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WEEKLY NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

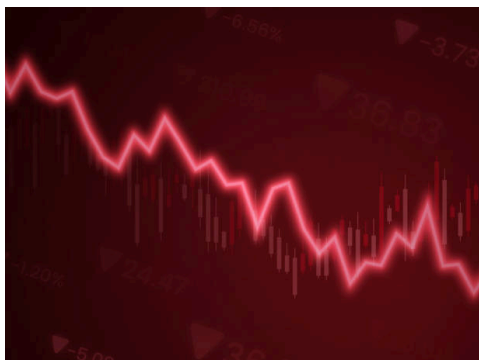


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ATA: Truck Tonnage Index Fell 2.1% in October

Trucking activity in the United States fell in October, pushing the level down to the lowest since January.

Specifically, **truck freight tonnage decreased 2.1% after falling 0.8% in September**, according to the American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index.

In October, the ATA advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index equaled 111.9, down from 114.3 in September. The index, which is based on 2015 as 100, contracted 1.8% from the same month last year after increasing 0.9% in September. Year-to-date, compared with the same period in 2024, tonnage was unchanged.

September's SA decrease was revised up slightly from that first reported in our October 20 press release.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which calculates raw changes in tonnage hauled, equaled 119.2 in October, 3.8% above September's reading of 114.8.

Trucking serves as a barometer of the U.S. economy, representing 72.7% of tonnage carried by all modes of domestic freight transportation, including manufactured and retail goods. Trucks hauled 11.27 billion tons of freight in 2024.* Motor carriers collected \$906 billion, or 76.9% of total revenue earned by all transport modes.

** 2024 estimates include forecasts.*



FMCSA Removes Robinhood Device from ELD List

On **September 19, 2025**, FMCSA removed the following device from the [list of registered ELDs](#) due to the ELD provider's failure to meet

the minimum requirements established in Title 49 CFR Appendix A to Subpart B of Part 395.

ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
ROBINHOOD ELD	R-HOOD	RHD481	ROBINHOOD ELD

The period for motor carriers to update to a new ELD has ended as of **November 18, 2025**. This means that:

- Drivers may not use the ELD listed above.
- Drivers who previously used the ELD listed above, and who are subject to the ELD rule, may not use paper logs.

CVSA Announces Dates for 2026 Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative

The **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)** sets aside a week each year to focus on U.S. human trafficking awareness, identification and prevention. **CVSA's Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative (HTAI)** for 2026 is scheduled for **Jan. 12-16**.



As a North American organization, CVSA actually coordinates three campaigns annually with additional events in Canada and Mexico. The goal: to educate commercial motor vehicle drivers, motor carriers, law enforcement officers and the public about the crime of human trafficking, the signs to look for and what to do if you suspect someone is being trafficked.

During five-day awareness initiative in each country, CVSA jurisdictions conduct human trafficking awareness and outreach efforts and report those activities to the Alliance. The results will be released in summer 2026.

The Alliance offers human trafficking awareness [resources](#) to its membership and, with the help of [TAT](#) (formerly Truckers Against Trafficking), distributes complimentary wallet cards, posters and window decals. Fill out this [online form](#) to order the materials.



Federal Court Stays Non-Domiciled CDL Rule Enforcement

Late last week the **US Court of Appeals for D.C.** issued a **full stay of enforcement** pending review of FMCSA's Interim Final Rule (IFR) on non-domiciled CDLs.

As a result of the stay, implementation of the IFR is paused and will remain inactive until the court publishes a decision on the merits of the case.

The court's stay also puts on hold any actions connected to the IFR requirements for non-domiciled CDLs until the court issues further direction.

At this time, the **California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** has not indicated whether they intend to issue or renew non-domiciled CDLs that would have been restricted under the IFR during this stay. CTA is seeking clarification on this matter and will share any updates with membership as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact [Nick Chiappe](#).

