



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

North
America

Transportation's Top Stories

Air Transport Updates

CANADA

WestJet shuts down fledgling freighter network

Difficult market conditions have led WestJet to pull the plug on its new freighter network. The airline is now reevaluating its strategy and what to do with its four Boeing 737-800 cargo jets. WestJet has abandoned its scheduled freighter operation and put two of four Boeing 737-800 aircraft in storage one year after launching the business venture, according to the executive in charge of the airline's cargo operations. The development is a tacit acknowledgement by WestJet that it can't compete in the challenging Canadian cargo market. Air Canada last week disclosed it has parked two new factory-built 767-300 freighter aircraft because of insufficient demand.

WestJet shuts down fledgling freighter network, August 15, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

Air Canada pilots vote to give strike mandate to their union

Air Canada pilots voted to give their union a strike mandate as negotiations over a new labor agreement have been stalled for more than a year. Workers could walk off the job as soon as mid-September. The Air Line Pilots Association, representing Air Canada's more than 5,400 aviators, is in a federal conciliation process with Air Canada until August 26, which will be followed by a 21-day cooling off period. The workers will be in a legal strike position starting Sept. 17. The unionized pilots gave the strike authorization August 22, 2024 morning with a majority of 98%, with 98% of members participating, ALPA said in a statement. The union seeks to close the pay gap with large US airlines, which have significantly increased their pilots' pay lately. Canada's No. 2 airline, Onex Corp.-owned WestJet Airlines Ltd., agreed to a contract in 2023 that included a 24% compensation bump over four years. Air Canada pilots are paid less than half of what

industry counterparts get, according to the union. "Management continues to force us closer to a strike position by not listening to our needs at the negotiating table regarding fair compensation, respectable retirement benefits, and quality-of-life improvements," Charlene Hudy, the ALPA's local head, said in the statement.

Air Canada pilots vote to give strike mandate to their union, August 22, 2024, www.aot.com; and Air Canada pilots overwhelmingly vote to approve strike mandate, August 22, 2024, www.globeandmail.ca

US/WORLD

Biden Harris Administration announces nearly \$300 Million in Awards for Sustainable Aviation Fuel and Technologies as part of Investing in America Agenda

On August 16, 2024, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is announcing \$291 million from the *Inflation Reduction Act* for projects that will help achieve the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from aviation by 2050 as part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda. "The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to enhancing the safety, sustainability and efficiency of our national air transportation system—and reaching our mid-century target of net-zero emissions. These grants will help put the world on a path toward decarbonizing aviation while fostering domestic economic growth and ensuring the U.S. retains its global leadership in aviation," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

Biden Harris Administration announces nearly \$300 Million in Awards for Sustainable Aviation Fuel and Technologies as part of investing in America Agenda, August 16, 2024, www.dot.gov

✈️ European airlines outpace US carriers on cleaner jet fuel



Source: AJOT

In the quest to shrink the outsized climate impact of air travel, airlines across the globe have vowed to consume vast quantities of greener jet fuel. But most airlines are lagging far behind their pledges, according to a Bloomberg Green analysis of corporate environmental filings for 2023. Although many airlines have promised to get at least 10% of their propellant from cleaner sources by the end of the decade, the use of sustainable aviation fuel, or “SAF,” grew from 0.04% of global aviation fuel in 2021 to 0.17% in 2023, according to estimates from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). European airlines are trouncing competitors in the US and elsewhere. That’s due, in part, to a government mandate, with the European Union requiring airlines to use 2% SAF starting next year. Other governments are following with mandates of their own, including the UK, Singapore and British Columbia. By contrast, the US has embraced a voluntary approach, with the government offering lucrative incentives for SAF but not requiring airlines to purchase the cleaner fuels, which cost about three-times more than conventional jet fuel. “There’s a real meaningful stick forcing [European airlines] to use it,” says Nick Pavlenko, who leads the fuels team at the International Council on Clean Transportation, a nonprofit think tank.

European airlines outpace US carriers on cleaner jet fuel, August 19, 2024, www.ajot.com

✈️ Alaska Air-Hawaiian deal closer as DOJ ends antitrust review



Source: AJOT

Alaska Air Group Inc. and Hawaiian Holdings Inc. are one step closer to finalizing their \$1.9 billion merger after the US Justice Department decided against challenging it. The airlines said the waiting period for the antitrust review has now expired. But Alaska and Hawaiian still need approval from the US Department of Transportation. The agency must determine the proposed acquisition is in the public interest before it can approve the necessary route transfers. “This is a significant milestone in the process to join our airlines,” Alaska Air said in a statement. The decision is an abrupt change of course for the Justice Department, which carried out the Biden administration’s pro-competition stance by blocking a merger between JetBlue Airways Corp. and Spirit Airlines Inc. and forcing the breakup of a regional partnership between JetBlue and American Airlines Group Inc. since the beginning of last year.

