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March 2023

In preparation for warmer weather and an April full of moving freight; many events took place in March to set the industry up for long-term success. First discussing initiatives for drivers, A new GPS tool integrating training and safety was released; and currently the court is determining if Uber and Postmates workers should be classified as an employee, rather than a contract worker. Sustainability is still a high focus in the transportation industry and states are working to correctly recycle “end of life” tires, whereas the Clean Freight Coalition is continuing to innovate a Road to Zero.

Construction begins at the Anzaldua’s Port of Entry to increase efficiency and fully support commercial cargo, eliminating major weight times at the Texas-Mexico border. Also, a \$755 million Truck Parking Improvement Act has been improved to increase safe parking for truck drivers by converting current lots and creating additional facilities. Looking back at March, continuous improvements are being made every day in this dynamic industry.

REDUCE LIABILITY AND INSURANCE COSTS WITH PRECISION GPS

Although drivers should never fully rely on a GPS, a new positioning technology has just been released that is likely 100x more accurate than the current standard. This new technology can be integrated into current equipment, but what makes it groundbreaking is its ability to reduce accident liability and improve safety.

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COURT REVIVES UBER/POSTMATES FIGHT AGAINST AB5 FOR APP-BASED DRIVERS

The newest lawsuit being brought to the lower federal court deals with a few of America's favorite brands, Uber and Postmates. The discussion on the table: should drivers of these popular brands be classified as an employee? According to the B prong, to be classified as an employee, a worker "performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business." And a driver contracting simply for trucking, as well as a driver moving people or food, runs into this issue...

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WORK BEGINS TO EXPAND KEY TEXAS-MEXICO ENTRY FOR TRUCKS

Construction begins at the Anzaldua's Port of Entry at the Texas-Mexico border to make inspection faster for truckers moving freight. Currently, the port only receives empty cargo trucks traveling southbound, but in 11 months, the port will fully support commercial cargo. The new southbound facilities is projected to support 9,300+ trucks per week.

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TIRE SUSTAINABILITY REMAINS TOP PRIORITY FOR INDUSTRY

In 44 states there are disposal and storage regulations for scrap tires as in most states it is against state law to dispose of tires in landfills. In 2021, about 71% of scrap tires were properly delivered to end-use markets. End-of-life tires can no longer be retreaded or reused again, and will be sent to a proper recycling facility.

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NEW TRUCKING COALITION FOCUSES ON CLEAN ENERGY

Trucking organizations have come together to create the Clean Freight Coalition, whose mission includes educating policymakers, promoting work, and advocating for policies all dedicated to protecting the environment in transportation. Truck dealers are one of the largest factors of regulating clean trucks, and their recent statement in support tells us they are on the right track: The Road to Zero is Paved by Innovation.

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LAWMAKERS INTRODUCE 'CLEAR PATH' TO MORE TRUCK PARKING

The Truck Parking Improvement Act received approval of \$755 million over four years dedicated to increasing safe parking for truckers. This act would improve current facilities and create additional facilities by converting existing weigh stations and rest areas. American Trucking Associations reported that 98% of drivers regularly experience problems finding safe parking, this initiative will help solve that problem.

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