Reminder: Rebate Available for Charging Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment

The **South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** is still accepting applications for battery-electric freight vehicles (Class 8), cargo handling equipment, and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure through the INVEST CLEAN initiative. The deadline to apply for these rebate opportunities is **November 28th, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. PST.**



More information and links to the application for each of these rebate programs can be found below:

Rebate Program	Eligible Funding Amount	Link for More Information	Application Link
Battery-electric Freight Vehicles (Class 8)	up to \$400,00 per eligible Class 8 truck	Program Announcement #PA2026-02	Apply Here
Battery-electric Cargo Handling Equipment	Up to \$300,000 for Yard Trucks Up to \$400,000 for Top Handlers	Program Announcement #PA2026-01	Apply Here
Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Up to \$700 per kW	Program Announcement #PA2026-03	Apply Here



Andrew Tabizon of FedEx Freight Honored as S. California DOY

Saturday night CTA announced our 2025 Southern California Driver of the Year (DOY) recipient, **Andrew Tabizon of FedEx Freight**, at the **Northern California Driver of the Month / Driver of the Year Awards Banquet.**

Andrew has spent decades on the road and his commitment to safety has won the respect of his peers. He was honored alongside dozens of Drivers of the Month in Ontario.

We'll be sharing pictures of all the winners of both the north and south events soon on the Caltrux.org website.

ALAN Asks for Assistance: MN to CA Load

The **American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN)** is asking for help from CTA members to haul a load



- Case 9887: Transportation of One (1) Pallet - Debris Sleds - from Maple Lake, MN to Cerritos, CA

The requesting non-profit, **ToolBank USA**, is planning to receive debris sleds that will be deployed/utilized during disaster responses, but they need assistance with the transportation to their facility for prepositioning.

The pallet will be 40" x 64" x 40" with an approximate weight of 900 pounds. We're currently reconfirming the origin site's capabilities, but the destination site doesn't have a dock. They will have equipment for offloading, but a liftgate for delivery is preferred. As an additional note, the timeline on this is flexible.

Please contact [Nick Chiappe](#) if you have question or may be able to lend a hand.



IUK English Has Your ELP Solution

Need ELP help? [Caltrux Business Solutions](#) has your back. We offer focused three-month training programs for truck drivers through our partner [IUK ENGLISH](#).

For almost 20 years, **IUK English** has helped non-native English speakers - mainly from Latin American countries - learn and master English. CTA members save \$50 on every student. [Learn more here](#).

AMC26: Network, Learn, Relax

California trucking's largest educational meeting, the CTA **72nd Annual Membership Conference (AMC26)**, only two months away - are you registered yet?

Over this three-day event **January 21 to 23**, participate in informative sessions by day and relax among the extensive amenities by evening in and around the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.



We're excited to share that **Bob Costello, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for the American Trucking Associations (ATA) and Commissioner Sean Duryee of the California Highway Patrol (CHP)** are confirmed as our first two keynote speakers.

We'll have more details to share soon on panels, guests, activities, and other exciting programming for AMC26.

Enjoy engaging new experiences with all the classic comfort and quality at our iconic oceanfront luxury lodging. With dozens of amenities plus things to see and do along the historic Monterey Cannery Row, this won't only be a business trip, but also an invigorating change of pace.

The **discounted group room rate of \$289 plus taxes and fees expires on January 5th, 2026**. [Visit Monterey Plaza Rooms](#) to reserve your room online.

Be part of "Driving the Economy, Steering the Future" - join us at AMC26!



UC Riverside Seeks Emissions Study Subjects

The **University of California, Riverside's CE-CERT team** invites CTA members to participate in its on-board sensing and reporting (OSAR) emissions research program, which focuses on real-world NO_x and particulate emissions from heavy-duty vehicles. The program uses compact sensors that have minimal impact on fleet operations and is supported by US EPA, EMA, and USDOT's CARTEEH initiative.



