Union Pacific Reports Third Quarter 2021 Results



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OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 21, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Union Pacific Corporation (NYSE: UNP) today reported 2021 third quarter net income of \$1.7 billion, or \$2.57 per diluted share. This compares to \$1.4 billion, or \$2.01 per diluted share, in the third quarter 2020.

"The Union Pacific team successfully navigated global supply chain disruptions, a major bridge outage, and additional weather events to produce strong quarterly revenue growth and financial results," said Lance Fritz, Union Pacific chairman, president, and chief executive officer. "In the quarter, the team delivered solid core pricing gains, leveraged business development to produce a positive business mix, and generated productivity to offset flat volume. We also set a quarterly record for fuel consumption rate as we continue to make strides towards our goal to reduce our absolute greenhouse gas emissions. As we close out 2021, we are committed to improving our safety performance and service product to support our customers and the broader supply chain to handle the strong demand for freight transportation."

Financial Results: Third Quarter Records for Operating Income, Operating Ratio, Net Income, and Earnings Per Share

Third Quarter 2021 Compared to Third Quarter 2020

- Operating revenue of \$5.6 billion was up 13%.
- Business volumes, as measured by total revenue carloads, were flat.
- Union Pacific's 56.3% operating ratio improved 240 basis points. Higher fuel prices negatively impacted the operating ratio by 140 basis points.
- Operating Income of \$2.4 billion was up 20%.
- The company repurchased 8.6 million shares in third quarter 2021 at an aggregate cost of \$1.8 billion.

Operating Performance: Quarterly Record for Fuel Consumption Rate; Third Quarter Record for Workforce Productivity

Third Quarter 2021 Compared to Third Quarter 2020

- Network operations challenged by wildfires and other weather events, reflected in quarterly freight car velocity of 195 daily miles per car, a 13% decline.
- Quarterly locomotive productivity was 127 gross ton-miles (GTMs) per horsepower day, an 8% decline.
- Quarterly workforce productivity was 1,044 car miles per employee, a 5% improvement.
- Average maximum train length was 9,359 feet, a 4% increase.
- Fuel consumption rate, measured in gallons of fuel per thousand GTMs, improved 1%.
- Union Pacific's year-to-date reportable personal injury rate deteriorated to 1.00 per 200,000 employee-hours compared to 0.90 for year-to-date 2020.

Third Quarter 2021 Earnings Conference Call

Union Pacific will webcast its third quarter 2021 earnings release presentation live at www.up.com/investor and via teleconference on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. Eastern Time. Participants may join the conference call by dialing 877-407-8293 (or for international participants, 201-689-8349).

ABOUT UNION PACIFIC

Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) delivers the goods families and businesses use every day with safe, reliable, and efficient service. Operating in 23 western states, the company connects its customers and communities to the global economy. Trains are the most environmentally responsible way to move freight, helping Union Pacific protect future generations. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

Supplemental financial information is attached.

This news release and related materials contain statements about the Company's future that are not statements of historical fact, including specifically the statements regarding the Company's expectations with respect to economic conditions and demand levels, its ability to improve network performance, its results of operations, and potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These statements are, or will be, forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements also generally include, without limitation, information, or statements regarding: projections, predictions, expectations, estimates, or forecasts as to the Company's and its subsidiaries' business, financial, and operational results, and future economic performance; and management's beliefs, expectations, goals, and objectives and other similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts.

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Forward-looking statements speak only as of, and are based only upon information available on, the date the statements were made. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking information to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions, or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information. If the Company does update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that the Company will make additional updates with respect thereto or with respect to other forward-looking

statements. References to our website are provided for convenience and, therefore, information on or available through the website is not, and should not be deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein.

