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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

✈️ **Aeroplan marks 40th Anniversary by Rolling out our Biggest-Ever Points Giveaway and 10 days of Exciting Member Offers**

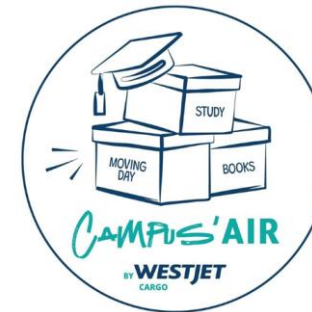


Source: Air Canada

Aeroplan, Canada's leading travel loyalty program, is marking its 40th birthday with a special Aeroplan-niversary celebration and as special guests of honour, Aeroplan's 8 million+ members are being given a chance to win 1 of 40 prizes of 1 million Aeroplan points each, in addition to enjoying 10 days of exclusive offers to save big and earn more. Aeroplan's 8 million+ members are being given a chance to win 1 of 40 prizes of 1 million Aeroplan points each, in addition to enjoying 10 days of exclusive offers to save big and earn more. "Thanks to our members, Aeroplan has become one of the best travel loyalty programs globally. To celebrate this achievement, we're excited to team up with our premier travel and everyday partners who help our members tap into their full earning and redemption potential across a wide range of flights, hotel stays and everyday purchases," said Scott O'Leary, Vice President, Loyalty and Product at Air Canada. "Whether a member for 1 year or for 40, our members can earn more points faster and can travel to more than 1,300+ destinations worldwide. Cheers to the next 40 years!"

*Aeroplan marks 40th Anniversary by Rolling out our Biggest-Ever Points Giveaway and 10 days of Exciting Member Offers, July 8, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

✈️ **WestJet Cargo launches Campus'Air**



Source: WestJet

WestJet Cargo has launched its new Campus'Air service, designed to provide students and university staff with cost-effective shipping solutions for their personal effects. This initiative broadens WestJet Cargo's portfolio of services by specifically catering to the unique needs of the academic community, further enhancing its comprehensive shipping solutions. Campus'Air is part of WestJet Cargo's ongoing commitment to investing in the community and paving a brighter future for Canada. Under the Campus'Air program, students and employees of select Canadian universities will receive a 50 per cent discount on published freight rates applicable to domestic shipments of personal effects. This significant discount ensures that the service remains accessible and economical, helping students and faculty staff manage their shipping needs with ease.

WestJet Cargo launches Campus'Air, July 9, 2024, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)

## US/WORLD

### **Boeing to plead guilty to avoid trial over fatal 737 Max crashes**



Source: Cargonews Photo: AP / Ted S. Warren

Boeing has agreed to plead guilty to fraud to avoid going on trial in the United States on charges stemming from two fatal crashes involving its 737 Max. Under the plea deal, Boeing would pay a fine of \$243.6m and be required to invest at least \$455m in its compliance and safety programmes, the US Department of Justice. "We can confirm that we have reached an agreement in principle on terms of a resolution with the Justice Department, subject to the memorialisation and approval of specific terms," Boeing said in a statement. [Boeing to plead guilty to avoid trial over fatal 737 Max crashes, July 5, 2024, www.cargonews.com](https://www.cargonews.com)

### **Global volumes rise again in June as market indicates a 'hot Q4' for air cargo rates**

The global air cargo market is heading towards a 'hot Q4' of rate increases after a sixth straight month of double-digit growth in June 2024, with a warning that shippers and forwarders ill-prepared for this year's peak season may find themselves 'at the mercy of the market,' according to the latest analysis by *Xeneta*. Demand in June 2024, measured in chargeable weight, was +13% year-on-year, continuing the upward trend seen throughout the first half of 2024. In contrast, cargo supply grew at its slowest pace in 2024, edging up only +3% year-on-year. As a result, the global air cargo dynamic load factor - *Xeneta's* measurement of capacity utilisation based on volume and weight of cargo flown alongside available capacity - increased by +4% pts year-on-year. While June's data, alongside previous months of annual growth, must be balanced against the weak comparison seen in the corresponding months of 2023, market players are now busy

strategizing on the best ways to navigate the financial challenges and opportunities expected to present themselves in Q4.

