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## SmartWay e-update

*December 2021 SmartWay e-update*

*News for EPA SmartWay Partners and Stakeholders*

## Season's Greetings

Deliveries during the holiday season are always important, and this year SmartWay extends a special greeting of gratitude to its Partners and the entire freight community. 2021 was another challenging year for the industry and as we gradually emerge from the pandemic, trucking companies, shippers and logistics providers are working harder than ever to deliver all the goods necessary to keep our communities healthy and safe – everything from medical supplies, groceries, clothing and other home and business essentials. During the holidays, these deliveries increase to include food for holiday feasts, toys, gifts, lights, Christmas trees and more! During this special season, people and cultures from all over the world celebrate light, life and new beginnings. As part of this celebration, SmartWay sends you its best wishes for a happy holiday season and a joyous New Year! Thank you for all you do and we look forward to continuing our work with you to make the world a better, more sustainable place in 2022 and beyond.



## Welcome New Partners!

Even in these extraordinary times, companies with a vision for a more sustainable future are seeking opportunities to help optimize their freight operations and increase efficiency and resiliency. To that end, SmartWay welcomed almost 300 new Partners in 2021, including freight carriers, shippers and logistics service providers operating across a wide range of industries. SmartWay applauds its Partners for their leadership and welcomes their contributions in the years to come. To learn more about SmartWay and its new and existing Partners, visit our [website](#).



## EPA Gives Overview, Seeks Input on Clean School Bus Program

### 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$5 Billion in Appropriations

On December 15, EPA hosted a listening session covering the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its \$5 billion investment in the nation's fleet of K-12 school buses. Presentations and a recording of the session will be available late in December on the Clean School Bus website [here](#). Under the recently enacted legislation, EPA will offer a total of \$5 billion between fiscal years 2022 and 2026 to fund the replacement of existing school buses with low- or zero-emission school buses. Visit [www.epa.gov/schoolbus](http://www.epa.gov/schoolbus) for more information and updates about electric and alternative fuel buses, technical resources for fleets and associated charging, fueling and infrastructure considerations, and upcoming funding opportunities. Feedback on the program is welcome and can be sent to the Agency [here](#).



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## Upcoming Virtual Meetings and Conferences

### Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting

January 9-13, 2022  
Washington, DC



The Transportation Research Board returns to an in-person format in 2022, and as in the past is expected to attract thousands of transportation professionals from around the world. The meeting program covers all transportation modes, with sessions and workshops addressing topics of interest to policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions. A number of sessions and workshops focus on the spotlight theme for the 2022 meeting: *Innovating an Equitable, Resilient, Sustainable, and Safe Transportation System*. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting/AnnualMeeting.aspx>

## Retail Industry Leaders Association Link2022: Retail Supply Chain Conference

February 20-23, 2022  
Dallas, TX



The Retail Supply Chain Conference: LINK2022 will gather supply chain executives and experts to share solutions that can help meet the challenges posed in managing complex retail supply chains. This year's program includes a series of retailer-led general sessions and concurrent breakout sessions. Educational programs also will be held on the exhibitor floor, where more than 300 companies will exhibit products and services. Sessions and programs are organized under six basic subject headings, including:

- Automation, robotics and innovation
- End-to-End omnichannel platforms
- Distribution, fulfillment and last-mile
- Sustainability, environmental, social and governance principles
- Transportation and logistics
- Workforce and talent

LINK2022 is hosted by the Retail Industry Leaders Association, a SmartWay affiliate. Several SmartWay partners are participating and leading some of the breakout and educational sessions as well. More information on the conference is available [here](#).

## New SmartWay Logistics Resources Available Soon!

EPA SmartWay will publish a new series of technical bulletins featuring a range of emerging strategies that logistics companies and shippers can use to move goods more efficiently and sustainably. These new bulletins will cover the following technologies and operational strategies:

- Co-loading
- Continuous Move Planning
- Load Optimization
- Inventory Management as a Shipping Strategy
- Rightsizing Equipment and Fleets
- Route Optimization
- Carrier Freight Matching
- Supplier Sourcing
- Less-than-Truckload Freight Consolidation

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SmartWay looks forward to making these resources available next month and working with its partners to improve freight efficiency and sustainability in 2022!

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