UCR is looking to **recruit 3–4 additional fleets** to support the next phase of its diesel and off-road equipment study. Updated emissions data from newer vehicles are essential for improving emissions inventory models, which currently rely heavily on pre-2017 engine data. Participation will help advance understanding of late-generation SCR systems and other advanced technologies under real-world conditions.

Participation requires **providing 10–15 vehicles** for approximately four weeks of monitoring. All data will be anonymized, and no GPS or business-specific information will be released. A small number of vehicles may also be selected for longer-term monitoring at the fleet's discretion.

If any of your member fleets are interested in participating, please reach out to [Nick Chiappe](#), who will connect you directly with the UCR research team.

Please find the [program overview linked here](#) for additional details about the research project and their recent [presentation](#) from ATA's conference.



ATRI Needs Your Feedback on Insurance Costs, Risk Management Strategies

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is seeking motor carriers to participate in research on rising insurance costs and strategies for managing risk.

Trucking auto **liability premiums rose by 36 percent per mile in the past 8 years** amid persistent unprofitability for insurers, even as truck crashes declined over the past 4 years. In 2025, insurance cost/availability and lawsuit abuse, a primary contributor to rising insurance costs, were voted as the third- and second-greatest issues facing the trucking industry respectively.

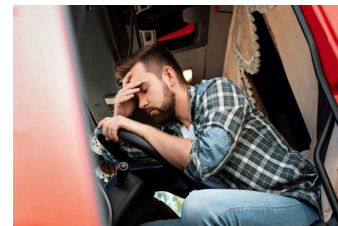
In response to this financial pressure, fleets are reevaluating their total cost of risk by pursuing a variety of new technologies, training, and insurance schemes, such as self-insurance or captives.

Motor carriers are requested to submit data on their coverage stacks for the years 2021 through 2024, in addition to information on their use of safety technology and alternative insurance arrangements. *All data is kept completely confidential for analysis in aggregate form only, and ATRI will sign non-disclosure agreements as desired.*

All participating carriers will receive a customized report that compares their fleet's cost of risk to an anonymized peer group. Motor carriers can complete the survey [by PDF](#) or [online here](#). The deadline for survey responses is Friday, December 19.

Quick Tips to Keep Cold and Flu at Bay

With cold and flu season upon us, whether your work space is a rig, a work bench, or a desktop, it's good to remember some simple steps that will reduce your chances of getting the sniffles - or worse.



CTA member [EveryDay Healthcare](#) has [a few ideas](#) to stay ahead of the tiny beasts that can make us sick.



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In this webinar we'll break down how to maximize fleet management with a weigh station bypass plan, and in the process improve safety scores and driver retention.

Join presenter: **Abhi Reddy, Product Manager - Mobile Bypass & Safety, PrePass** to discuss:

- What to look for in a bypass solution
- How ISS scores affect bypass eligibility
- Getting started with a bypass solution - what to know
- Bypass and driver retention
- Using vehicle inspection data to track training and vehicle needs

Wednesday, December 3
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Webinar

Sailing Through Your BIT

DATE

November 20, 2025

LAST BIT WEBINAR OF THE YEAR!

TIME

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PRESENTERS

Jay Johnson & Paul Morris

We're keeping this webinar interactive! Stick around to the end and join us for an open discussion with our panel.

This is CTA's most popular and comprehensive webinar. It provides an in-depth understanding of the requirements set forth by California's Basic Inspection of Terminal (BIT) Program. The program is implemented by the California Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Safety Operations Program personnel. The course material will thoroughly cover the statutory and regulatory requirements of the BIT Program and key differences from DOT regulations.

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The following topics will be discussed in the webinar:

- Maintenance Program, including Preventive Maintenance and proper documentation.
- Driver Records, including Hours of Service, Driver Proficiency, and Employer Pull Notice.
- Inspection of Vehicles, including 90-day Periodic Inspections.
- Regulations for the transportation of Hazardous Materials, items needed during an inspection.

Attendees will be provided a "BIT Kit." This is a 700+ page reference guide containing essential forms & reference materials so you can sail through your next BIT inspection!