*Global volumes rise again in June as market indicates a 'hot Q4' for air cargo rates, July 8, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### **Air cargo demand and rates hit new high**

The global air cargo market is heading towards a "hot Q4" of rate increases after a sixth straight month of double-digit growth in June 2024, according to the latest analysis by *Xeneta*. *Xeneta's* report comes with a warning that shippers and forwarders ill-prepared for this year's peak season may find themselves "at the mercy of the market." Demand in June 2024, measured in chargeable weight, was up 13 per cent year-on-year, continuing the upward trend seen throughout the first half of 2024. In contrast, cargo supply grew at its slowest pace in 2024, edging up only three per cent year-on-year. As a result, the global air cargo dynamic load factor - *Xeneta's* measurement of capacity utilization based on volume and weight of cargo flown alongside available capacity - increased by four per cent year-on-year. *Air cargo demand and rates hit new high, July 11, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### **U.S. Airlines' May 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 3.8% from April 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 4.0% from Pre-Pandemic May 2019**

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on July 9, 2024 released U.S. airlines' May 2024 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.646 billion gallons of fuel, 5.1% more fuel than in April 2024 (1.567 billion gallons) and 4.0% more than in pre-pandemic May 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in May 2024 (\$2.65) was down 10 cents (3.8%) from April 2024 (\$2.75) and up \$0.53 (25.2%) from May 2019. Total May 2024 fuel expenditure (\$4.36B) was up 1.1% from April 2024 (\$4.31B) and up 30.2% from pre-pandemic May 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for May 2024 includes a 4.7% increase in domestic fuel consumption, a 13.1% increase in domestic fuel cost, and an 8.0% increase in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption increased 4.4% from April 2024 to May 2024, while increasing 4.2% from May 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

*U.S. Airlines' May 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 3.8% from April 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 4.0% from Pre-Pandemic May 2019, July 9, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **Statement by Minister Rodriguez on the eleventh anniversary of the Lac-Mégantic tragedy**

The Minister of Transport and Quebec Lieutenant, Pablo Rodriguez, on July 5, 2024 made the following statement to mark the eleven years that have passed since the Lac-Mégantic tragedy: "Since the tragedy on July 6, 2013, 11 years ago today, our hearts and thoughts have been with the victims and residents of Lac-Mégantic, and all others who have been affected by this tragedy in one way or another. Today, I invite all Canadians to reflect and take a moment to honour the memory of those who have left us. This railway accident was the worst in Canadian history, costing 47 lives and leaving many families,... The federal government is working diligently to strengthen rail safety and the safe transportation of dangerous goods across Canada. We are going to move the rail line out of downtown Lac-Mégantic."

*Statement by Minister Rodriguez on the eleventh anniversary of the Lac-Mégantic tragedy, July 5, 2024, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

#### **INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$11 Billion in Grants and Financing for Nation's Most Complex Infrastructure Project, the Hudson River Tunnel**

On July 8, 2024, one of the largest infrastructure projects in American history took a huge step forward with billions of dollars in support from the Biden-Harris Administration and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Hudson River Tunnel project will construct a critical new rail tunnel between New York and New Jersey along a vital economic corridor – just one area of focus for investment across the country as part of the

Biden-Harris Administration's \$66 billion investment in passenger rail. It represents the largest project in the history of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

*INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$11 Billion in Grants and Financing for Nation's Most Complex Infrastructure Project, the Hudson River Tunnel, July 8, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

#### **Joint release: New Burnaby rail overpass will improve community connections, safety and trade**

Construction of a new four-lane overpass crossing the rail lines at Holdom Avenue in Burnaby will begin in late 2024. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is delivering the Holdom Overpass project in partnership with the City of Burnaby, CN, and the Government of Canada. The overpass will extend Holdom Avenue south over the rail corridor and Still Creek, connecting it with Douglas Road. Once complete, there will be an increase of rail capacity for Port of Vancouver terminals, supporting the reliable movement of goods through the region, and improved traffic flow and safety for the Burnaby community. The rail corridor through Burnaby is the only rail connection to transport goods and commodities to and from port terminals located in North Vancouver, a vital link in the national supply chain that connects Canadian products like grain and fertilizer to global markets. The rail corridor moves more than 40 million metric tonnes of export cargo, accounting for more than 40% of the port's total international exports in 2023.

*Joint release: New Burnaby rail overpass will improve community connections, safety and trade, July 9, 2024, [www.portofmetrovancover.com](http://www.portofmetrovancover.com)*

## **Minister of Transport highlights Budget 2024 investments in passenger rail across Canada**

On July 11, 2024, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, joined by the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, Ginette Petitpas Taylor, highlighted action the Government of Canada is taking to connect communities across Canada with better passenger rail. Budget 2024 announced new funding for VIA Rail to replace its aging fleet on routes outside the Québec City-Windsor Corridor. This investment builds on Budget 2018 funding that allowed VIA Rail to replace its fleet in the Québec City-Windsor Corridor. The Government of Canada is committed to strengthening passenger rail across the country to keep all Canadians connected and to provide them with an environmentally friendly way to travel. This new funding will allow VIA Rail to improve the passenger experience by providing new, comfortable, and accessible trains. It will ensure predictability for the communities outside the Corridor routes that connect eight provinces and provide essential transportation services to rural and remote communities. VIA Rail is expected to launch a competitive procurement process for the fleet replacement.

