

FreightWeekSTL 2023 to feature latest innovations impacting global freight movement

The annual week-long freight and logistics expo called FreightWeekSTL 2023 will be held May 22 through May 26, and will feature discussions with industry experts spotlighting the latest trends, innovations, and key issues impacting global freight movement. The majority of the panel discussions will be available virtually, while a riverboat cruise through the Ag Coast of America and a Freight Summit Luncheon will provide excellent opportunities for in-person connections. The event highlights the unique role the St. Louis region plays in advancing major infrastructure projects and addressing global supply chain disruption.

Registration is open for all sessions and events, which collectively provide a great opportunity to hear from and engage with freight and logistics experts; economic development, real estate development and transportation professionals; regional leaders from across the bi-state St. Louis area, and other forward thinkers from the public and private sector.

“Innovation and collaboration will be central themes throughout FreightWeekSTL 2023,” said Mary Lamie. Lamie is the Executive Vice President of Multi-Modal Enterprises for Bi-State Development, which operates the St. Louis Regional Freightway as one of its enterprises. “This is the sixth year the St. Louis Regional Freightway has presented FreightWeek STL. Every year, we are thrilled to welcome industry leaders from across the country and around the globe who not only provide valuable insight on current trends, topics, and issues, but also are helping to shape the future of the freight and transportation industries.”

The full lineup of virtual events for FreightWeekSTL 2023 includes:

- A conversation with Uri Yoselevich, Founder and CEO of DockTech, an Israeli-based company that creates

a virtual representation of the seabed of ports and waterways. The company delivers greater visibility and predictability in helping to improve freight movement through the global port system.

- A discussion with Timothy Luchini, Ph.D, co-founder and CEO of St. Louis-based start-up Intramotiv Autonomous Rail. He will share details on the advancements in the development of an autonomous, zero-emissions railcar that would be able to operate without the use of a locomotive and the role it could play in making the U.S. rail system more efficient while also expediting the overall supply chain process.
- A spotlight on the partnership

between UNCOMN, a St.-Louis based technology consulting firm, and the Port of Long Beach. This collaboration

is creating a supply chain information highway with the ability to access, analyze, and integrate data regarding the movement of freight through the nation’s largest ports in a way that helps improve in-transit visibility.

- A panel with four St. Louis area ports highlighting continuing investments and recent infrastructure funding wins that support growth in traditional barge services and intermodal operations in the Ag Coast of America, and preparations for the arrival of innovative Container-on-Vessel service.

- A panel discussion about drought and flood resiliency planning along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers featuring representatives from the Missouri Department of Transportation,

The Missouri Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Missouri River Coalition.

- An informational panel highlighting several significant planned developments and manufacturing expansions in the St. Louis region. Attendees will hear directly from representatives of Good Developments Group, American Foods Group, James Hardie Industries and Tyson Foods about the factors driving their investment decisions in both Missouri and Illinois.
- A spotlight on a 70-mile section of Interstate 70 linking Missouri and Illinois that is the epicenter of the historic surge in new construction in the St. Louis regional

industrial market. The latest Industrial Real Estate Market Report for the region also will be released, under-

scoring St. Louis region’s position as one location delivering global access.

FreightWeekSTL will include a riverboat tour on the Mississippi River, which will feature key freight assets and opportunities that position the St. Louis region as a thriving freight and global logistics hub. The tour will showcase critical elements of the region’s multimodal freight network, including roads, bridges, rail and barge facilities, freight transfer services, and the ports and infrastructure that have made this section of the Mississippi River the Ag Coast of America.

Another highlight will be the 2023 Freight Summit, which returns as an in-person event for the first time since 2019. The keynote address will spotlight

the East Coast’s largest container import gateway – the Port of New York & New Jersey – while highlighting its rail connectivity to the St. Louis region. The event will also feature the release of the 2024 Priority Projects List, a valuable tool used to advocate for support and funding for critical infrastructure improvements that strengthen the St. Louis region’s position as a world-class freight and logistics hub for national and global supply chains.

“We have a stellar lineup of speakers and timely topics this year, so we’re anticipating another great event as people join us virtually, in person, or take advantage of the flexibility our format offers to enjoy the FreightWeekSTL 2023 offerings on their own schedules,” Lamie said.

The St. Louis Regional Freightway is an enterprise of Bi-State Development, a dynamic and multi-faceted resource for economic development in the St. Louis region. In 2014, Bi-State Development established a freight district for the St. Louis region and began globally marketing freight and logistics assets, freight operations and opportunities within the bi-state area.

“Bi-State Development appreciates the work of our Freightway enterprise, and we consider FreightWeekSTL to be the signature initiative in its ongoing work to highlight the region’s tremendous freight and site selection strengths,” said Bi-State Development President and CEO Taulby Roach.

To learn more about FreightWeekSTL, see the dates and times for each session or register to attend the virtual sessions and events, visit <https://freightweekstl.thefreightway.com/>. For those who are unable to tune in live for the individual panel sessions, all the content presented will be accessible on the website and via the organization’s social media channels.

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