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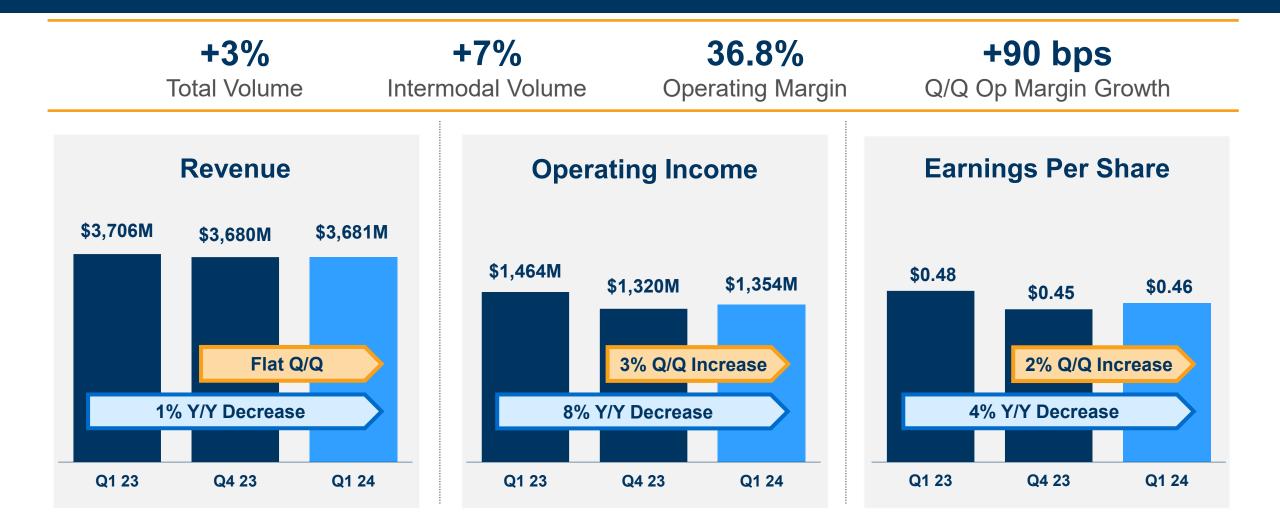
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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## Joe Hinrichs President and Chief Executive Officer



### First Quarter Financial and Operational Highlights



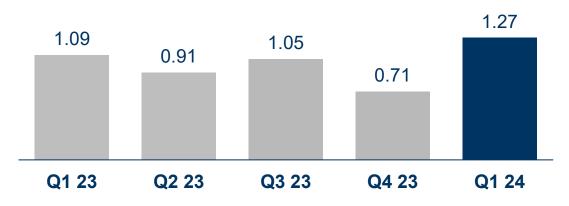
# **OPERATIONS REVIEW**

## Mike Cory Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer



## **CSX** First Quarter Safety Highlights

#### **FRA Personal Injury Frequency Index**



**FRA Train Accident Rate** 



- > Safety remains a core principle at CSX
- Q1 FRA injury and accident rates deteriorated sequentially versus the best quarterly performance of 2023
- New risk identification and prevention training began in January, with 4,800 employees completing the program YTD
- Building a culture that emphasizes active communication, immediate attention, and broad accountability for all safety issues

### Balancing Network Fluidity, Building Long-Term Reliability

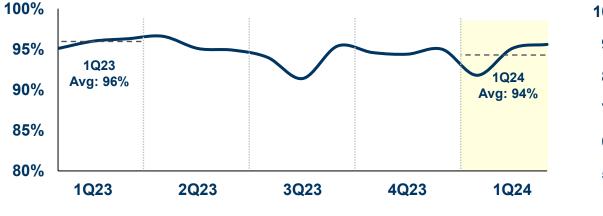


- Modest decrease in velocity and increase in dwell compared to last year
- Train tonnage and other key metrics indicate solid fluidity and efficiency enhancements
- Improving planning process for maintenance and engineering work to reduce disruptions
- Exploring opportunities for network asset reconfiguration and optimization
- Controlling costs while delivering safe, consistent, reliable service