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

Millions, Except Per Share Amounts and Percentages,	3rd Quarter						Year-to-Date					
For the Periods Ended September 30,	2021			2020	%		2021		%			
Operating Revenues												
Freight revenues	\$	5,166	\$	4,596	12 %	\$	14,947	\$	13,448	11 %		
Other		400		323	24		1,124		944	19		
Total operating revenues		5,566		4,919	13		16,071		14,392	12		
Operating Expenses												
Compensation and benefits		1,040		1,008	3		3,088		2,972	4		
Depreciation		553		555	-		1,652		1,653	-		
Purchased services and materials		510		508	-		1,478		1,470	1		
Fuel		544		301	81		1,452		982	48		
Equipment and other rents		217		217	-		629		655	(4)		
Other		270		299	(10)		874		832	5		
Total operating expenses		3,134		2,888	9		9,173		8,564	7		
Operating Income		2,432		2,031	20		6,898		5,828	18		
Other income, net		38		37	3		214		221	(3)		
Interest expense		(290)		(295)	(2)		(862)		(862)	-		
Income before income taxes		2,180		1,773	23		6,250		5,187	20		
Income taxes		(507)		(410)	24		(1,438)		(1,218)	18		
Net Income	\$	1,673	\$	1,363	23 %	\$	4,812	\$	3,969	21 %		
Share and Per Share												
Earnings per share - basic	\$	2.58	\$	2.02	28 %	\$	7.31	\$	5.85	25 %		
Earnings per share - diluted	\$	2.57	\$	2.01	28	\$	7.29	\$	5.83	25		
Weighted average number of shares - basic		648.7		675.0	(4)		658.3		679.0	(3)		
Weighted average number of shares - diluted		650.3		676.8	(4)		659.9		680.7	(3)		
Dividends declared per share	\$	1.07	\$	0.97	10	\$	3.11	\$	2.91	7		
Operating Ratio		56.3%		58.7%	(2.4) pts		57.1%		59.5%	(2.4) pt		
Effective Tax Rate		23.3%		23.1%	0.2 pts		23.0%		23.5%	(0.5) pt		

	 	3rd Qu	ıarter		 Year-to-Date				
For the Periods Ended September 30,	2021		2020	%	2021		2020	%	
Freight Revenues (Millions)									
Grain & grain products	\$ 731	\$	695	5 %	\$ 2,292	\$	2,028	13 %	
Fertilizer	172		157	10	521		499	4	
Food & refrigerated	253		239	6	739		694	6	
Coal & renewables	531		387	37	1,295		1,177	10	
Bulk	1,687		1,478	14	4,847		4,398	10	
Industrial chemicals & plastics	503		454	11	1,436		1,384	4	
Metals & minerals	488		365	34	1,330		1,202	11	
Forest products	342		284	20	1,006		853	18	
Energy & specialized markets	578		464	25	1,654		1,522	9	
Industrial	1,911		1,567	22	5,426		4,961	9	
Automotive	417		481	(13)	1,292		1,194	8	
Intermodal	1,151		1,070	8	3,382		2,895	17	
Premium	1,568		1,551	1	4,674		4,089	14	
Total	\$ 5,166	\$	4,596	12 %	\$ 14,947	\$	13,448	11 %	
Revenue Carloads (Thousands)									
Grain & grain products	185		187	(1) %	592		529	12b ^c	
Fertilizer	55		50	10	153		149	3	
Food & refrigerated	48		48	-	141		137	3	
Coal & renewables	232		213	9	604		607	_	
Bulk	520		498	4	1,490		1,422	5	
Industrial chemicals & plastics	153		144	6	449		439	2	
Metals & minerals	188		156	21	516		492	5	
Forest products	63		55	15	187		161	16	
Energy & specialized markets	145		125	16	422		402	5	
Industrial	549		480	14	1,574		1,494	5	
Automotive	166		203	(18)	519		490	6	
Intermodal [a]	809		863	(6)	2,483		2,296	8	
Premium	975		1,066	(9)	3,002		2,786	8	
Total	2,044		2,044	- %	6,066		5,702	6 9	
Average Revenue per Car					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Grain & grain products	\$ 3,937	\$	3,705	6 %	\$ 3,869	\$	3,832	1 9	
Fertilizer	3,125		3,172	(1)	3,398		3,361	1	
Food & refrigerated	5,246		4,891	7	5,235		5,053	4	
Coal & renewables	2,298		1,820	26	2,146		1,938	11	
Bulk	3,244		2,964	9	3,252		3,092	5	
Industrial chemicals & plastics	3,277		3,154	4	3,195		3,150	1	
Metals & minerals	2,596		2,337	11	2,577		2,444	5	
Forest products	5,457		5,181	5	5,390		5,300	2	
Energy & specialized markets	3,996		3,742	7	3,924		3,791	4	
Industrial	3,482		3,271	6	3,448		3,321	4	
Automotive	2,500		2,368	6	2,488		2,438	2	
Intermodal [a]	1,424		1,238	15	1,362		1,261	8	
	1,608		1,454	11	1,557		1,468	6	
Premium									

[a] For intermodal shipments each container or trailer equals one carload.

