

Stopping Freight Spend Leakage with a TMS and Spend Intelligence

Freight spend leakage quietly eats into margins in nearly every industry. Small errors and inefficiencies repeat across thousands of shipments until they add up to real [best transportation management system](#) money. Pairing a Transportation Management System with Transportation Spend Intelligence helps you find that waste, put tighter processes in place and capture savings before costs spiral, turning warning signs into concrete improvements.

● Best fit for this shipment			
CARRIER	SERVICE	TRANSIT	RATE
Carrier A	LTL standard	4 days	\$215.00
Carrier B	LTL standard	3 days	\$198.05 ✓
Carrier C	LTL expedited	3 days	\$240.00
Carrier D	LTL expedited	2 days	\$310.00

The Most Common Sources of Leakage

Most freight spend leakage traces back to four main areas:



- **Billing errors:** Duplicate charges, incorrect surcharges and wrongly applied accessorials push costs higher than they should be.
- **Rate volatility:** Outdated contracts and missed opportunities to take advantage of dynamic pricing lead to avoidable spend.
- **Inefficient routing:** Poor choices about modes and lanes raise costs and hurt reliability.
- **Manual processes:** Relying on spreadsheets and email slows down reconciliation and opens the door to mistakes.

How a TMS with Spend Intelligence Closes the Gaps

Bringing these tools together tightens controls at every stage, from planning through settlement.

- **One source of data:** Invoices, contracts and carrier information all live in one place, making audits simple.

- **Live cost visibility:** Up-to-date cost data supports timely, evidence-based decisions.
- **Automatic anomaly alerts:** Irregularities are flagged right away so they can be fixed quickly.
- **Smarter procurement:** Spend intelligence guides decisions and negotiation strategy lane by lane.

What This Looks Like in Practice

- **Catching misbilling:** Recurring incorrect surcharges are identified and corrected through automated audits.
- **Controlling last-mile costs:** Cost analysis highlights where last-mile spending is creeping up and prompts routing changes to bring it back in line.
- **Managing carrier performance:** Spend intelligence reveals underperforming carriers, signaling when it's time to renegotiate or switch providers.

How to Measure Success

- Lower freight spend as a percentage of revenue
- Fewer disputes and faster

FreightOptics is a cloud-based Transportation Management System (TMS) provider focused on end-to-end freight management. The platform aims to give logistics teams real-time visibility, cost control, and operational automation across multi-modal shipping.

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