Global Freight Trends and Private Sector Responses

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Global freight trends: "Doing freight right"

- Continued economic recovery ∝ freight work?
- Question 1: What is between here and horizon?
- Question 2: What might be over the horizon?

Three scales for perspective

- Local
- National (State and multi-state levels)
- Global



Don't confuse the next decade with the freight response horizon



Crossplot of GDP and US Freight Ton-miles



TOTAL U.S. ton-miles of freight (Millions)

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What does it mean to be *doing freight right*?

Public and private attention on more than one lever at a time?

Examples

- Port gateways hubs of change?
- Energy, efficiency, economics invest for profits?
- First-hand vs. second-hand fleets green growth and brown bubbles
- Rules of the road policy signals as push or pull?















What is happening to supply chain now?

- Container shipments have grown by 290% since 2000
- Vessel overcapacity, "right-steaming"
- Supply chain is more intermodal
- Distribution Centers now twice the size from a decade ago
- Alternative ports are on the rise



The IF-TOLD Mitigation Framework: A Context for New LOS Discussions

The IF-TOLD Six degrees of freedom

- <u>Intermodalism/mode-shifting</u> efficient modes
- <u>Fuels</u> advanced, low-emission, low-carbon fuels
- <u>*Technology*</u> efficient technologies
- **Operations** best practices in operator behavior
- <u>Logistics</u> supply chain management
- <u>**D**emand</u> how much STUFF we transport and consume

Key trends changing this decade(s)

- Right-shoring
- Right-steaming
- Right-routing
- Right-timing
- Right-bundling
- Right-mode mixing



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• Right-shoring

 Locate the best combinations of enterprise components for cost and efficiency



Key trends changing this decade(s)

• Right-steaming

 Energy price shocks and recession slowed ships; supply chain flexibility emerged





2020 Optimistic: ~\$400/ton fuel

Key trends changing this decade(s)

• Right-routing

 Routes are made not found; markets can result in circuits, pendulums, or empty backhauls



Key trends changing this decade(s)

- Liner (scheduled) transport
- Spot (unscheduled) transport
- Daily, weekly, biweekly flexibility



• Right-timing

Key trends changing this decade(s)

 Better bundling and backhauls reduce annual miles, moves more goods, saves \$ and energy, serves flexibly supply chain

• Right-bundling

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Key trends changing this decade(s)

 When some fleets modernize quickly, others benefit (?) from younger second-hand stock



• Right-investing



What might be over the horizon? Questions and Discussion

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