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April saw many events take place to prepare the industry for long-term success as warmer weather and summer approaches. The Port of Monroe in Michigan constructs the state's first container terminal with \$16 million in grants which will be able to handle containerized cargo. Meanwhile in Miami, FL, the industry is testing out last-mile delivery cargo bikes to replace trucks, which could lower emissions and ease congestion. Also, electric vehicles might not just serve as a healthy form of transportation, but rather serve as backup power for households during power outages.

There are still common issues at play such as battling the driver shortage by recruiting and retaining younger drivers. And at the border, it is still unclear when the vaccine mandate for non-US citizens will be lifted. However, as the supply chain industry slowly shifts back to "normal," logistics companies are collaborating more closely with their customers and carriers to build more efficient and resilient supply chains for the future.

MONROE CONTAINER PORT TO MOVE MICHIGAN AUTOS, AGRICULTURE

The Port of Monroe in Michigan is constructing the state's first container terminal with \$16 million in grants from the state and federal government. The terminal will enable the port to handle container shipments, which may potentially boost the state's supply chain.

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US BORDER VACCINE RULES REMAIN AS BIDEN ENDS COVID NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Although some drivers at both the Canadian and Mexican border admit to never needing proof of vaccination status, it is still unclear when the border vaccine mandate for non-US citizens will be lifted. Although the entry restriction will remain in place until at least May 11, President Joe Biden signed a bill that immediately ended the US national emergency response for COVID-19. The CTA hopes that the removal of emergency measures will prompt the end of the vaccine mandate.

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HOW 3PLS ARE BUILDING MORE COLLABORATIVE SUPPLY CHAINS

As the market conditions return to "normal," 3PL providers are adapting to the changes and striving to build more efficient supply chains. Logistics companies are working towards closer collaborations with their customer and carrier partners. This close collaboration between shippers and carriers is predicted to become more common in the future.

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RECRUITING, RETAINING NEXT-GENERATION DRIVERS A CHALLENGE

Trucking safety executives have suggested that the next generation of drivers may help ease the current shortage, but recruiting and retaining younger drivers will be challenging. Changes in leadership strategies to attract these younger drivers were highlighted as ways to fill the shortfall of 78,000 drivers.

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HOW YOUR EV CAN POWER YOUR HOME

Tammy Snyder's rural house in Northern California remained illuminated during winter power outages, thanks to her plug-in hybrid Chevy Volt. Her electric vehicle powered on her family's favorite lamp, furnace, laptop, internet and even refrigerator. EV batteries can store approximately enough energy to provide backup power for an average US household for two to three days.

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MIAMI, SEVEN OTHER CITIES TO TEST CARGO BIKES

Bustling Miami, FL is about to test out last-mile delivery cargo freight bicycles, to replace trucks. Shifting the way we think about systems, design, and moving goods, innovation and positivity is key during this experimental trial. These cargo bikes will be able to carry 500 pounds and will revolutionize curbside deliveries in the downtown area by lowering emissions and easing congestion.

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