*Minister of Transport highlights Budget 2024 investments in passenger rail across Canada, July 11, 2024, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **AAR Launches 'Rail Industry Overview'**

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Policy and Economics Department on July 8, 2024 released Rail Industry Overview, a new complimentary monthly report that the association said offers "quick insights into what rail traffic says about today's economy and where the data suggest it could be headed."

*AAR Launches 'Rail Industry Overview', July 8, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

### **TD Cowen Shipper Survey, 2Q24 Earnings Preview**



Source: Railway Age

Shippers expect 3.4% rate increases over the next 6-12 months, up 30bps sequentially and roughly in line with our survey average. Business growth expectations improved while economic confidence stepped down.

*TD Cowen Shipper Survey, 2Q24 Earnings Preview, July 9, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

### **Biden-Harris Administration Makes More than \$1.1 Billion Available to Strengthen Safety at Rail Crossings and Reduce Blocked Crossings**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on July 9, 2024 issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that makes available over \$1.1 billion in Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program funding. As the only competitive discretionary grant program dedicated to improving railroad crossings' safety and efficiency, the RCE Program invests in projects that construct grade separations, upgrade safety devices at crossings, or close at-grade crossings where roads and train tracks intersect. Addressing collisions and blockages at grade crossings has been a top priority for FRA – especially as growing train lengths lead to more frequent and longer blocked crossings – and the funding announced will improve safety and access to communities separated by rail crossings.

*Biden-Harris Administration Makes More than \$1.1 Billion Available to Strengthen Safety at Rail Crossings and Reduce Blocked Crossings, July 9, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### **AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending July 6, 2024 and AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in Week**





Source: Railwayage

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on June 10, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending July 6, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 421,817 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.3 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending July 6 were 195,030 carloads, down 1.2 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 226,787 containers and trailers, up 7.6 percent compared to 2023. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 4,702 carloads, to 17,486; chemicals, up 2,017 carloads, to 30,552; and forest products, up 803 carloads, to 7,955. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 were coal, down 7,804 carloads, to 50,700; nonmetallic minerals, down 3,326 carloads, to 26,710; and motor vehicles and parts, down 214 carloads, to 10,646. Canadian railroads reported 89,296 carloads for the week, up 6.8 percent, and 66,515 intermodal units, up 71.5 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 27 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,344,255 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.6 percent.

*AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending July 6, 2024 and [AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in Week 27, July 10, 2024, www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com) and [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Foremen at BC port give DP World Canada 72-hour strike notice



Source: AJOT

A union representing ship and dock foremen in British Columbia has issued a 72-hour strike notice against DP World Canada. ILWU Ship & Dock Foremen Local 514 provided formal, written notice to its employer for action to start on July 8, the BC Maritime Employers Association said in a statement late Friday, July 5, 2024. The notice comes despite the Canada Industrial Relations Board commencing a hearing this week to address complaints between the association and the union, the association said. The hearing is scheduled to continue next month. In June 2024, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union said that 99% of the 584 longshore foremen rejected the final offer from the employers association in a vote. DP World Canada put the union on notice in December 2023 that it would unilaterally introduce some automation at its rail intermodal yard at the Centerm port in Vancouver, Local 514 president Frank Morena said at the time. Another significant unresolved issue was improving retirement allowances and benefits, according to the union.

*Foremen at BC port give DP World Canada 72-hour strike notice, July 5, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

#### Strike action today by BC ship and dock foremen averted by “rescind” decision ordered by Canada Industrial Relations Board



Source: AJOT

A strike slated to start on July 8, 2024 by 600 unionized ship and dock foremen in British Columbia has been averted because of a decision announced Sunday, July 7, 2024 by the Canada Industrial Relations Board. The decision was qualified as “a spanking” by an industry source who asked to remain anonymous. Following a case management conference after the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) requested urgent CIRB intervention to stop the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 514 (ILWU) from proceeding with the work stoppage, the CIRB ruled that the strike action contravened the Canada Labour Code and ordered it to be rescinded. Rapidly, the BCMEA withdrew its industry-wide lockout notice of “defensive action” for potential effect as of July 9, 2024. The deadlocked waterfront labour negotiations are being

anxiously watched by Canadian business circles who do not want to see a repeat of the serious supply chain disruptions caused last July when 7,400 longshoremen went on strike. The conflict paralyzed cargo shipments through the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert – major Canadian Pacific gateways. An estimated C\$10 billion worth of Canadian trade was disrupted during the strike. In its ruling, the Board stated: “After consideration of the parties’ submissions filed in these matters, the Board has determined that the union has declared or authorized a strike in contravention of the Code. More specifically, the Board finds that, in the circumstances of this case, the union failed to bargain in good faith when it conducted a strike vote amongst the employees of only one member employer of the BCMEA and issued a strike notice based on that strike vote.” The “one member employer” referred to is DP World, which has been a special target of union concerns due to the automation plans for its significantly expanded Centerm container terminal in the Port of Vancouver.