Alaska Air-Hawaiian deal closer as DOJ ends antitrust review, August 20, 2024, www.ajot.com

✈️ North American airlines on slow climb to improved 2025, report says

Slower than expected revenue growth this year for the North American airline sector will likely weigh on cash flow generation and credit protection, S&P Global Ratings says in a report published on August 20, 2024. S&P Global Ratings has tempered its outlook for the North American airline sector following underwhelming year-to-date financial results and issuer guidance for the rest of 2024, analyst Jarrett Bilous says in “North American Airlines On Slow Climb To Improved 2025”. Passenger growth is normalizing--more than we previously anticipated--following recent reports of domestic overcapacity in North America. The slowing improvement affects earnings estimates for 2024 due mainly to meaningfully higher overall costs that adds pressure to margins. Elevated operating expenses this year are unlikely to ease any time soon. In addition, fuel prices--the second-largest expense

component after labor--remain high (albeit, well below 2022 peaks) and are unpredictable.

North American airlines on slow climb to improved 2025, report says, August 20, 2024, www.ajot.com

Frequent disruptions are now the norm in Canadian business travel



Source: Financial Post

Regular or frequent disruptions have become the norm in Canadian business travel, just as the sector is rebounding from the pandemic years. According to a recent survey by the global travel agency Corporate Traveller, one in 10 business people report regularly or frequently facing travel disruptions, while an overwhelming 70 per cent have experienced disruptions at least once.

Frequent disruptions are now the norm in Canadian business travel, August 21, 2024, www.nationalpost.ca

FAA Refers More Unruly Passenger Cases to the FBI

The Federal Aviation Administration referred 43 more unruly passenger cases to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal prosecution review during the past year. The FAA has now referred more than 310 of the most serious cases to the FBI since late 2021 under a partnership aimed at ensuring unruly airline passengers face criminal prosecution when warranted. When the FAA refers incidents to the FBI, the FBI works closely with law enforcement partners and appropriate agencies to conduct an investigation if applicable.

FAA Refers More Unruly Passenger Cases to the FBI, August 21, 2024, www.dot.gov



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

North
America

Transportation's Top Stories

Rail Transport Updates

CANADA

Railways halt more shipments ahead of potential lockout as bargaining tensions rise



Source: Inside Logistics

The country's two main freight railways are turning away a growing number of goods ahead of a potential work stoppage next week that could snarl supply chains and disrupt industry. Canadian National Railway schedules show that, starting Friday, August 23, 2024. It is barring container imports that originate at some ports, including New York City. CN and Canadian Pacific Kansas City are also beginning to halt shipments that need cooler temperatures, such as meat and medicine, to avoid seeing stranded loads go bad should a work stoppage occur. The two rail companies have warned that 9,300 engineers, conductors and yard workers will be locked out at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024, unless they can reach new collective agreements, while the union has also said it is poised for a strike. Both sides remain at the bargaining table after weeks of deadlock over scheduling and wages, with shipments of chlorine for

drinking water already halted as part of a phased shutdown poised to progress even further next week. Railways halt more shipments ahead of potential lockout as bargaining tensions rise. On August 18, 2024, CN issued notice to the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) formally advising them of its intention to lockout Canadian TCRC-represented employees on Aug. 22 at 00:01 ET unless an agreement or binding arbitration is achieved before that time. Despite negotiations over the weekend, no meaningful progress has occurred, and the parties remain very far apart. CN and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) report that lockdowns could begin as soon as Aug. 22 unless there is progress at the negotiating table or binding arbitration with Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC).

Railways halt more shipments ahead of potential lockout as bargaining tensions rise, August 16, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca; CN Issues Lockout Notice to Teamsters, August 18, 2024, www.cn.ca; and Canadian Rail Shutdown on the Way? (UPDATED 8/19; TCRC Serves Strike Notice to CPKC; CN Formally Advises TCRC of Lockout), August 19, 2024, www.railwayage.com



Canadian Chamber of Commerce warns of economic fallout as railways issue strike notices



Source: Inside Logistics

Pascal Chan, senior director of transportation, infrastructure, and construction at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, highlighted the potential severity of the rail strike. “The statistic from the Railways Association of Canada is that they move \$380 billion worth of goods annually, so over a billion dollars worth of goods a day, and they’re also responsible for half of the country’s exports. So yes, [there will be] massive, massive consequences, and especially with everything that goes in and out of the U.S., given that they’re our most important trading partner and ally,” he said in an interview with *TruckNews.com*. “If there’s a lockdown and a work stoppage and everything stops moving, that is, make no mistake, devastating for the economy. It’s absolutely terrible.” In the event of the railway services stopping, the industry expects increased reliance on the transportation sector to carry the load. But Chan said there’s ‘nowhere near enough capacity’ in the transportation system to compensate for the suspended rail operations. “Having both class one freight railways shut down – there’s just no substitute for that. It’s really unprecedented.” The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) echoed these concerns in a statement last week.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce warns of economic fallout as railways issue strike notices, August 19, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Rail strike would leave Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver commuters in limbo



Source: Financial Post

Workers in Canada’s largest cities may have a more difficult commute starting August 22, 2024, as the country’s two largest railways are set to shut down if a deal isn’t reached between the companies and the union. Several Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal commuter trains use [Canadian National Railway Co.](#) and [Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.](#) tracks. If the lockout goes ahead, local transit agencies say there

will be service disruptions to passenger rail on the Canadian Pacific tracks they use.