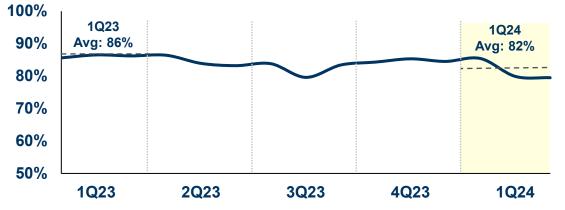
### **Customer Service Performance Remains Strong**

**Intermodal Trip Plan Performance** 

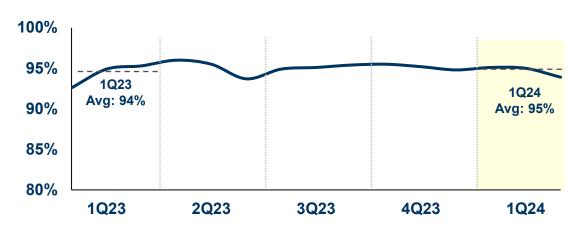
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**Carload Trip Plan Performance** 



**Customer Switch Data** 



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# **SALES & MARKETING REVIEW**

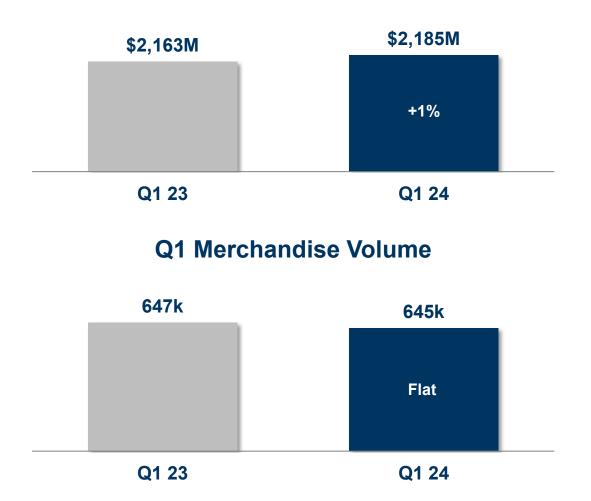
## **Kevin Boone**

**Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer** 



### Merchandise Volume & Revenue Summary

#### **Q1 Merchandise Revenue**

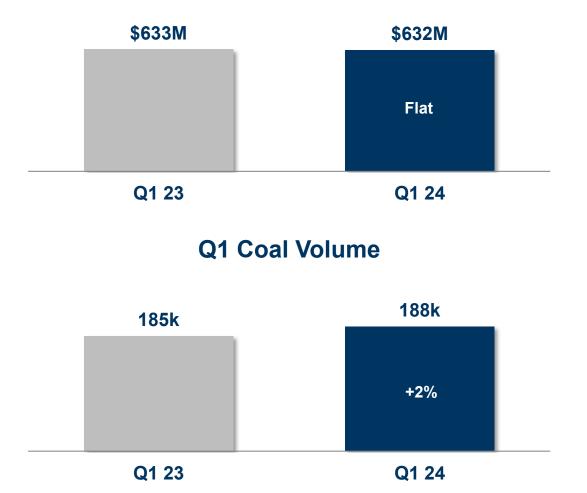


#### **2024 Expectations**

- Merchandise volume growth supported by service leadership, new business wins, and modal share gains
- Positive trends continuing in Automotive, Chemicals, Forest Products, and Minerals
- Ramp-up of Industrial Development projects contributing ~1% to merchandise volume
- > Supportive pricing environment reflecting strong service performance

## Coal Volume & Revenue Summary

#### Q1 Coal Revenue

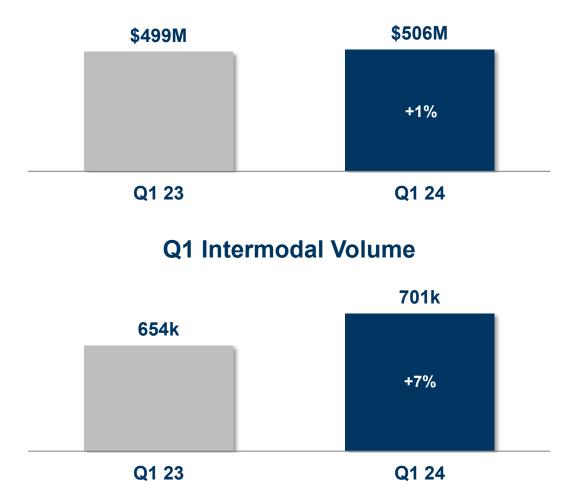


#### **2024 Expectations**

- Robust export coal demand across both thermal and metallurgical markets
- Moderation of global benchmark prices to levels still above pre-pandemic averages
- > Net revenue impact from Baltimore port closure estimated at \$25-\$30M per month
  - Opportunity to temporarily redirect a portion of export coal volumes to other terminal locations
- > **Domestic coal demand impacted** by ample stockpiles and low natural gas prices