*Strike action today by BC ship and dock foremen averted by “rescind” decision ordered by Canada Industrial Relations Board, July 8, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### **Minister of Transport announces the elimination of Marine Atlantic Inc.'s cost-recovery policy**

On July 5, 2024, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced that the government is eliminating the policy that required Marine Atlantic Inc. to recover, through revenue, 65% percent of most of its operating expenses. By eliminating this cost-recovery policy, the government is keeping services affordable for residents, tourists, and businesses. Without the formal cost-recovery policy, Marine Atlantic Inc. is better able to respond to passenger needs, and ensure continued, safe, and reliable ferry services.

*Minister of Transport announces the elimination of Marine Atlantic Inc.'s cost-recovery policy, July 5, 2024, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

### **Improving the efficiency and resilience of Quebec’s supply chain**

QSL, a Quebec-based supply chain company, is initiating the analysis of a business case to address the establishment of an efficient, green, resilient and better-integrated supply chain in the Quebec region. Logistics and transportation are considering a redevelopment of port activities in the Beauport sector to include a more important container handling vocation in a sequenced project intended to be respectful of surrounding communities. QSL says project would not encroach on the St. Lawrence River or impact aquatic habitat, and it could also reduce land traffic by encouraging intermodal transfer

and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. QSL says Quebec has all the assets to favour intermodality and make supply chains more efficient.

*Improving the efficiency and resilience of Quebec’s supply chain, July 10, 2024, [www.ctl.com](http://www.ctl.com)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **The Port of NY and NJ secures nation’s top spot in May**



Source: AJOT

For the third consecutive month, total volume at the Port of New York and New Jersey topped 700,000 TEUs, but that’s not the only impressive achievement. In May 2024, the port also soared to the number one spot in the country for total TEUs and total loaded TEUs. May’s total volume reached 790,758 TEUs (439,593 containers), a 16.9 percent increase from the 676,311 TEUs (376,449 containers) recorded in May 2023. This double-digit increase marked the sixth consecutive month of year-over-year volume growth and brought our year-through-May total to 3,501,676 TEUs (1,940,869 containers), making the Port of New York and New Jersey the second-busiest cargo port in the nation so far this year. Imports (TEUs) also posted impressive gains in May 2024, rising by 17.8 percent compared to the previous year. A total of 413,833 TEUs (230,108 containers) moved through the Port of New York and New Jersey in May 2024 versus 351,430 TEUs (195,708 containers) in May 2023. From January through May, imported loads reached 1,791,956 TEUs (996,228 containers), a 14.1 percent increase from the 1,570,815 TEUs (875,044 containers) recorded in the same period of 2023. Exports (TEUs) increased 12.7 percent in May 2024 versus the previous year, totalling 124,801 TEUs (67,271 containers), compared to 110,695 TEUs (59,972 containers) in May 2023. From January through May 2024, the Port of New York and New Jersey exported 570,901 TEUs (306,219 containers), a 3.8 percent increase from the 549,823 TEUs (297,652 containers) posted the previous year.

*The Port of NY and NJ secures nation’s top spot in May, July 9, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Red Sea attacks still taking toll on global chemical shipping industry



Source: Freightwaves

Ocean freight rates for 40-foot containers from Asia to North Europe currently over \$8,760. Houthi militants, who control about half of Yemen, have been targeting container ships traveling through the Red Sea since November 2023.

Ongoing attacks on vessels in the Red Sea by Yemen's Houthis continue to disrupt shipping lanes in the chemical industry's supply chain, according to Al Greenwood, chemicals expert and deputy editor at ICIS. "It's having an impact mainly in Europe and Asia. It's rearranging routes because the rates for containers have really gone through the roof," Greenwood told FreightWaves in an interview. ICIS is a London-based provider of chemical and energy intelligence with 15 offices worldwide. Greenwood said the Houthis are creating significant supply chain disruptions for chemical companies and governments. "The chemical industry uses containers to ship plastics such as polyethylene and polypropylene which are in pellets, put it in bags and ship it out. Some of the liquids are shipped in ISO tanks," said Greenwood, who is based in ICIS' Houston office. "We've seen for container ships and tankers a combination of higher rates, port congestion, vessels having to take longer routes — it's causing all kinds of delays."

*Red Sea attacks still taking toll on global chemical shipping industry, July 5, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## Container rates continue to climb with congestion at Asian ports

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) shows a four per cent increase for the week of June 27, 2024 reaching US\$5,318 per 40-foot container, up 256 per cent from the same week last year. The latest Drewry WCI composite index is 49 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but it is 274 per cent more than average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rates of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$3,579 per 40-ft

container, which is US\$831 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,748, which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period. Freight rates from Shanghai to Rotterdam increased seven per cent or US\$455 to US\$7,322 per 40-ft container. Likewise, rates from Shanghai to Los Angeles and Shanghai to New York rose four per cent to US\$6,673 and US\$7,827 per 40-ft box respectively.