Rail strike would leave Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver commuters in limbo, August 19, 2024, www.financialpost.ca

Trudeau calls on railways, union to reach deal to avoid strike

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called on Canada’s two largest railways and unionized workers to reach an agreement to avert a strike or lockout that businesses warn will cause significant harm to the Canadian and US economies. Canadian National Railway Co. and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd. plan to lock out more than 9,000 workers from the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference on August 22, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. New York time. The union issued a strike notice to Canadian Pacific for the same time. Trudeau said Labor Minister Steven MacKinnon is meeting with the parties in Calgary, following a meeting in Montreal on August 20, 2024. “My message has been straightforward: It is in the best interest of both sides to continue doing the hard work at the table to find a negotiated resolution,” Trudeau told reporters on August 21, 2024 in Buckingham, Quebec. “Millions of Canadians — workers, farmers, businesses — right across the country are counting on both sides to do the work and get to a resolution.”

Trudeau calls on railways, union to reach deal to avoid strike, August 21, 2024, www.ajot.com

Railway carloadings, June 2024



Source: Statcan

Canadian railways carried 30.2 million tonnes of freight in June 2024, up 4.9% from June 2023. Higher shipments of iron ores, canola, potash and other cereal grains were the main contributors to this third straight month of year-over-year growth. The volume of freight carried

in June 2024 was on par with the five-year monthly average of 30.3 million tonnes. For the first two quarters of 2024, the cumulative volume was 188.8 million tonnes, up slightly (+1.5%) compared with the same period in 2023. To further explore the latest data and historical trends in an interactive format, please visit the "[Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard](#)." The year-over-year increase in June 2024 was entirely attributable to higher volumes of non-intermodal freight loadings, as intermodal loadings and rail traffic from American connections both declined.

Railway carloadings, June 2024, August 23, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

CN Ends Lock Out and Initiates Recovery Plan

Following Order by Minister of Labour, CN Resumes Train Movements. CN announced on August 22, 2024 that effective 18:00 ET, it ended its lock out and immediately initiated its recovery plan. As CN awaits the formal order from the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB), the Company is making this decision to expedite the recovery of the economy. While CN is satisfied that this labour conflict has ended and that it can get back to its role of powering the economy, the Company is disappointed that a negotiated deal could not be achieved at the bargaining table despite its best efforts.

CN Ends Lock Out and Initiates Recovery Plan, August 22, 2024, www.cn.ca

Canada's labor minister puts an end to CN, CPKC work stoppage



Source: JOC

Railroads must resume operations and enter binding arbitration with Teamsters Canada. The Canadian government has moved to end Canada's freight rail work stoppage — the first to shut down both Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Kansas City simultaneously. However, while the two railroads say they are preparing to resume operations after Labor Minister Steven MacKinnon sent the dispute to binding arbitration, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference says it will

maintain picket lines while it reviews MacKinnon's action. And the CBC reports that MacKinnon's move might not bring an immediate end to the lockouts of TCRC engineers and conductors that began at the two railroads at 12:01 a.m. today (Aug. 22). Also locked out were rail traffic controllers at CPKC represented by the same union.

Canada's labor minister puts an end to CN, CPKC work stoppage, August 23, 2024, www.freightwaves.com; and [Railways say lockouts ending after federal government orders binding arbitration, August 22, 2024, \[www.globeandmail.ca\]\(http://www.globeandmail.ca\)](#)

US/WORLD

AAR: Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 33 and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending August 17, 2024



Source: Railway Age

Weekly rail traffic volumes are up again over the prior-year period, according to the latest Association of American Railroads (AAR) report, but for the week ending Aug. 17, 2024 (Week 33), carloads and intermodal units both saw gains. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 516,819 carloads and intermodal units, up 8.0 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending August 17 were 231,081 carloads, up 1.0 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 285,738 containers and trailers, up 14.3 percent compared to 2023. Eight of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 5,861 carloads, to 21,651; chemicals, up 2,008 carloads, to 33,599; and petroleum and petroleum products, up 1,849 carloads, to 11,267. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 were coal, down 7,409 carloads, to 62,194; and nonmetallic minerals, down 2,110 carloads, to 31,897. Canadian railroads reported 86,349 carloads for the week, down 4.6 percent, and 69,111 intermodal units, down 2.6 percent compared with the same

week in 2023. For the first 33 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,270,427 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.2 percent.

