## WHERE IS MY SHIPMENT AND WHY CAN'T I GET IT?



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## WHY IS FREIGHT TRANSPORT IMPORTANT?







### MAYHEM AT THE PORT GATE



### **Impacts**

- Environmental
- Financial
- Operational

Source: Bloomberg

### SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM

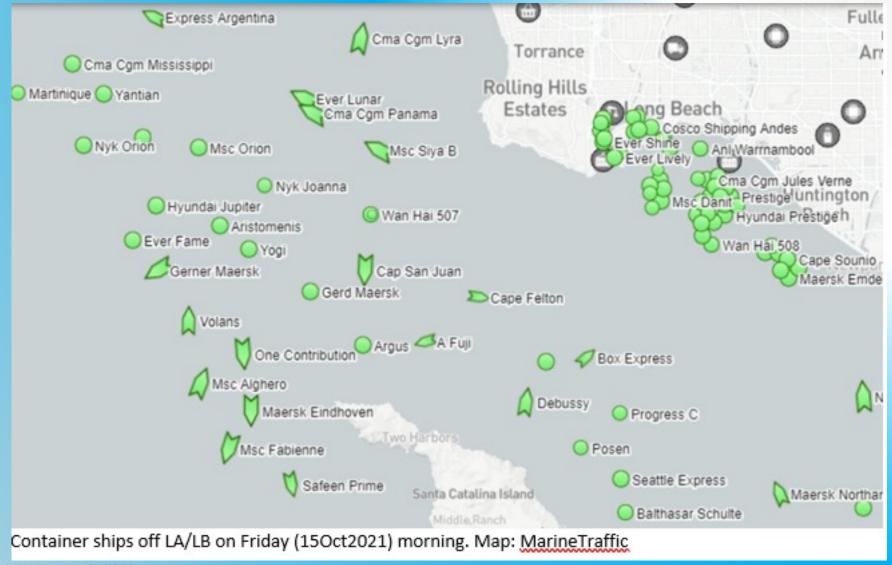


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### IT'S NOT JUST ONE ISSUE AND ITS NOT NEW!

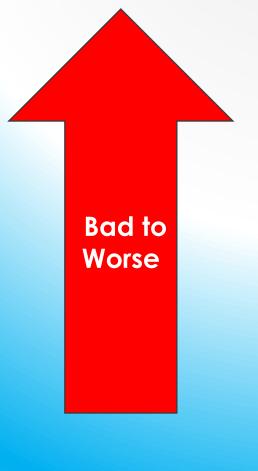


### SHIPS AT ANCHOR - NOT IN PORT









Container	Terminal Dwell	Street Dwell		
TEU	8.4	10.5	18.9	
FEU	4.0	9.7	13.7	

 Chassis used to store containers NOT moving containers

## Examples of real-world on-port dwell times:

- LA/LB 45 days
- Balt. 14 days

- Distribution centers / warehouses at or above capacity
- Not enough truck drivers (est. at 80,000 -100,000 deficit)
- Drivers being poached by other trucking lines

### SUPPLY CHAIN METRICS - FINANCIAL



#### How individual railroads charge for demurrage varies

Railroad	Range of daily demurrage fees
BNSF	\$150 to \$500, depending on container dwell time and facility
CN	\$100 to \$450, depending on container dwell time and facility
<u>CP</u>	\$75 to \$350, depending on container dwell time, facility and who owns the equipment
CSX	\$100 to \$500, depending on container dwell time, facility and whether the equipment is for domestic or international use
<u>KCS</u>	\$100 per day after free time expires, in all cases
<u>NS</u>	\$100 to \$300, depending on container dwell time and facility
<u>UP</u>	\$100 to \$225, depending on container dwell time, facility and whether the equipment is for domestic or international use

SOURCE: Letters in response to the STB, as linked. Union Pacific did not disclose its specific fees in the letter, but its rates are available online.