*Container rates continue to climb with congestion at Asian ports, July 5, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Container Market Forecaster July 2024 by Container xChange

*Container xChange*, the leading digital marketplace for container trading and leasing, has released its mid-year container market forecaster. The analysis delves into container price developments in H1 2024 and offers a market outlook for H2 2024. "As we move into July, we're seeing a continued rise in freight rates, container prices, and leasing rates, driven by ongoing geopolitical tensions and resulting supply chain disruptions. The diversions around the Cape of Good Hope and the resulting congestion in major ports have created a perfect storm, causing importers in the US and Europe to pull forward orders in H1 typically reserved for Q3. This has led to a notable supply-demand imbalance. While we might see a peak in July followed by a reduction in freight rates due to easing congestion and reduced demand, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and potential new disruptions, such as labor strikes, could prolong these challenges. The container shipping industry remains on high alert, adapting to an ever-changing landscape." Inferred Christian Roeloffs, cofounder and CEO, Container xChange. The highlights were: 1. Hong Kong and Vietnam witness the biggest month-on-month spike in average container prices in June; 2. China experiences the largest container price hike since Houthi attacks, up by 78% since October 2023; and 3. Market outlook for H2 indicates cooling of container rates.

*Container Market Forecaster July 2024 by Container xChange, July 9, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 15 Small Shipyards in 12 States to Boost Productivity and Create Jobs

On July 10, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced \$8.75 million in grant awards to 15 small shipyards in 12 states through the Small Shipyard Grant Program. The funds will help shipyards modernize, increase productivity, and expand local job opportunities while competing in the



global marketplace. “Small shipyards are integral to the strength of America’s supply chains and the maritime industry” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “With the grants announced today, The Biden-Harris Administration is delivering funding that will create jobs in cities and towns across the country, strengthen our commercial fleet, and add power to our national economy.”

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 15 Small Shipyards in 12 States to Boost Productivity and Create Jobs, July 10, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Alberta, Saskatchewan to add passing lanes on Highway 17



Source: Inside logistics

Alberta and Saskatchewan will work together on a Highway 17 passing lanes project north of Lloydminster, announced Devin Dreeshen, Alberta's minister of transportation and economic corridors and Lori Carr, Saskatchewan highways minister. The project is moving forward after the two provinces signed the Collaboration on the Advancement of Economic Corridors Memorandum of Understanding, according to a news release. Once completed, the highway will have three sets of new passing lanes installed on a 46.75 km-long segment of Highway 17 stretching from the City of Lloydminster and heading north. Like Lloydminster, Highway 17 also straddles the Alberta-Saskatchewan border. The project's design is expected to be completed in 2025. Tendering will follow with on-road construction expected no earlier than 2025. The project's cost won't be known until the design and tendering are completed. Traffic on Highway 17 currently ranges from approximately 1,700 to 6,000 vehicles per day. Some of the key

transportation users in the area include commuters, along with the agricultural and energy sectors. The governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan have also been collaborating on plans to complete the La Loche to Fort McMurray all-weather road, which is known as Highway 956 near Garson Lake, Sask.

*Alberta, Saskatchewan to add passing lanes on Highway 17, July 5, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### \$47 billion in charging infrastructure needed by 2040 as Canada pushes for greener trucks

The number of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (MHDVs) is projected to reach 414,000 by 2030 and 2.4 million by 2040 to meet the federal target of 100% zero-emission MHDVs by 2040, according to the study on the country's EV charging infrastructure, recently released by Natural Resources Canada. While the adoption of zero-emission MHDVs in Canada is currently in its early stages, it is expected to grow rapidly over the next decade. Public MHDV charging demand is expected to grow from nearly zero today to 41,000 ports by 2030, 120,000 by 2035, and 275,000 by 2040, the study reads, adding that battery EVs are expected to dominate the zero-emission MHDV market, with numbers reaching 414,000 in 2030 and 2.4 million by 2040.