AAR: Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 33, August 21, 2024, www.railwayage.com; and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending August 17, 2024, www.ajot.com



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

North
America

Transportation's Top Stories

Marine Transport Updates

CANADA

Vancouver port acts ahead of Canada rail stoppage

Canada's busiest West Coast container gateway is implementing measures to sustain cargo flows in the event of a work stoppage by railroad employees. A work stoppage could bring stack trains at the Port of Vancouver's Centerm terminal to a halt August 22, 2024. "We are concerned about the prospect of further labor disruptions impacting port and supply chain operations," the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority said in a statement on August 19, 2024. "The impact to the Port of Vancouver will be significant, with approximately two-thirds of all cargo volumes at the port moved by rail, including 90% of international exports."

Vancouver port acts ahead of Canada rail stoppage, August 19, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

Port of Vancouver continues to be important economic driver for Canada

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on August 20, 2024 released its latest Economic Impact Study, confirming the important role Canada's largest and most diversified port continues to play supporting jobs and businesses across the country. The study found the port and its supply chains sustain more than 132,000 jobs paying \$9.3 billion in wages, and contribute \$32.7 billion in economic output and \$16.3 billion in GDP. "Canada is a trading nation and this study illustrates that the Port of Vancouver continues to play a crucial role supporting the movement of goods in and out of our country—helping countless Canadians and their communities prosper," said Victor Pang, chief financial officer at the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. "The study highlights the important role port operators and supply chain partners

play for Canadian businesses from coast to coast. It has never been more important for everyone to work together to support reliable, efficient and sustainable goods movement through Canada's most important marine gateway—the Port of Vancouver."

Port of Vancouver continues to be important economic driver for Canada, August 20, 2024, www.portmetrovancover.ca

Transport Canada takes unprecedented action to keep boat passengers safe

On August 21, 2024, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced that Transport Canada has taken unprecedented action to put an end to serious violations of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 concerning unlicensed passenger vessels. This action underscores Transport Canada's commitment to enforcing marine safety and protecting Canadians. In Canada, all vessels that provide a paid service to carry passengers must be registered as passenger vessels and meet applicable safety requirements. Furthermore, vessels carrying passengers in non-compliance with the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 may be subject to an Administrative Monetary Penalty of up to \$250,000 related to safety deficiencies.

Transport Canada takes unprecedented action to keep boat passengers safe, August 21, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

Number of oil tankers entering Vancouver harbour jumps from two to 20 a month after TMX completion



Source: National Post

Trans Mountain pipeline expansion drives 900% increase in tanker traffic. This is evident as can be seen in the picture which shows Crude oil tankers SFL Sabine, back left, and Tarbet Spirit docked at the Trans Mountain Westridge Marine Terminal, where crude oil from the expanded Trans Mountain pipeline is loaded onto tankers in Burnaby, B.C. The number of oil tankers travelling under the Lions Gate Bridge and into Vancouver harbour has increased from around two a month to around 20 since the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion was completed, according to a local researcher. David Huntley has been monitoring tanker traffic for several years and every few months publishes a record that details the name of each oil tanker that arrives in Vancouver, where it comes from and where it is headed. He uses marine traffic and vessel finder websites to track the ships.

Number of oil tankers entering Vancouver harbour jumps from two to 20 a month after TMX completion, August 22, 2023, www.financialpost.ca

First shipment of critical minerals leaves Port of Churchill in more than 20 years



Source: National Post

First shipment of critical minerals leaves Port of Churchill in more than

20 years on August 16, 2024. “It has got a great deal of geopolitical security implications,” Chandra Arya, a federal member of parliament and a member of the standing committee on international trade, said during an event hosted by the port’s current ownership group, Arctic Gateway Group LP.

First shipment of critical minerals leaves Port of Churchill in more than 20 years, August 21, 2024, www.financialpost.ca

First Critical Mineral Shipment from Port of Churchill In Decades - Key Milestone Reached in the Arctic Gateway Group’s Vision for an Efficient, Reliable and Prosperous Arctic Trade Corridor



Source: Arctic Gateway Group

For the first time in over two decades, an export shipment of Critical Minerals has departed from the Port of Churchill. The zinc concentrate shipment marks a significant milestone in Arctic Gateway Group’s work to revitalize the Hudson Bay Railway, diversify the Port of Churchill, and seize the opportunity to further develop Canada’s Arctic trade corridor to global markets.

“We’re building a new era of economic development and international trade for northern Manitoba while strongly supporting the principles of Indigenous reconciliation,” said Mike Spence, Chair of Arctic Gateway Group (AGG) and Mayor of Churchill. “Thanks to the strong partnership that we have developed between the Indigenous and northern ownership group, the Government of Canada, and the Province of Manitoba, we’ve been able to improve the reliability of our operations and secure new contracts to export Canada’s critical minerals to international markets.”

Over the past two months, more than one hundred rail cars of zinc concentrate from Hudbay Minerals Inc. (Hudbay) operations in Snow Lake, Manitoba were delivered to the Port of Churchill. The zinc concentrate was then stored temporarily at a recently built storage facility, which is the first new building at the port in over twenty years. This new storage facility is the first step in a broader plan to significantly increase critical minerals storage capacity at the Port of Churchill.

To read the full article please click [HERE](#).

August 16, 2024, Arctic Gateway Group, "FIRST CRITICAL MINERAL SHIPMENT FROM PORT OF CHURCHILL IN DECADES", <https://www.arcticgateway.com/>

Cargo sailing ships: Green transport novelty or here to stay?



Source: AJOT

A cargo sailing ship, the Anemos, recently left France to undertake its maiden commercial voyage of approximately 12-15 days to New York with 1,100 tonnes of goods on board, including 15,000 bottles of Burgundy wines. Operated by Brittany-based shipping company, TOWT (TransOceanic Wind Transport), its CEO, Guillaume Le Grand describes the vessel as "a technological marvel that propels itself more than 90% of the time by wind power. It has an average speed of 10 knots. Earlier this year, a cargo sailboat of another French company, Grain de Sail, crossed the Atlantic to New York from St Malo almost at its full capacity of 350 tonnes.

Cargo sailing ships: Green transport novelty or here to stay?, August 22, 2024, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

Container rates down for fourth straight week

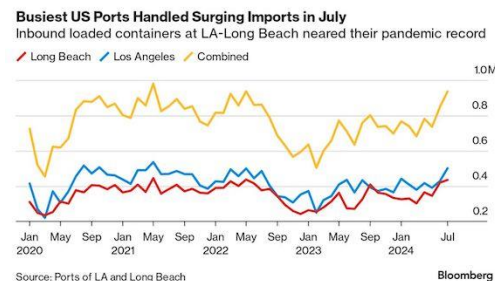


Source: Inside Logistics

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) dropped to US\$5,428 per 40-ft container for the week of Aug. 12-16, the fourth consecutive week rates decreased. The latest WCI composite index of US\$5,428 per 40-ft container is a two per cent drop from the previous week, and is 48 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but it is 282 per cent more than the average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rate of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$4,039 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,242 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,798, which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period.

Container rates down for fourth straight week, August 16, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Busiest US ports absorb import surge nearing pandemic-era frenzy



Source: AJOT

The busiest port complex in the US is churning through import volumes near the highs set during the pandemic despite worries about a cooling economy. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which account for roughly a third of all US container imports, had their third-strongest month ever in July 2024, just shy of an all-time high reached in May

2021. Back then, a wave of inbound consumer goods caused supply bottlenecks on land and a queue of cargo ships waiting for a berth offshore was getting longer by the day. Demand now is driven by retailers and other importers that are stocking up ahead of US tariffs on Chinese goods and a possible strike by a large group of American dockworkers — adding to the usual frenzy of pre-holiday ordering that occurs this time of year. The marine terminals in Southern California’s San Pedro Bay are withstanding the crush so far, though some gauges of capacity constraints are starting to rise. “We’re in a strong position heading into the peak shipping season as consumers purchase back-to-school supplies and shippers move goods ahead of potential tariff increases,” Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero said in a statement. “We have plenty of capacity across our terminals and cargo continues to move efficiently and sustainably.”

Busiest US ports absorb import surge nearing pandemic-era frenzy, August 19, 2024, www.ajot.com



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

North
America

Transportation's Top Stories

Road Transport Updates

CANADA

Urban public transit, June 2024



Source: Statcan

In June 2024, the number of urban transit passenger trips in Canada totalled 125.8 million compared to 119.6 million for June 2023, more than 82% of the June 2019 level, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Total revenue excluding subsidies for June 2024 was \$304.8 million compared to \$309.9 million for May 2024 and \$286.7 for June 2023.

Urban public transit, June 2024, August 19, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Trucking to feel pinch as Canada-Alberta Job Grant put on hold



Source: Today's Trucking

Alberta's trucking industry will feel the pain of recently announced funding cuts that have put the Canada-Alberta Job Grant (CAJG) on hold. Carriers have relied on these funds to offset safety training costs and truck driving schools have banked on students who have utilized CAJG to cover the cost of training. "As a result of Ottawa's unexpected and unreasonable decision to cut \$70.8 million in Labor Market Transfer Agreement funding for Alberta, our government has been forced to put an indefinite hold on the Canada-Alberta Job Grant program for the remainder of the 2024-25 fiscal year," Matt Jones, Alberta's minister of jobs, economy and trade said in a recent statement. "As a result of this cut, Alberta's employers will be short roughly \$10 million in skills and training funding for 2024-25. This means approximately 1,000 businesses, and the training for up to 4,000 Albertan employees, will be impacted."

Trucking to feel pinch as Canada-Alberta Job Grant put on hold, August 20, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca

Manitoba highway improvements to enhance region's supply chain network



Source: Inside Logistics

The Manitoba government is providing more than \$39 million to repair and improve highways and culverts throughout Manitoba's Parkland region to improve the supply chain network. "Our government continues to get work done that builds and strengthens essential roadways and improves infrastructure for rural residents and their communities, which connect them to neighbouring areas and ensure smooth transportation of goods and services," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor. "Our investment strategy in highways is robust and we are on track to build up areas that have been ignored for too long."

Manitoba highway improvements to enhance region's supply chain network, August 1, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

US/WORLD

USDOT Releases National Deployment Plan for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Technologies to Reduce Death and Serious Injuries on America's Roadways

On August 16, 2024, as part of its commitment to reducing deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the Saving Lives with Connectivity: A Plan to Accelerate V2X Deployment. This plan will guide the implementation of vehicle-to-everything technologies across the nation and support USDOT's commitment to pursue a comprehensive approach to reduce the number of roadway fatalities to zero.

USDOT Releases National Deployment Plan for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Technologies to Reduce Death and Serious Injuries on America's Roadways, August 16, 2024, www.dot.gov




The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

North
America

Transportation's Top Stories

Other Transport Updates

CANADA

 **CTA: CBSA Must be Prepared for CARM Implementation on Oct. 21**



Source: Ontruck

Since the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) *announced another delay* to the long-awaited launch of the CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) system, the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has continued to reach out to members for feedback about the initiative, with fleets indicating that CBSA must continue to work with industry to alleviate border fluidity concerns, and be ready to implement CARM as scheduled on October 21, 2024. CARM is a digital initiative which will modernize collection and taxation of goods entering Canada.

CTA: CBSA Must be Prepared for CARM Implementation on Oct. 21, August 16, 2024, www.ontruck.ca

 **Supply Chain Canada enters into new agreements with provincial partners**



Source: CTL

Supply Chain Canada says it has solidified its relationships across the country and entered into new agreements with its institute partners. "Some 14 months ago the decision was made that the Federation Council was not working and in order to move forward as an association we had to do things differently," said Michael Whelan, board chair, Supply Chain Canada. "I am pleased to advise that the Federation Council has been dissolved and we have implemented new bilateral affiliation agreements with our provincial institute partners. As a long-standing member of Supply Chain Canada, I am grateful to the association for taking this step to securing our future." *Supply Chain Canada enters into new agreements with provincial partners, August 20, 2024, www.ctl.ca*

Advanced warehouses in Canada and U.S. drive North American logistics robot market share



Source: Inside Logistics

The use of robots in the logistics market is expected to jump over the next decade, reaching US\$33.08 billion by 2032, according to SNS Insider Research. Online shopping is seen as one of the key drivers of the increase, which the report indicates will grow by nearly US\$25 billion in 10 years. In 2023, with e-commerce sales accounting for 22 per cent of U.S. retail and average order values hitting US\$90, retailers are under growing pressure to provide fast delivery. In order to keep up with the need for quicker shipping, companies are making big investments in automation technologies such as logistics robots to improve warehouse functions and boost the effectiveness of order processing.

[Advanced warehouses in Canada and U.S. drive North American logistics robot market share, August 21, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca](https://www.insidelogistics.ca)

US/WORLD

Leveraging network effects to mitigate risk

From Jan. 1, 2023, through 2024, *TriumphPay* has prevented \$113.58 million in potential losses through the capabilities of the *TriumphPay* Network. An upcoming white paper by *FreightWaves*, in partnership with *TriumphPay*, examines how the Network identified and prevented potential losses for Network participants. The Network is modernizing and simplifying freight transactions. By exchanging real-time structured data, the Network reduces inefficiency, automates secure transactions, and provides personalized cash flow solutions to network participants. Handling over \$51 billion in unique brokered freight transactions annually, the Network has the data density required to verify real-time data, detail trends, and prevent losses. This allows it to serve as the data source of truth for its broker partners. This article details the data demonstrating these potential losses identified and prevented due to

fraud, bad data, incorrect bank account information, as well as additional friction related to misdirected payments.

[Leveraging network effects to mitigate risk, August 19, 2024, www.freightwaves.com](https://www.freightwaves.com)

ICYMI: U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg Travels to Nevada to Speak to Union Workers, Break Ground on Infrastructure Projects as Part of Summer of Construction Tour

In the week of August 11, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg traveled to Nevada to continue his Summer of Construction Tour and celebrate investments made possible by the Biden-Harris Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Across the country, projects are underway to improve safety and the way people get around their communities, create new opportunities for American workers and small businesses, and strengthen our supply chains and lower the costs of everyday goods.

[ICYMI: U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg Travels to Nevada to Speak to Union Workers, Break Ground on Infrastructure Projects as Part of Summer of Construction Tour, August 22, 2024, www.dot.gov](https://www.dot.gov)



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport

North
America

WiLAT NA 1st Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, September 25 @ 2 pm ET/ 1 pm CT/11 am PT

Via Zoom

Join us for our one-year anniversary celebration hosted by Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops who will teach a Medicine Bag Workshop. Marc is a proud member of the Apitipi Anicinapek Nation (formerly Wahgoshig First Nation Band), with roots in both Algonquin and French heritage. As the founder of Makatew Workshops, Marc is dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and understanding through immersive experiences.

The medicine bag is so much more than an accessory. In this facilitated workshop, you will learn its history and purpose while making a medicine bag of your own using locally sourced deer leather.

RSVP online by **September 10th** to reserve your space and receive your kit by mail prior to our anniversary event at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-1st-anniversary-celebration/>



This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.



Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops



Join us for one hour online for our one-year anniversary celebration on Wednesday, September 25 at 2 pm ET/ 1 pm CT/ 11 am PT hosted by Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops who will teach a Medicine Bag Workshop. Marc is a proud member of the Apitipi Anicinapek Nation (formerly Wahgoshig First Nation Band), with roots in both Algonquin and French heritage. As the founder of Makatew Workshops, Marc is dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and understanding through immersive experiences.

The medicine bag is so much more than an accessory. In this facilitated workshop, you will learn its history and purpose while making a medicine bag of your own using locally sourced deer leather. The workshop provides a comprehensive and insightful exploration of Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices. This workshop covers several crucial topics, offering participants a deep understanding and appreciation of Indigenous traditions and contemporary issues.

Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

RSVP by **September 10th** to reserve your space and receive your kit by mail prior to our anniversary event. This event is free.

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-na-1st-anniversary-celebration/>

US Members Forum | August 29 | 5 ET/4 CT | Speaker: Ken Luebeck, Safety Management Systems in Transit

The US Chapter would like to invite you to their next Forum meeting to be held on Thursday, August 29th at 5 pm (ET) / 4 pm (CT)/ 2 pm (PT). They hope you will be able to join them via Zoom for this 60-minute meeting.

This month we are delighted that Houston, Texas based CILT member Ken Luebeck has offered to give a talk on SMS (that is Safety Management Systems to the uninitiated) in the Transit sector. Ken is a Professional Engineer (P.E.) and will give an engineer's perspective on SMS in Transit. Ken has a distinguished career working in transit at Metro Transit in Minneapolis St Paul and METRO in Houston. He is currently a Project Manager for engineering consultancy Benesch.

As a licensed P.E. Ken will explain SMS in plain English drawing on his experience implementing and working with systems in transit. As always, we will have time for Q&A and broader discussion during this 60-minute session.

If you have colleagues or friends who would find this topic interesting, please forward the meeting link. We can open this month's forum to prospective new members, giving them a taste of the interesting and informative topics covered at our monthly sessions.

To join this ZOOM meeting on August 29th, click:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88350168245?pwd=Dxs9TAgDKJyjnR4ryCQajy9Tc10iqC.1>

For any questions about this event, please contact Andrew Young at: USChapter@ciltna.com

Job Postings

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

About the job

DSV – Global Transport and Logistics

DSV encourages inclusivity and are committed to diversity in the workplace while welcoming applications from all qualified individuals including women, members of visible minorities, aboriginal persons, and persons with disabilities. Our goal is to provide an inclusive 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

To apply, please visit:

<https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3863106498/?alternateChannel=search&refId=A81LN526mFsLFBBHkha9og%3D%3D&trackingId=MfyXuzduSAeWdk4u16ht3w%3D%3D>

* **Supply chain specialist, Bombardier, Dorval, QC**

Develop new sources of supply and establish strategic alliances.

Develop negotiation business strategies.

Lead and participate in the development of the commodity by managing projects that would include the preparation of business cases.

Lead, develop and execute the commodity strategy and provide to senior management project and negotiation statuses.

Identify, analyze and realize cost reduction opportunities

Create and maintain formal networks internally and externally.

Act as single interface with suppliers of new business.

Support Sites and/or Business Units with appropriate sourcing strategies.

Coordinate and lead negotiations of any claims with suppliers in support of business unit production issues.

Support Business Units in the application of contractual remedies against material breaches.

Lead contract negotiations with suppliers.

Ensure contracts are maintained in accordance to our business requirements

Coordinate the Procurement Agents activities in relation to the balanced scorecard objectives, the master plans and the detailed plans.