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (unaudited)

	Sep. 30,	Dec. 31,
Millions, Except Percentages	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,194	\$ 1,799
Short-term investments	46	60
Other current assets	2,570	2,355
Investments	2,273	2,164
Properties, net	54,362	54,161
Operating lease assets	1,630	1,610
Other assets	285	249
Total assets	\$ 62,360	\$ 62,398
Liabilities and Common Shareholders' Equity		
Debt due within one year	\$ 1,835	\$ 1,069
Other current liabilities	3,276	3,104
Debt due after one year	27,560	25,660
Operating lease liabilities	1,262	1,283
Deferred income taxes	12,500	12,247
Other long-term liabilities	2,010	2,077
Total liabilities	48,443	45,440
Total common shareholders' equity	13,917	16,958
Total liabilities and common shareholders' equity	\$ 62,360	\$ 62,398

Millions,	Year-to-Date						
For the Periods Ended September 30,		2021		2020			
Operating Activities							
Net income	\$	4,812	\$	3,969			
Depreciation		1,652		1,653			
Deferred income taxes		189		327			
Other - net		(150)		44			
Cash provided by operating activities		6,503		5,993			
Investing Activities							
Capital investments		(1,945)		(2,294)			
Maturities of short-term investments		64		106			
Purchases of short-term investments		(40)		(106)			
Other - net		129		213			
Cash used in investing activities		(1,792)		(2,081)			
Financing Activities							
Share repurchase programs		(5,846)		(2,956)			
Debt issued		3,901		4,004			
Dividends paid		(2,045)		(1,974)			
Debt repaid		(1,120)		(832)			
Debt Exchange		(270)		(327)			
Net issuance of commercial paper		125		(2)			
Other - net		(36)		(63)			
Cash used in financing activities		(5,291)		(2,150)			
Net Change in Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash		(580)		1,762			
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of year		1,818		856			
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash at End of Period	\$	1,238	\$	2,618			
Free Cash Flow*							
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	6,503	\$	5,993			
Cash used in investing activities		(1,792)		(2,081)			
Dividends paid		(2,045)		(1,974)			
Free cash flow	\$	2,666	\$	1,938			

^{*} Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure; however, we believe this measure is important to management and investors in evaluating our financial performance and measures our ability to generate cash without additional external financing.

		3rd Quarter		Year-to-Date					
For the Periods Ended September 30,	2021	2020	%	2021	2020	%			
Operating/Performance Statistics									
Freight car velocity (daily miles per car) [a]	195	223	(13)%	205	220	(7)%			
Average train speed (miles per hour) *	24.2	25.3	(4)	24.8	25.8	(4)			
Average terminal dwell time (hours) *	24.0	22.8	5	23.5	22.8	3			
Locomotive productivity (GTMs per horsepower day)	127	138	(8)	135	135	-			
Gross ton-miles (GTMs) (millions)	207,059	196,998	5	607,949	568,921	7			
Train length (feet)	9,359	8,984	4	9,340	8,676	8			
Intermodal car trip plan compliance (%)	66	77	(11)pts	72	81	(9)pts			
Manifest/Automotive car trip plan compliance (%)	60	72	(12)pts	65	70	(5)pts			
Workforce productivity (car miles per employee)	1,044	998	5	1,036	920	13			
Total employees (average)	29,810	30,155	(1)	29,877	31,362	(5)			
Locomotive Fuel Statistics									
Average fuel price per gallon consumed	\$ 2.37	\$ 1.36	74%	\$ 2.13	\$ 1.51	41%			
Fuel consumed in gallons (millions)	221	213	4	660	627	5			
Fuel consumption rate**	1.068	1.084	(1)	1.085	1.103	(2)			
Revenue Ton-Miles (Millions)									
Grain & grain products	17,326	18,035	(4)%	57,864	50,388	15%			
Fertilizer	3,038	2,932	4	9,202	9,092	1			
Food & refrigerated	4,685	4,614	2	13,824	12,872	7			
Coal & renewables	24,539	20,374	20	62,791	58,567	7			
Bulk	49,588	45,955	8	143,681	130,919	10			
Industrial chemicals & plastics	7,746	7,170	8	22,791	20,630	10			
Metals & minerals	8,922	6,536	37	24,382	21,471	14			
Forest products	6,381	5,882	8	19,405	17,321	12			
Energy & specialized markets	9,780	8,005	22	28,482	27,327	4			
Industrial	32,829	27,593	19	95,060	86,749	10			
Automotive	3,507	4,269	(18)	11,049	10,498	5			
Intermodal	18,390	20,096	(8)	56,643	55,344	2			
Premium	21,897	24,365	(10)	67,692	65,842	3			
Total	104,314	97,913	7%	306,433	283,510	8%			

