 cents higher than the same time in 2018 during the last capacity crunch.”



**National Spot Rates: Van, Flatbed, Reefer**

### [FMCSA automated trucks project headed to White House](#)

*Freight Waves, April 22nd*

“Commenters push back on survey meant to assess opinions of automated driving systems using hands-on demonstrations. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announced the move in a notice to be published in the Federal Register on Friday. The agency emphasized that OMB, an office within the White House, must receive any public comments on the proposal 30 days after the notice is published for OMB “to act quickly” on the project.”



### [Republicans Counter Biden With \\$568 Billion Infrastructure Plan](#)

*Transport Topics, April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

“Senior Senate Republicans offered a \$568 billion counter to President Joe Biden’s \$2.25 trillion jobs package April 22, one that’s focused on more traditional infrastructure like roads and bridges and doesn’t have the corporate tax hikes that Democrats are seeking.”

### [Mobile Warehousing and storage frees capacity from crowded ports](#)

*Freight Waves, April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

“The transportation industry is primed for uncertainty and well accustomed to chaos, but virtually every segment of the industry has experienced growing pains as consumer demand roared back to life in a new, recovering economy. Trucking capacity is tight and getting tighter. Multiple U.S. ports have experienced massive traffic jams in the first quarter of the year. With warehouses experiencing huge demand surges, companies are searching for immediate storage solutions near ports in order to keep their capacity moving.”

### [Parts Shortage Hobbles New Truck Deliveries, Worsens Downtime](#)

*HDT Trucking Info, April 21<sup>st</sup>*

“Parts shortages are beginning to affect fleet maintenance and repair activities, while a large portion of fleets are reporting delays in new truck deliveries due to shortages of parts and raw materials. From semiconductors to tires and even lumber for trailer floors, parts production is under pressure from stockpiling, rising prices, and delayed deliveries.”

## **NEWS FROM OUR ARIZONA OFFICE:**

### [Forbes names University of Arizona ‘Best Employer for Diversity’](#)

*AZ Big Media, April 21<sup>st</sup>*

“The university appears on Forbes’ fourth annual “Best Employers for Diversity” list, placing No. 206 out of 500 businesses with at least 1,000 employees- a 35 spot increase over last year’s ranking of No. 241. The university is one of only five employers headquartered in Arizona to be included on the national list and one of only 30 educational institutions.”

### [Why the East Valley is No.1 for aerospace manufacturing](#)

*AZ Big Media, April 21<sup>st</sup>*

“To say the PHX East Valleys is the proverbial “motherhip” of aviation, defense and aerospace is an understatement. Collectively, the aerospace and defense industries account for 9,300 employment opportunities- most of which are location in Chandler, Gilbert and Mesa. Additionally, the East Valley is ranked No. 1 for aerospace manufacturing attractiveness, No. 2 for largest employment in space and defense manufacturing, and No.4 for largest employment in aviation and aerospace manufacturing.”