*\$47 billion in charging infrastructure needed by 2040 as Canada pushes for greener trucks, July 5, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### CBSA workers vote to ratify new agreement

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and Customs and Immigration Union (CIU) members working at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) voted 91 per cent in favour of ratifying a new tentative agreement. A nationwide ratification vote took place June 20 through July 4. Over 9,000 workers at the CBSA will receive a wage

increase that exceeds recent increases to other Canadian law enforcement agencies, enhanced protections relative to technological changes and better provisions for shift scheduling and leave. The four-year collective agreement expires on June 20, 2026. *CBSA workers vote to ratify new agreement, July 8, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Westport, Volvo HPDI joint venture provides compelling way to eliminate emissions



Source: Today's Trucking

Volvo Group recently formed a joint venture with Westport Fuel Systems, through which it acquired assets related to Westport's high-pressure direct injection (HPDI) fuel system for US\$28 million, and up to US\$45 million more based on its performance. And on July 4, 2024 officials from both companies and special guests gathered at University of B.C. – birthplace of the technology – to celebrate the new venture. “HPDI technology was originated here at UBC as a means to reduce the fuel costs and emissions of diesel-powered vehicles with diesel engines, without any compromises – no degradation whatsoever – and all the characteristics and traits that have made the diesel engine the workhorse of industry globally for many decades,” said Scott Baker, vice-president, product development and technology officer of the yet-to-be-named JV. “Our mandate is to accelerate and further develop the commercialization and global adoption of the HPDI fuel system.”

*Westport, Volvo HPDI joint venture provides compelling way to eliminate emissions, July 8, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Parts and labor costs continue to decrease



Source: Today's Trucking

Parts and labor costs continued to decrease in the first quarter, according to the latest survey from the Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) of the American Trucking Associations and Decisiv. Combined parts and labor costs fell 1.7% in Q1, according to their latest benchmarking report. “Lower parts and labor costs are welcome news to fleets, who have been weathering substantial increases for much of the last several years,” said TMC executive director Robert Braswell. “This important parts and labor cost analysis report is an excellent tool to help Council members compare how their operations are performing relative to industry trends and plan accordingly.” The report covers costs across 25 VMRS codes. In Q4 2023, costs fell 1.4%. In Q1 of this year, parts costs were down 2.4% while labor costs decreased 0.8%. On a year-over-year basis, combined costs were down 2.3%, but labor costs were up 0.9%.

*Parts and labor costs continue to decrease, July 9, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## CAA-Quebec to deploy first electric tow truck



Source: Today's Trucking

CAA is deploying what it says is the first all-electric tow truck in North America, a Lion5 that will serve the Quebec market. The move comes 80 years after the company introduced its first horse-drawn towing

services. The towing platform was built by XpaK Industries. “Roadside assistance has always been in CAA-Quebec’s DNA, and it goes without saying that we are taking the lead in electric towing. We have a responsibility to set an example and take a leadership role in protecting the environment,” said Marie-Soleil Tremblay, president and CEO, in a news release. The truck has a capacity of 210 kWh and range of up to 310 km. The 800-volt battery packs are designed by Lion Electric. CAA plans to put the truck through its paces in a variety of towing situations and weather conditions in the coming months. CAA-Quebec also operates other electric vehicles, including the Hyundai IONIQ, Ford F-150 hybrid and F-150 Lightning.

*CAA-Quebec to deploy first electric tow truck, July 10, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### **Mandatory drivers assistance systems expected to help save over 25,000 lives by 2038**



Source: Europa

New rules on general vehicle safety now apply to all new motor vehicles sold in the EU as of 7 July 2024. The rules, which already apply to new vehicle types since July 2022, improve road safety by introducing a range of advanced driver assistant systems for all new vehicles. Since 2022, when the General Safety Regulation started applying to new vehicle types, the new safety measures are helping to better protect passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists across the EU. They are expected to help save over 25,000 lives and avoid at least 140,000 serious injuries by 2038. Commissioner for the Internal Market, Thierry Breton, said: “The EU is a world leader in general safety rules for vehicles. We ensure that innovative technology solutions can be used to improve safety on our roads. With the general safety rules now applying to all new motor vehicles, we will better protect passengers, pedestrians and cyclists across Europe, while keeping EU industry’s leadership in driver assistant systems”

*Mandatory drivers assistance systems expected to help save over 25,000 lives by 2038, July 5, 2024, [www.europa.eu](http://www.europa.eu)*

### **E-commerce drives freight trucking market**

Due to the rise in global e-commerce, research by *SNS Insider* forecasts the freight trucking market size to increase 3.9 per cent from 2024-32, reaching US\$3768.1 billion. The freight trucking market was recorded at US\$2670 billion in 2023, and is growing significantly due to the rising global e-commerce industry, as freight trucks are supported for transporting packaged goods and products between distribution centres, warehouses and to retailers. The increasingly fast and last-mile door-to-door delivery of packages from warehouse or fulfillment centre hubs positively affects the market.