### Intermodal Volume & Revenue Summary

#### Q1 Intermodal Revenue



#### **2024 Expectations**

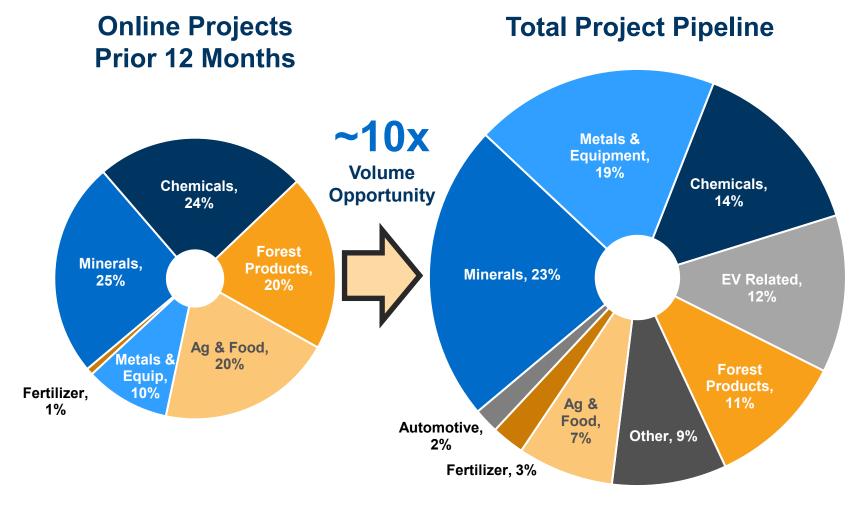
#### > Solid international volume growth

 Improving import levels, steady consumer demand, expanding inland port activity, new shipper alignments

#### > Steady momentum for domestic volume

- Supported by direct partnerships, business wins, truck conversions
- Truck market challenges remain persistent
- > Minimal impact from Baltimore port closure
  - Working closely with customers to offer flexible solutions for redirected intermodal shipments

## Industrial Development Pipeline is Deep and Diversified



- > Approximately 100 customer projects online over the twelve months ending in March '24
  - Represents \$4.2B in total partner investment
  - Approx. 80/20% mix between new sites and expansions

## Over 500 new projects in the total development pipeline

- Minerals, Metals, and Chemicals projects represent over 50% of total potential carload opportunity
- EV manufacturing and related facilities represent ~12%

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Chart percentages represent portion of total potential carloads over respective period

# **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

## Sean Pelkey Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer





#### **First Quarter Income Statement**

| Dollars in Millions  | 2024    | 2023    | Variance     |
|--|---------|---------|--------------|
| Revenue  | \$3,681 | \$3,706 | (1%)         |
| Expense  | 2,327   | 2,242   | (4%)         |
| Operating Income   | 1,354   | \$1,464 | (8%)         |
| Interest Expense & Other Income - Net                              | (169)   | (160)   | (6%)         |
| Income Tax Expense   | (292)   | (317)   | 8%           |
| Net Earnings   | \$893   | \$987   | (10%)        |
| Earnings Per Share   | \$0.46  | \$0.48  | <b>(4%</b> ) |
| Operating Margin   | 36.8%   | 39.5%   | (270 bps)    |
| Income Tax Rate  | 24.6%   | 24.3%   | (30 bps)     |
| Average Shares Outstanding,<br>Assuming Dilution <i>(Millions)</i> | 1,962   | 2,058   | 5%           |

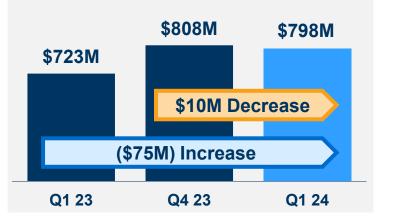
## First Quarter Expense Comparisons

Labor & Fringe

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\$364M

Q1 23



Fuel

\$352M

\$39M Decrease

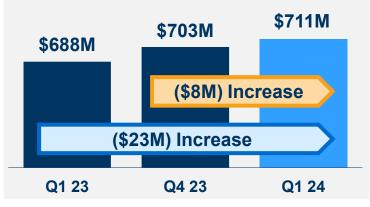
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**\$27M Decrease** 

