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Great news for Cargo Services client companies came late last week with the announcement of a new intermodal rail hub opening in Indianapolis this July. In case you missed the announcement, we're providing a brief summary.

CN (Canadian Railway Company) and the Indiana Rail Road Company are building a Senate Avenue terminal just south of the city. It will provide an all-rail option for containers moving to/from Asia along with a container yard and an on-site agricultural product loading facility.

For Cargo Services customers who ship to/from Asia it adds up to time and cost savings:

- The estimated shipping time between Shanghai and Indianapolis will become 18 to 20 days compared to 22 to 25 days today.
- Instead of trucking inventory to/from Chicago, cargo will move via rail meaning no more weather and interstate delays.
- Detention charges common with Chicago rail ramps won't be necessary nor will those long inland truck moves from Chicago to ports.
- Instead the new facility will move freight using locally sourced containers to/from Asia on direct rail service from Indianapolis via the Canadian ports Vancouver and Prince Rupert.
- There will be three departures per week from Indianapolis with multiple steamship lines offering weekly service to most Asian ports.

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