EVENTS

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CENTRAL VALLEY UNIT

UNIT MEETING

Featuring Guest Speaker:
**Assemblymember
Alex Macedo**

Thursday, December 11
11:45 - 1:00

Legend's Tap House & Grill
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will be served



Assemblymember Alexandra Macedo represents **California's 33rd District** in the San Joaquin Valley. She was born and raised in Tulare to a family deeply rooted in south valley agriculture.

Prior to her election, she advised clients in environmental compliance and consulting, along with agricultural design and project management.

She joins us to share her vision for issues critical to her constituents and California's trucking industry.



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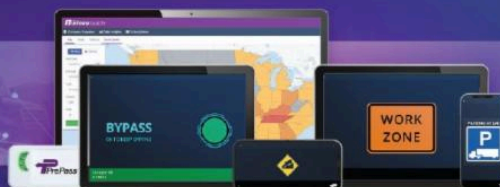
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



- 1** Drainage Restoration
- 2** Monte Vista Pavement Rehab
- 3** CMS Sign Replacement
- 4** Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge
- 5** Wrong Way Driver Prevention Safety Impr.
- 6** Soda Springs Pavement Rehab
- 7** WB I-80 Restripe

Caltrans is reminding motorists of various lane and ramp closures in multiple locations along Interstate 80 (I-80) and State Route 20 (SR 20) as several projects continue in Placer and Nevada counties.

Motorists may experience delays between 30 to 45 minutes and are encouraged to factor in additional travel times along the I-80 Sierra corridor.

Here is the breakdown for this week:

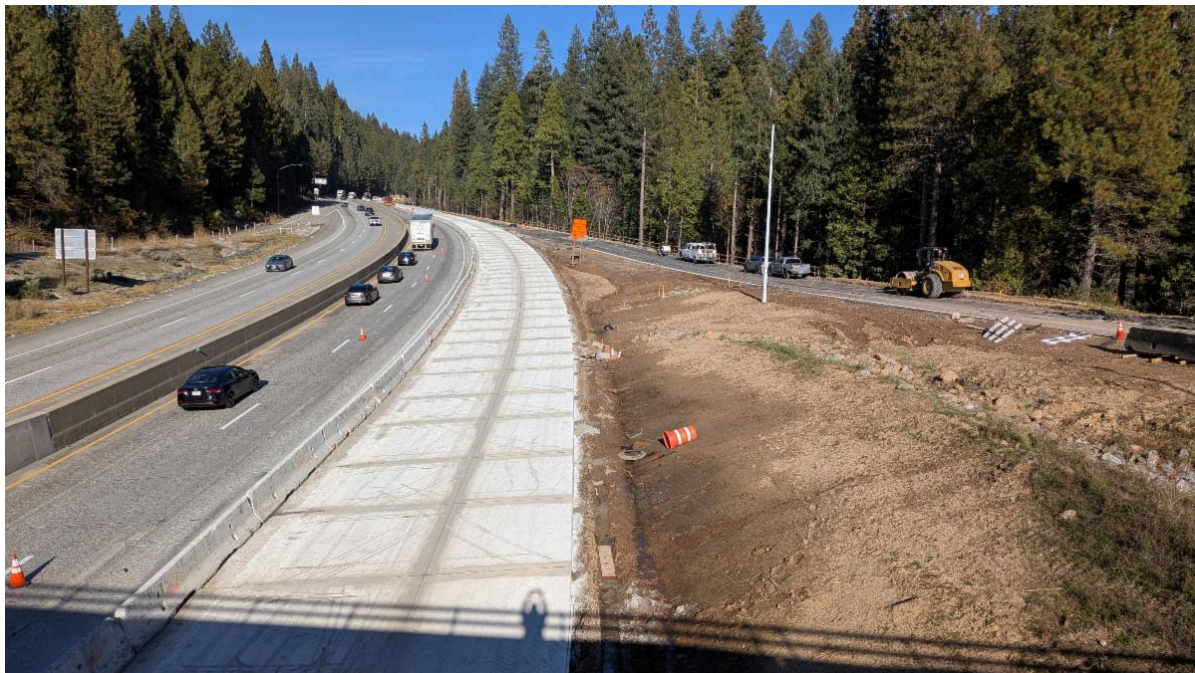
Eastbound I-80

- Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project
 - **Between Monte Vista and Drum Forebay, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, November 17 through 6 a.m. Thursday, November 20. Work is also scheduled from 7 p.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22.**
 - **Baxter on- and off-ramps are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Drum Forebay and return westbound on I-80 to Baxter.**
- Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project
 - **Between Yuba Gap and the junction with SR 20, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from midnight Monday, November 17 through 9 a.m. Friday, November 21.**
 - **Yuba Gap off- and on-ramps and eastbound I-80 off-ramp to SR 20 are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and return westbound on I-80 to SR 20 or Yuba Gap.**
- Emergency Culvert Repairs

- Donner Lake Vista Point is closed and scheduled to reopen at noon Friday, November 28.
- Between Vista Point and Donner Lake Interchange, various lane closures are scheduled 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, November 17 through Thursday, November 20.

Westbound I-80

- Emergency Culvert Repairs between Floriston and Hinton Road, various lane closures are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, November 17 through Friday, November 21.
- Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project between the junction with SR 20 and Yuba Gap, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from midnight Monday, November 17 through 9 a.m. Friday, November 21.
- Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Drum Forebay and Monte Vista, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, November 17 through 6 a.m. Sunday, November 23.



Eastbound SR 20

- Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project
- SR 20 on-ramp to eastbound I-80, scheduled to be intermittently closed from midnight Monday, November 17 through 9 a.m. Friday, November 21. When closed, motorists will detour westbound to Emigrant Gap and head back eastbound on I-80.
- SR 20 on-ramp to westbound I-80, will be intermittently closed until further notice. When closed, motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and head back westbound on I-80.

HELP DESK

Compliance Confusion? Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

Remember to use the “Help Desk Online Contact Form” when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

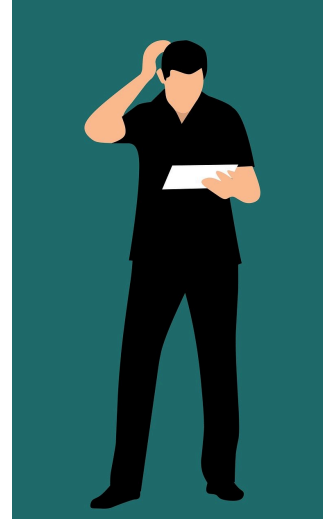
The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help with assisting various questions including:

- Driver qualification rules
- Drug testing questions

- Federal and California motor carrier safety regulations
- Log book/Hours-of-service regulations
- Vehicle load & securement rules
- Environmental regulations
- Hazardous materials regulations

Visit www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/, or email helpdesk@caltrux.org.

Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. CTA's Government Affairs team will do their best to get back to you in timely manner.



[Contact the Help Desk](#)

DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

Brush Up on Safety Issues With TREDS

CTA is partnered with UC San Diego's [Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety Center \(TREDS\)](#) to prevent crash-related morbidity and mortality by improving safe driving behaviors.

TREDS offers two courses aimed at preventing commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes from distracted and substance-impaired driving. They partner with the CTA to make courses available to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



Courses focus on distraction related to the use of cell phones and electronic devices and...

- Scope of the problem
- Risk & consequences
- Rules & regulations
- Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
- Work zone safety



Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

- Scope of the problem
- Contributing factors
- Risks & consequences
- Laws & testing procedures
- Strategies to drive-drug free

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 20 - [Seminar: Sailing Through Your BIT](#)
- November 20 - [Webinar: The Truth About Security Guards: Are They Worth the Investment?](#)

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