*E-commerce drives freight trucking market, July 9, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### **Flying taxi startup Lilium close to Saudia order for 100 jets**



Source: AJOT

Lilium NV is close to selling 100 electric flying taxis to Saudi Arabia’s state-owned airline, formalizing a framework deal arranged in late 2022. The startup is likely to announce the Saudia order at an event at its headquarters near Munich later this month, according to a person familiar with the matter who wasn’t authorized to comment ahead of the announcement. A Lilium spokeswoman declined to comment on the potential order, which was first reported by Reuters. Saudia didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment sent outside of normal business hours. Flying taxi firms including Lilium and rival Volocopter GmbH are entering a crucial phase as they seek additional funding to keep them in the race toward certification. Lilium’s aircraft, which features small ducted fans and two pairs of wings, is targeted to begin flying in 2026.

*Flying taxi startup Lilium close to Saudia order for 100 jets, July 10, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*





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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Internal Trade in Canada: Value of interprovincial trade in manufactured goods, 2022



Source: Statcan

The value of interprovincial trade in manufactured goods was \$170.5 billion in 2022. From 2021 to 2022, all provinces and territories except Nunavut reported an increase in sales of manufactured goods to other provinces and territories. Quebec factories saw the biggest increase in the value of interprovincial sales, up \$7.2 billion (+17.7%) in 2022, followed by Ontario (+13.6%) and Alberta (+13.9%). Manufactured goods crossed the Ontario-Quebec border more than any other interprovincial border in Canada in 2022. Ontario manufacturers sold \$24.7 billion in goods to Quebec customers, while Quebec factories sold \$33.6 billion to Ontario—for a total of \$58.3 billion in two-way manufacturing trade between the two provinces. The food, petroleum and coal product, and primary metals industries contributed the most to interprovincial trade between these provinces.

*Internal Trade in Canada: Value of interprovincial trade in manufactured goods, 2022, July 9, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Report says Canadian warehousing and storage industry performing well

Industry research firm *IBISWorld* released a June 2024 report on the Canadian warehousing and storage sector, showing a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 3.3 per cent over the past five years and reaching an estimated \$2.3 billion in revenue in 2024. The report says general warehousing and storage services in Canada have seen strong growth since 2019, especially through pandemic-era lockdowns and the economy's immediate recovery. Consumers' rapid shift to e-commerce through COVID-19 drove demand for warehousing providers' highest-priced services but also posed challenges, as products sold online required more space and labour-intensive handling.

*Report says Canadian warehousing and storage industry performing well, July 8, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, June 2024



Source: Statcan

In June 2024, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile increased 10.4% from June 2023. By air, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada totalled 1.3 million in June 2024, up 7.4% year over year. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad reached 1.3 million, a 12.2% increase from June 2023. By automobile, US residents took 1.6 million trips to Canada in June 2024, up 8.7% from the same month in 2023. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States also rose, up 12.5% year over year to 2.0 million trips in June 2024.

*Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, June 2024, July 9, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Strengthens Transit Manufacturing Industry with \$1.5

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on July 9, 2024 announced approximately \$1.5 billion in funding to support 117 projects that will improve public transportation in 47 states. Under the President's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, FTA has awarded nearly \$5 billion in the past three years to replace and modernize transit buses on America's roadways, building new technology with American workers. U.S. factories will produce more than 4,600 of these new buses.

*INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Strengthens Transit Manufacturing Industry with \$1.5, July 9, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### June 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Rises Above the June 2023 Level (3.3%) And the Pre-Pandemic June 2019 Level (4.1%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
<b>June 2024</b> 4.3%	<b>June 2024</b> 4.8%
▲ 0.5 change from same month last year	▲ 1.5 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.8% (not seasonally adjusted) in June 2024 according to the Bureau of

Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) [Unemployment in Transportation](#) dashboard. In June 2024, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 1.5 percentage points from 3.3% in June 2023 and was above the pre-pandemic June 2019 level of 4.1%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in June 2024 was 4.3% or 0.5 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in June 2024 was 4.1%.

*June 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Rises Above the June 2023 Level (3.3%) And the Pre-Pandemic June 2019 Level (4.1%), July 5, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

### May 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 1.7% from the Previous Month and Up 0.2% from the Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, rose 1.7% in May from April, rising for the first month after a two-month decline, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). From May 2023 to May 2024 the index rose 0.2%.

*May 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 1.7% from the Previous Month and Up 0.2% from the Same Month Last Year, July 11, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

### Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Ken Denike (1939-2024)

CILTNA-Pacific wishes to extend its condolences to family and friends in memory of Dr. Ken Denike who had an exemplary role in the development of urban transportation thinking and practice. In addition to a lifetime's contribution to education, both as an academic at the University of British Columbia and at the governance level at the Vancouver School Board, Ken's influence enabled the emergence of a truly multi-modal Metro Vancouver region.

<https://geog.ubc.ca/news/remembering-ken-denike/>

In the name of Dr. Denike, CILTNA-Pacific had the honor in 2022 of contributing to the establishment of a permanently endowed undergraduate scholarship in transportation studies at UBC, in collaboration with Dr. Joe Sulmona, one of our esteemed CILTNA fellows. This forward-looking educational undertaking has already granted two (2) Awards to deserving and highly motivated undergrads who have an interest in pursuing further studies in transportation. Further contributions to this outstanding and now successful scholarship can be advanced at the following link.