Support Procurement Agents in their contracts negotiations, the commercial agreements and product changes negotiations, as well as the contracts amendments;

Participate in the governance of cost reduction initiatives and ensure projects come to fruition.

Actively participate in supplier program reviews led by the business units.

Develop and coach team members on procurement initiatives and processes.

Support commodity manager in the performance development plan process.

How to thrive in this role? Skills, knowledge & experience:

You have a bachelor's degree in business administration or equivalent.

You have seven (7) to ten (10) years of relevant experience.

You have experience in the aerospace industry and/or manufacturing environment and/or program management, in a commercial role, an asset.

You have excellent negotiation skills and experience in project management.

You are detail oriented, focused and committed to meeting deadlines.

You are a strong team player, recognized for your leadership and innovation, and ability to mobilize a team.

Have a high proficiency and are good communicator in French and English (written and spoken)

You have strong capabilities in operations and financial management.

You are comfortable with complex technical topics, and have knowledge of legal terminology or interpretation of contracts.

You are familiar with Just-In-Time purchasing logistic, integrated supply chain and lean manufacturing concepts.

You can work with MS Project, Word, Excel, Power Point and MS Outlook.

Please note: You don't need all the skills, knowledge, and experience listed for this position! We're not looking for the perfect candidate, we're looking for great talent and resourcefulness.

Now that you can see yourself in this role, apply and join the Bombardier family!

To apply, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3948043986>

* **Procurement Specialist, Irving Shipbuilding, Halifax, NS**

Irving Shipbuilding Inc. is seeking a Procurement Specialist.

Procurement Specialists will be responsible for progressing life-cycle procurement activities of material packages – which may include complex systems or materials – for the Artic and Offshore Patrol (AOPS) program. Ownership of procurement lifecycle includes the following key activities, driving towards contract awards: analysis and research to support the development of comprehensive sourcing strategies; active and daily communication/ coordination of various internal stakeholders to ensure incremental progress and schedule adherence (project management); regular supplier engagement and management; executing and maintaining delivery timelines in accordance with time fence rules; preparation of briefing papers or

executive summaries with commercial recommendations; drafting of negotiation strategies; major participation (and, for less complex packages, leading) in-person supplier negotiations and performance reviews; creating and executing contract amendments. Procurement Specialists will work alongside their peers to knowledge share and assist collaboratively across the team to meet periods of peak demand and achieve critical deadlines. Procurement Specialists will adhere to and support business and system processes and contribute to continuous improvement efforts.

This is a permanent full-time role based in Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia. The primary language of work is English. We encourage applications from qualified African Nova Scotians, racially visible persons, women (applying for non-traditional positions), persons with disabilities, Aboriginal persons and persons of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. ISI encourages applicants to self-identify in the cover letter/resume portion of your application. Irving Shipbuilding Inc. is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in its employment practices and to providing an environment where all employees feel supported and valued. ISI is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Candidates who require accommodation during the selection process are invited to contact recruitment@irvingshipbuilding.com.

Education:

Post-secondary degree or diploma in business, supply chain, science or engineering
Experience in lieu of formal education is accepted - at least 5 years of supply chain experience in the Aerospace, Shipbuilding/Shipping/Shipyard, Automotive, Construction, Heavy Manufacturing or the Defence industry
The following Supply Chain accreditations would be considered an asset: SCMP, MCIPS or ISM
Experience: A minimum of 3 years of supply chain procurement experience in Aerospace, Shipbuilding/Shipping/Shipyard, Automotive, Construction, Heavy Manufacturing or the Defence industry
Previous exposure to market analytics and insights
Demonstrated organizational and time management skills
Strong sense of urgency to complete tasks
Strong analytical skills
Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
High attention to detail
Fluency in Microsoft Office

All successful applicants must meet requirements for Canadian Controlled Goods Program (CGP), Canadian Government Security clearance, and U.S. International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Key Responsibilities:

Develop and improve supplier quality, cost, and delivery performance
Issue Purchase Orders for material
Provide advice on contractual claims
Execute contracts and amendments
Execution of negotiated contract through Irving Shipbuilding's ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) & MRP (Material Resource Planning) systems.
Lead Supplier performance reviews
Analyze market conditions (ex: pricing, availability, lead-time and capacity)
Support new product introduction activities
Apply the principles of continuous improvement to the design and development of supply chain processes
Undertake cost analysis for direct material and service

To apply, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3982049562>



★ Did you know CILTNA has an X (formerly Twitter) Account?

Go to: https://twitter.com/cilt_na and Follow Us.



★ Did you know CILTNA has a YouTube Channel?

To view all of our past webinar/event recordings, please subscribe to our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1gRKcOcJ5vohMSRFBjIEFA>

Subscribe and click the bell icon to receive notifications whenever we post a new webinar video.