[[]a] Prior years have been realigned to conform to the current year presentation.

^{*} Surface Transportation Board reported performance measures.

^{**} Fuel consumption is computed as follows: gallons of fuel consumed divided by gross ton-miles in thousands.

	2021									
Millions, Except Per Share Amounts and Percentages		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr	Ye	ar-to-Date		
Operating Revenues						_				
Freight revenues	\$	4,649	\$	5,132	\$	5,166	\$	14,947		
Other revenues		352		372		400		1,124		
Total operating revenues		5,001		5,504		5,566		16,071		
Operating Expenses										
Compensation and benefits		1,026		1,022		1,040		3,088		
Depreciation		549		550		553		1,652		
Purchased services and materials		490		478		510		1,478		
Fuel		411		497		544		1,452		
Equipment and other rents		212		200		217		629		
Other		320		284		270		874		
Total operating expenses		3,008		3,031		3,134		9,173		
Operating Income		1,993		2,473		2,432		6,898		
Other income, net		51		125		38		214		
Interest expense		(290)		(282)		(290)		(862)		
Income before income taxes		1,754		2,316		2,180		6,250		
Income taxes		(413)		(518)		(507)		(1,438)		
Net Income	\$	1,341	\$	1,798	\$	1,673	\$	4,812		
Share and Per Share										
Earnings per share - basic	\$	2.01	\$	2.73	\$	2.58	\$	7.31		
Earnings per share - diluted	\$	2.00	\$	2.72	\$	2.57	\$	7.29		
Weighted average number of shares - basic		667.6		658.5		648.7		658.3		
Weighted average number of shares - diluted		669.2		660.1		650.3		659.9		
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.97	\$	1.07	\$	1.07	\$	3.11		
Operating Ratio		60.1%		55.1%		56.3%		57.1%		
Effective Tax Rate		23.5%		22.4%		23.3%		23.0%		

	2021									
		st Qtr	2r	nd Qtr	31	rd Qtr	Year-to-Dat			
Freight Revenues (Millions)										
Grain & grain products	\$	766	\$	795	\$	731	\$	2,29		
Fertilizer		170		179		172		52		
Food & refrigerated		235		251		253		73		
Coal & renewables		341		423		531		1,29		
Bulk		1,512		1,648		1,687		4,84		
Industrial chemicals & plastics		435		498		503		1,43		
Metals & minerals		375		467		488		1,33		
Forest products		316		348		342		1,00		
Energy & specialized markets		530		546		578		1,68		
Industrial		1,656		1,859		1,911		5,42		
Automotive		447		428		417		1,29		
Intermodal		1,034		1,197		1,151		3,38		
Premium		1,481		1,625		1,568		4,67		
Total	\$	4,649	\$	5,132	\$	5,166	\$	14,94		
Revenue Carloads (Thousands)										
Grain & grain products		203		204		185		59		
Fertilizer		44		54		55		15		
Food & refrigerated		45		48	48			14		
Coal & renewables		174		198		232		60		
Bulk		466		504		520		1,49		
Industrial chemicals & plastics		140		156		153		44		
Metals & minerals		146		182		188		5		
Forest products		60		64		64		63		18
Energy & specialized markets		139		138		145		42		
Industrial		485		540		549		1,5		
Automotive		180		173		166		5		
Intermodal [a]		796		878		809		2,48		
Premium		976		1,051		975		3,00		
Total		1,927		2,095		2,044		6,06		
Average Revenue per Car										
Grain & grain products	\$	3,782	\$	3,894	\$	3,937	\$	3,86		
Fertilizer		3,852		3,304		3,125		3,39		
Food & refrigerated		5,234		5,226		5,246		5,23		
Coal & renewables		1,958		2,134		2,298		2,14		
Bulk		3,246		3,266		3,244		3,2		
Industrial chemicals & plastics		3,113		3,189		3,277		3,19		
Metals & minerals		2,563		2,569		2,596		2,5		
Forest products	5,244			5,463		5,457		5,39		
Energy & specialized markets		3,828		3,944		3,996		3,92		
Industrial		3,417		3,442	•	3,482		3,44		
Automotive		2,485		2,479	•	2,500		2,48		
Intermodal [a]		1,299		1,363		1,424		1,36		
Premium		1,517		1,547	•	1,608		1,55		
Average	\$	2,413	\$	2,449	\$	2,528	\$	2,46		

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Non-GAAP Measures Reconciliation to GAAP

Comparable Adjusted Debt / Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted Debt / Adjusted EBITDA*

Adjusted Dept / Adjusted EBITDA*	 San 20	Doc. 21
Millions, Except Ratios	Sep. 30,	Dec. 31,
for the Trailing Twelve Months Ended [a]	2021	2020
Net income	\$ 6,192	\$ 5,349
Add:		
Income tax expense	1,851	1,631
Depreciation	2,209	2,210
Interest expense	1,141	1,141
EBITDA	\$ 11,393	\$ 10,331
Adjustments:		
Other income, net	(280)	(287)
Interest on operating lease liabilities**	53	59
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 11,166	\$ 10,103
Debt	\$ 29,395	\$ 26,729
Operating lease liabilities	1,568	1,604
Unfunded pension and OPEB, net of taxes of \$175 and \$195	585	637
Adjusted debt	\$ 31,548	\$ 28,970
Adjusted debt / Adjusted EBITDA	2.8	2.9
Comparable Adjusted Debt / Adjusted EBITDA*	 	
	Sep. 30,	Dec. 31
for the Trailing Twelve Months Ended [a]	2021	2020
Adjusted debt / Adjusted EBITDA	2.83	2.87
Factors Affecting Comparability:		
Brazos yard impairment [b]	(0.07)	(0.08)

2.76

2.79

- [a] The trailing twelve months income statement information ended September 30, 2021, is recalculated by taking the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, subtracting the nine months ended September 30, 2020, and adding the nine months ended September 30, 2021.
- [b] Adjustments remove the impact of \$209 million from net income and \$69 million from income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2020. See page 9 for a reconciliation to GAAP.
- * Total debt plus operating lease liabilities plus after-tax unfunded pension and OPEB obligation divided by net income plus income tax expense, depreciation, amortization, interest expense, and adjustments for other income and interest on operating lease liabilities. Adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and adjustments for other income and interest on operating lease liabilities) and comparable adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA are considered a non-GAAP financial measure by SEC Regulation G and Item 10 of SEC Regulation S-K and may not be defined and calculated by other companies in the same manner. We believe these measures are important to management and investors in evaluating the Company's ability to sustain given debt levels (including leases) with the cash generated from operations. In addition, a comparable measure is used by rating agencies when reviewing the Company's credit rating. Adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA and comparable adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, net income. The table above provides reconciliations from net income to adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA and comparable adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA. At September 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, the incremental borrowing rate on operating lease liabilities was 3.4% and 3.7%, respectively.
- ** Represents the hypothetical interest expense we would incur (using the incremental borrowing rate) if the property under our operating leases were owned or accounted for as finance leases.

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Non-GAAP Measures Reconciliation to GAAP

Financial Performance*

Millions, Except Per Share Amounts and Percentages	Reported results (GAAP)	Brazos Yard Impairment		Adjusted results (non-GAAP)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020				
Income taxes	\$ 1,631	\$ 69	\$	1,700
Net income	\$ 5,349	\$ 209	\$	5,558

* The above table reconciles our results for the year ended December 31, 2020, to adjusted results that exclude the impact of certain items identified as affecting comparability. We use adjusted income taxes and adjusted net income, as applicable, among other measures, to evaluate our actual operating performance. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide valuable information regarding earnings and business trends by excluding specific items that we believe are not indicative of our ongoing operating results of our business, providing a useful way for investors to make a comparison of our performance over time and against other companies in our industry. Since these are not measures of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP, they should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, income taxes and net income.

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