<https://donate.give.ubc.ca/page/68038/donate/1?transaction.dirgift=Dr.%20Ken%20Denike%20Award%20in%20Transportation%20Studies%20A0941>



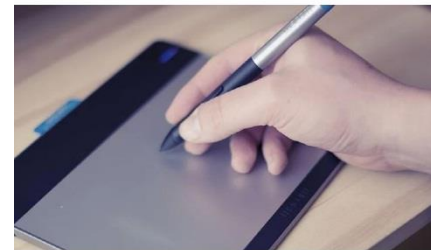
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## The Legal Impact Of E-Documentation On Title Of Ownership, And Risks To Owners - Seminar

Rita Conte CMILT from Synergenics Consulting is offering a seminar to industry stakeholders who would require the information in their everyday operations including the legal community working with the technical side of the contracts.

Rita will dive into the implications and benefits this system of legal documentation, and its reforms, will have on its stakeholder groups. How do we measure its legal efficacy in use of evidentiary documentation?

The challenges facing small to mid-size companies are the upfront capital costs and time in retraining, internal documentation procedures, corporate governance standards, and vetting the software systems. The legal reforms within law-making bodies per jurisdiction, will also be addressed.

The seminar aims to provide a navigational path to work through the regulatory regimes and rules that govern such a transition for the maritime services that govern contracts.

The takeaway from this seminar will be the ability to plan, implement efficient and accurate processes and procedures of legal documentation while reducing your exposure to claims and penalties.

The date, time and location of the seminar will be customized to the registrants who want to attend.

For more information and to register for this seminar, please fill out the form at the link [HERE](#).

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## Job Postings

### \* Operations, Aerospace Specialist (Air Imports & Air Exports)

#### About the job

DSV – Global Transport and Logistics

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environment for all to succeed. We work with candidates with disabilities throughout the recruitment process to ensure that they have what they need to be at their best. Please reach out to Human Resources should you require accommodation during the recruitment process.

Location: CAN - Saint-Laurent, Rue Beaulac

Job Posting Title: Operations, Aerospace Specialist (Air Imports & Air Exports)

Time Type: Full Time

The primary function of the Aerospace Specialist (Air Export and Import) is to process all shipments, coordinating the movement and monitoring while in route. The position requires handling of shipments from start to finish ensuring compliance with DSV policies as well as government regulations. This role serves as the primary point of contact for customers and will provide the highest level of customer service and quality by efficiently processing all inbound and outbound requirements before or within agreed time frames. Direct communication with customers, overseas offices, airlines and truckers is required.

#### Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Daily management and coordination of shipments
- Establish and coordinate schedules with carriers and tender shipments to the airlines
- Create, coordinate country specific documents
- Adhere to all domestic and international shipping regulations
- Track and trace all shipments
- Prepare and publish reports, as requested
- Proactively identify problems and swiftly implement the appropriate solutions
- Confirm rates with carriers
- Responsible for cost containment of shipments, via accounting system
- Evaluate shipments, consolidate loads, select most cost-effective method of pick up and/or delivery
- Ensure all DSV KPIs met throughout the movement of the shipment
- Lane analysis required on orders to select the most appropriate mode of transport within customer requirements
- Daily Communication with customers on relevant issues and resolution



- Manage new account implementation from standard operating procedure to execution

#### Quality, Health & Safety:

- Supports organizational commitment to ISO 9001, ISO 45001 certification – Montreal location
- Perform assigned tasks to support DSV meets its objectives and targets regarding quality, health, safety and environment and follow all requirements as set out in the DSV Quality Health Safety Environment policy.
- Staff are required to ensure that their day-to-day activities embrace sustainability, Health and safety therefore reducing the impact upon the environment, supporting the communities we work in and reducing incidents in the workplace.

#### Qualifications

##### Education and Experience

- A minimum of two years' experience in airfreight logistics
- Education in supply chain logistics, international transportation, or a related field of study
- Authorized Cargo Representative (ACR) designated status
- Dangerous Goods Certification, an asset
- Experience in Aerospace Vertical, an asset
- CIFFA certificate, an asset

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#### \* Principal Planner: Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Under the direction of the Director of Freight Planning, the Principal Planner: Freight Planning will be responsible for performing a full range of technical planning, research, analysis, written reports, and outreach activities in the specialized field of freight and goods movement planning. The job requires knowledge of goods movement, the

application of tools of analysis, the ability to research freight and related topics and produce reports, as well as the ability of effectively engage and interact with stakeholders in the public and private sector. To apply, please click here:

<https://njit.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/4582?c=njit>



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