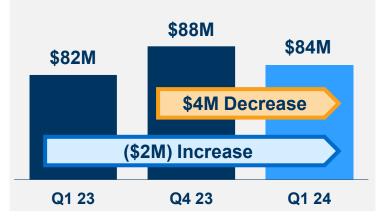
\$325M

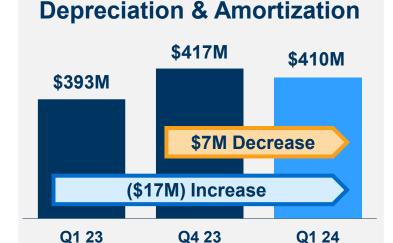
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Purchased Services & Other

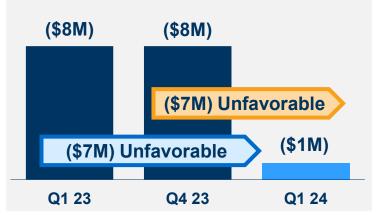


#### **Equipment & Other Rents**





#### **Gains on Property Dispositions**



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\* See Appendix for Non-GAAP reconciliation

# **CLOSING REMARKS**

## Joe Hinrichs President and Chief Executive Officer





- Low to mid-single digit total volume and revenue growth
  - Solid momentum across Merchandise, Intermodal, and Export Coal
- Profitability supported by solid pricing, improving efficiency, and lower cost inflation
- Capex of approximately \$2.5 billion
  - Safety investments, capacity/equipment additions, technology enhancements, MNBR interchange, high-return growth projects
- Balanced approach to capital returns

# **APPENDIX**

## **Non-GAAP Reconciliations**





#### **Free Cash Flow**

|  | Three Months Ended |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
| Dollars in millions                              | Mar 31, 2024       | Mar 31, 2023 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities        | \$ 1,084           | \$ 1,251     |
| Property Additions                               | (524)              | (443)        |
| Proceeds and Advances from Property Dispositions | -                  | 8            |
| Free Cash Flow Before Dividends (non-GAAP)       | \$ 560             | \$ 816       |



#### **Economic Profit**

|  | Three Months Ended |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
| Dollars in millions  | Mar 31, 2024       | Mar 31, 2023 |
| Operating Income   | \$ 1,354           | \$ 1,464     |
| Add: Depreciation, Amortization, and Operating Lease Expense     | 438                | 419          |
| Remove: Unusual Items <sup>(a)</sup>                             | -                  | -            |
| Taxes <sup>(b)</sup>   | (269)              | (282)        |
| Gross Cash Earnings or "GCE"                                     | \$ 1,523           | \$ 1,601     |
| Operating Assets   |                    |              |
| Current Assets (Less Cash and Short-term Investments)            | (\$ 1,987)         | (\$ 1,886)   |
| Gross Properties   | (50,661)           | (48,441)     |
| Other Assets   | (4,167)            | (3,830)      |
| Operating Liabilities  |                    |              |
| Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities                                 | 11,091             | 10,744       |
| Gross Operating Assets or "GOA" <sup>(c)</sup>                   | (\$ 45,724)        | (\$ 43,413)  |
| Capital Charge <sup>(d)</sup>                                    | (\$ 914)           | (\$ 868)     |
| Economic Profit (Non-GAAP) calculated as GCE less Capital Charge | \$ 609             | \$733        |

- (a) Unusual items are defined by management as unique events with greater than \$100 million full year operating income impact, consistent with the terms of the Company's long-term incentive plan agreements. There were no unusual items for either period presented
- (b) The tax percentage rate was 15% for both periods presented. This rate is applied to the sum of operating income, depreciation, amortization and operating lease expense, and unusual items.
- (c) Gross operating assets reflects an average of the year-to-date quarters reported for each year presented. Averages are not applicable for the first quarter of each year.
- (d) The capital charge of 8% for both years is calculated as the minimum return multiplied by gross operating assets. This is an annualized rate equivalent to 2% per quarter.