- Velocity is the key to profitability
- Using a stick (demurrage) can have negative effects

## OCEAN TRANSPORT COST RISES DRIVING INFLATION AND DEMAND

Ocean Freight Costs vs. Value of Products								
Product Type	Typical Nbr. Of Items per 40 foor container		Estimated Retail Value (USD)		China - US West Coast Freight Rate per Retail Value			
					Usual		Oct-21	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Clothing (low-value)	90,000	130,000	\$225,000	\$ 520,000	1.23%	0.53%	7.50%	3.25%
Clothing (mid-range)	25,000	60,000	\$500,000	\$3,600,000	0.55%	0.08%	3.38%	0.47%
Sports shoes	18,000	28,000	\$350,000	\$2,520,000	0.79%(	0.11%	4.82%	0.67%
Bicycles	1,200	1,600	\$240,000	\$ 480,000	1.15%	0.58%	7.03%	3.52%
Toys (low-quality)	20,000	60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 720,000	4.61%	0.38%	28.14%	2.34%
Consumer electronics (small)	2,800	3,800	\$170,000	\$ 430,000	1.63%	0.64%	9.93%	3.93%
Consumer electronics (large)	240	480	\$ 70,000	\$ 140,000	3.95%	1.98%	24.12%	12.06%
Appliances (small)	600	1,200	\$ 45,000	\$ 100,000	6.15%	2.77%	37.52%	16.88%
Appliances (large)	100	120	¢ 30,000	¢ 65,000	0.22%	1 200/	56 200/	25 07%
Furniture (assembled)	250	600	\$ 20,000	\$ 150,000	13.83%	1.84%	84.42%	11.26%
Furniture (flat-packed)	1,000	3,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 340,000	3.95%(	0.77%	24.12%	4.97%
Automobile parts	600	15,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 375,000	5.53%	0.74%	33.77%	4.50%
FEU rate China - North America west coast			\$ 16,883					

Sources:

Jean-Paul Rodrigue, The Geography of Transport Systems, 5th Ed., 26May2020, New York - all data except 2021.

Freightos Index, October 25, 2021 - FEU rate.

- Ocean transport costs are unsustainable
- Prices of products will have to rise significantly
- Price-elasticity of demand will affect flow of imports

### OTHER ISSUES - IMPACTS

- Anticipatory Orders
  - E-commerce clicks generate trends



- Truck Repair Parts
  - Delayed from 2 weeks to 3 months
     Drivers leaving who can't earn



- Precision Scheduling Railroading
  - Focused on Wall Street NOT consumers



Insufficient capacity

- Environmental Impacts
  - Container ships + trucks + trains idling



Increased concentrated emissions

### E-COMMERCE IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES?

 More trucks on the road

Estimated Truck Operations Per Year in U.S.					
	UPS	FedEx	USPS	Amazon	
No. of packages per truck/day	125	125	100	300	
No. of trucks per day / 2020	106,168	70,779	210,125	38,707	
No. of trucks per day / 2026	186,740	124,493	369,589	68,082	

Higher costs

Ocean costs have increased from 1.5% to 15% of value of goods

More congestion



### WHAT TO DO?

- Manage expectations
- Purchase what is needed reduce returns
- Re- and near-shore make local buy local
- Focus on consumer needs NOT just investor expectations
- Improved / coordinated infrastructure planning and investment
- Expanded TDL/SCM training
- Digital investment

### **NEEDED RESEARCH**

- Analyze existing 'freight' data bases and select 'best' ones
- Digitalization / cargo community systems US applications in marine industry
- Benefit-cost analysis of significant expansion of Critical Urban and Critical Rural Freight Corridors program
- Benefits of EV on noise, particulate, and other emissions in communities surrounding ports
- Integrate / coordinate state TIMS and port / company TMS systems
- Use of AI to improve ocean-domestic container processing and handling

# QUESTIONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION