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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### ✈️ Quarterly civil aviation statistics, first quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

Operating revenue for the 24 largest Canadian air carriers totalled \$8.3 billion in the first quarter of 2024, up 8.1% compared with the same quarter of 2023. At \$7.2 billion, passenger revenue remained the main revenue source for airlines in the first quarter of 2024, while air cargo generated \$522.3 million in revenue. In the first quarter, Canadian carriers transported 22.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services.

*Quarterly civil aviation statistics, first quarter 2024, August 23, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### ✈️ Air Canada potential pilots' strike would ground 1,000 flights a day. How worried should Canadians be?

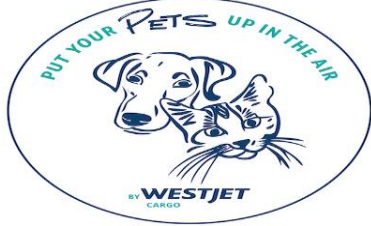


Source: National Post

Pilots at Air Canada (5,400), Canada's largest airline, could walk off the job as early as Sept. 17, 2024 after 98 per cent voted in favour of giving their union a strike mandate. Here's what that would mean for travellers. It would mean that Canada potential pilots' strike would ground 1,000 flights a day. Charlene Hudy, head of the Air Canada contingent of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), told The Canadian Press that wages are a major issue for the membership. Last year, WestJet, the country's second largest airline, agreed to a contract that included a 24 per cent compensation bump over four years. Over the last year and a half, new contracts have been signed between the four biggest U.S. airlines and their pilots, meaning some of those workers now make roughly double what Air Canada pilots are earning. "We all fly passengers under the Star Alliance," Hudy said. "So we're flying the same passengers in the same airspace on some of the very same routes, and those pilots are being compensated dramatically more than us."

*Air Canada potential pilots' strike would ground 1,000 flights a day. How worried should Canadians be?, August 26, 2024, [www.nationalpost.ca](http://www.nationalpost.ca)*

## ✈️ WestJet Cargo expands pet transportation services to major European destinations on International Dog Day



Source: AJOT

As the world marks International Dog Day on August 26, WestJet Cargo has announced the expansion of its pet transportation services to three major European airports: London Gatwick (LGW), London Heathrow (LHR), and Edinburgh (EDI). This expansion comes in response to the growing demand for secure and reliable international pet travel between Canada and Europe, reinforcing WestJet Cargo's commitment to providing specialized care for pets during their journey. "At WestJet Cargo, we recognize that pets are beloved members of the family, and their safety and comfort during travel are our utmost priorities. By extending our pet transportation service to LGW, LHR, and EDI, we are enhancing connectivity for pet owners and ensuring that their pets receive the highest standard of care throughout their journey," said Kirsten de Bruijn, Executive Vice President of WestJet Cargo.

*WestJet Cargo expands pet transportation services to major European destinations on International Dog Day, August 26, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## ✈️ Air Canada Comments on the End of Federal Conciliation in Negotiations with Air Line Pilots Association

Air Canada on August 27, 2024 issued the following update in its ongoing contract negotiations with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA). Air Canada's intention remains to reach a negotiated settlement with its pilots, one that recognizes their professionalism and contributions to the airline. During the talks, there has been significant progress and the three-week cooling off period gives the parties more than sufficient time to address any outstanding issues. Air Canada is fully committed to bargaining meaningfully throughout the period. However, certainty about their travel plans is important to customers. For this reason, Air Canada has introduced a goodwill policy to give all customers flexibility with imminent travel plans. Starting on August 27, 2024, customers who have purchased travel on

Air Canada flights for the period immediately preceding and after the end of the cooling off period on September 17, 2024, can change any travel already purchased at no additional cost.

*Air Canada Comments on the End of Federal Conciliation in Negotiations with Air Line Pilots Association, August 27, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## ✈️ Canada's Flair Airlines discusses balance sheet restructure

Canada's Flair Airlines Ltd. is in talks to raise funds that would help ease the debt burden at the budget carrier beset by aircraft repossessions, back taxes and a financial backer accused of fraud. Interim Chief Executive Officer Maciej Wilk is in discussions with "financial institutions that are not shy of taking a slightly higher-risk investment" to participate in an ongoing recapitalization of the low-cost carrier, he said in a phone interview. New lenders or equity funding would help the airline address its significant debt load, which he wouldn't quantify. "In order really to give us breathing space and comfort to continue a restructuring of the company, I think we would be very happy if we received like a hundred million" Canadian dollars, Wilk said by phone. "Just to be clear, it's not like this is something that we desperately need right now." Flair ran into financial trouble after higher costs upset its efforts to rapidly scale up as the pandemic eased. Lessors repossessed four Boeing Co. 737 aircraft in March 2023 — stranding passengers headed for spring break — and its former lead investor, 777 Partners LLC, has faced accusations of fraud in court. Another 777-backed carrier, Australia's Bonza, entered liquidation in July 2024. Flair still owes the Canadian government tens of millions in back taxes, the Canadian Press reported in January 2024, prompting them to arrange a payment plan with the Canada Revenue Agency. A court dispute over the planes, which Flair alleges were "unlawfully" seized by Airborne Capital Ltd., is ongoing.

*Canada's Flair Airlines discusses balance sheet restructure, August 27, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, June 2024



Source: Statcan

In June 2024, aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 520,024, up 2.6% from June 2023. Itinerant movements increased 2.5% year over year to 367,247 in June 2024, while local movements rose 3.1% to 152,777. At the same time, major Canadian airlines flew 7.5 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in June 2024, with a passenger load factor of 86.5%. Aircraft movements increased in all sectors in June 2024, compared with the same month in 2023.

*Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, June 2024, August 30, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, July 2024



Source: Statcan

In July 2024, 5.6 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, an increase of 3.3% from July 2023. Screened passenger traffic in July 2024 came in above pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, with 4.1% more screened passengers than in July 2019. Transborder (to the United States) traffic in July 2024 was 12.5% higher than in the same month in 2023 and 9.1% higher than in July 2019. July 2024 was the third consecutive month in which transborder traffic topped pre-pandemic volumes. In July 2024, international screened passenger

counts (outside of the United States) grew 6.2% over July 2023, exceeding pre-pandemic levels from July 2019 by 2.7%. The number of passengers screened for domestic flights was down 3.0% year over year in July 2024 albeit 2.0% higher than in July 2019.

*Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, July 2024, August 30, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### Strong Air Cargo Demand Growth Extends into July



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for July 2024 global air cargo markets showing continuing strong annual growth in demand. 1. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs), rose by 13.6% compared to July 2023 levels (14.3% for international operations). This is the eighth consecutive month of double-digit year-on-year growth, with overall levels reaching heights not seen since the record peaks of 2021. 2. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTKs), increased by 8.3% compared to July 2023 (10.1% for international operations). This was largely related to the growth in international belly capacity, which rose 12.8% on the strength of passenger markets and balancing the 6.9% growth of international freighter capacity. It should be noted that the increase in belly capacity is the lowest in 40 months whereas the growth in freighter capacity is the highest since an exceptional jump was recorded in January 2024.

*Strong Air Cargo Demand Growth Extends into July, August 28, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ Passenger Demand Up 8% in July



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for July 2024 global passenger demand with the following highlights: 1. *Total demand*, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 8.0% compared to July 2023. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 7.4% year-on-year. The July load factor was 86.0% (+0.5ppt compared to July 2023). There was no significant negative demand impact from the CrowdStrike IT outage on 19 July. 2. *International demand* rose 10.1% compared to July 2023. Capacity was up 10.5% year-on-year and the load factor fell to 85.9% (-0.3ppt compared to July 2023). 3. *Domestic demand* rose 4.8% compared to July 2023. Capacity was up 2.8% year-on-year and the load factor was 86.1% (+1.7ppt compared to July 2023). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "July was another positive month. In fact, passenger demand hit an all-time high for the industry and in all regions except Africa, despite significant disruption caused by the CrowdStrike IT outage."

*Passenger Demand Up 8% in July, August 29, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

Source: DOT

On August 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) indicated that the year-to-date flight cancellation rate for 2024 is 1.6% heading into the Labor Day holiday weekend. Despite significant flight disruptions in July 2024 brought on by the global CrowdStrike outage, summer storms, and record-breaking air travel volumes, the year-to-date cancellation rate remains below 2022 and pre-pandemic levels. Air travel volumes this summer are the highest on record. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has already screened 239.8 million people since Memorial Day weekend, which is an average of 2.7 million per day. The top ten busiest travel days in the agency's history have all occurred this year since May 2024, and a new milestone was reached on July 7, 2024 when more than 3 million people were screened in a single day for the first time.

*2024 Flight Cancellation Rate Below Pre-Pandemic Levels Heading into Labor Day Weekend, August 29, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ 2024 Flight Cancellation Rate Below Pre-Pandemic Levels Heading into Labor Day Weekend







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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Investment aims to complete work on Hudson Bay Railway



Source: Inside Logistics

The federal government and Province of Manitoba are investing up to \$60 million into the Arctic Gateway Group to finish work on the Hudson Bay Railway, start to redevelop the Port of Churchill and help the communities and sectors of the economy that depend on the Arctic Gateway Group's operations. The Arctic Gateway Group is a partnership of 41 First Nation and Bayline communities in Manitoba. The Hudson Bay Railway, owned and operated by the Arctic Gateway Group, is the only year-round, all-weather mode of transportation for both passenger and freight traffic to access several northern Manitoba communities. The rail line is an essential transportation mode for supply chains, local food security and regional connectivity.

*Investment aims to complete work on Hudson Bay Railway, August 2, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### Railways to resume operations; union blasts CIRB ruling



Source: Inside Logistics

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) said its railway operations will restart in Canada by 12:01 a.m. ET Monday, Aug. 26, following the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) order requiring CPKC and CN Rail to resume operations and Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) employees to resume their duties. "While CN is disappointed an agreement could not be reached at the bargaining table, the company is satisfied that this order effectively ends the unpredictability that has been negatively impacting supply chains for months," CN said in a statement. CPKC said it asked TCRC for employees to return to work for the day shift on Sunday (Aug. 25) so it could get the Canadian economy moving again as quickly as possible and avoid further disruption to supply chains.

*Railways to resume operations; union blasts CIRB ruling, [August 26, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## CPKC's brand value surges in new report



Source: Inside Logistics

Canadian rail company CPKC's brand value increased 28 per cent to US\$2.7 billion Brand Finance's Logistics 25 2024 report, and is this year's global logistics brand with the largest brand value growth by percentage, paving the way for the brand to be included in the Brand Finance's global logistics ranking. DoorDash's brand value went up 14 per cent to US\$4.3 billion, holding second place in terms of largest brand value growth as the brand climbed six ranks from 2023 to emerge as the 12th most valuable logistics brand ranked in 2024, while France's dpd placed third with a 10 per cent increase. UPS is the most valuable logistics brand that has been ranked for the past decade, valued at US\$34.6 billion.

*CPKC's brand value surges in new report, August 27, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Analysis: Trudeau flip-flop gives Canada railroads win over unions ... for now



Source: Freightwaves

The good news: Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Kansas City trains are rolling just days after a work stoppage for the first time shut down most of the country's rail network. The restart of operations on the two largest railroads came after the Canada Industrial Relations Board on Saturday, August 24, 2024 backed an order by Labor

Minister Steven MacKinnon ending the lockout and sending the contract dispute between the railroads and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference to binding arbitration. The not-so-good news: While the order bars labor stoppages during arbitration, the TCRC said it would challenge the constitutionality of the decision in court, so it's unclear when the sides will reach agreement on new contracts. Moreover, recent Canadian Supreme Court rulings regarding government-imposed contracts could set up another work stoppage in as soon as a year. It's expected to take several weeks for the supply chain to catch up as idled shipments begin moving again. The railroads had earlier called for government intervention in negotiations but Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, unwilling to offend labor and its support for his government, had rejected those pleas throughout bargaining on contracts that expired in December 2023. His speech finally gave railroads what it wanted.

*Analysis: Trudeau flip-flop gives Canada railroads win over unions ... for now, August 27, 2024, [www.freightwaves.ca](http://www.freightwaves.ca)*

## Train movements in Canada close to normal after labor turmoil



Source: AJOT

Train movements at Canadian National Railway Co. and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd. are almost back to normal after a short lockout of unionized workers, according to RailState, a provider of real-time rail data. Canadian National train movements were at 96% of pre-lockout levels as of Tuesday, while Canadian Pacific was at 95%, RailState said. The two railways came to a halt Aug. 22 in Canada due to a labor dispute with more than 9,000 workers represented by the Teamsters union. The federal government stepped in the same day, sending the dispute to the Canada Industrial Relations Board. The labor body released a decision Saturday evening that ordered the railways to resume normal operations and prevented workers from striking this week.

*Train movements in Canada close to normal after labor turmoil, August 28, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## US/WORLD

## **BNSF, NS Reach Tentative Agreements with Unions**



Source: Railway Age

Four months before the next collective bargaining round, BNSF and Norfolk Southern (NS) on Aug. 23, 2024 separately reported reaching tentative five-year agreements with the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen Division/TCU (BRC); International Association.

[BNSF, NS Reach Tentative Agreements with Unions, August 23, 2024, www.railwayage.com](https://www.railwayage.com)

## **CSX Tentative Agreements with BRC and SMART-TD GO-049 Extended to 12 Unions (Updated Aug. 23)**



Source: Railway Age

Two days after CSX announced that it reached tentative agreements on new five-year collective bargaining agreements with the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen (BRC) and General Committee of Adjustment GO-049 of the International, the agreements were extended to 12 unions. [CSX Tentative Agreements with BRC and SMART-TD GO-049 Extended to 12 Unions \(Updated Aug. 23\), August 23, 2024, www.railwayage.com](https://www.railwayage.com)

## **AAR: North American Rail Volume Up in Week 34**



Source: Railway Age

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on August 29, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending August 24, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 516,807 carloads and intermodal units, up 9.5 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending August 24 were 228,858 carloads, up 1.2 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 287,949 containers and trailers, up 17.1 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 5,519 carloads, to 18,914; petroleum and petroleum products, up 951 carloads, to 10,867; and miscellaneous carloads, up 602 carloads, to 9,360. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 were coal, down 5,785 carloads, to 62,543; nonmetallic minerals, down 329 carloads, to 32,891; and metallic ores and metals, down 212 carloads, to 21,812. Canadian railroads reported 65,550 carloads for the week, down 22.0 percent, and 49,890 intermodal units, down 28.0 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 34 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,385,867 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.5 percent.

[AAR: North American Rail Volume Up in Week 34, August 28, 2024, www.railwayage.com](https://www.railwayage.com); and [AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending August 24, 2024, August 29, 2024, www.ajot.com](https://www.ajot.com)



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Grounded cargo ship blocking traffic in St. Lawrence Seaway freed by tugboats



Source: National Post

A ship ran aground late Thursday, August 22, 2024 in the Kahnawake area in the St. Lawrence Seaway following an engine problem, forcing navigation to be suspended in the South Shore Canal. A stuck 138-metre cargo ship that had been blocking traffic in the St. Lawrence Seaway near Montreal has now been freed. Fisheries and Oceans Canada says two tugboats successfully towed the Dutch ship Heemskerckgracht to safety earlier today.

*Grounded cargo ship blocking traffic in St. Lawrence Seaway freed by tugboats, August 24, 2024, [www.nationalpost.ca](http://www.nationalpost.ca)*

#### Study shows impact Port of Vancouver has on economy



Source: Inside Logistics

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's latest Economic Impact Study shows that the Port of Vancouver and its supply chains contributed \$32.7 billion in economic output and \$16.3 billion to the GDP in 2021. The port authority says this snapshot from 2021 confirms 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.

*Study shows impact Port of Vancouver has on economy, August 27, 2024, [www.inwsidelogistics.ca](http://www.inwsidelogistics.ca)*



## **New Panama Canal long term slot allocation method will begin in October for all market segments except LNG and LPG**



Source: AJOT

The Panama Canal announced, through an Advisory to Shipping No. A-30-2024, that the new Long Term Slot Allocation (LoTSA) methodology will be implemented beginning October 1, 2024, for all market segments except LNG and LPG. The LNG and LPG market segments will maintain the previously date announced on the Advisory To Shipping No. A-25-2024. Following the announcement of the LoTSA methodology, several customers from the full container market segment have requested additional time to properly evaluate this new initiative. In response to these requests, the implementation date for these segments has been postponed, allowing for greater participation and to ensure the success of the LoTSA methodology. The introduction of the Long-Term Slot Allocation Method for Neopanamax vessels, as part of the Transit Booking System, was developed to increase transit certainty and flexibility for our clients. Through this method, several transit booking slot packages will be offered to different market segments; meaning a single client will be able to obtain multiple bookings in one transaction. The sealed bidding process for the first calendar year period for booking dates from January 5, 2025, to January 3, 2026, will be held.

*New Panama Canal long term slot allocation method will begin in October for all market segments except LNG and LPG, August 27, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **First critical mineral shipment from Port of Churchill in decades**

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

(AGG) 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. Over the past two months, more than one hundred rail cars of zinc concentrate from Hudbay Minerals Inc. (Hudbay) operations in Snow Lake, Man., 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 20 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.

*First critical mineral shipment from Port of Churchill in decades, August 30, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **High container rates, port congestion entice some shippers back to MPVs**



Source: JOC

Multipurpose vessel (MPV) operators are seeing a return of so-called "spillover" cargoes due to elevated container rates, shipping delays and port congestion, saying they are fielding inquiries from shippers who normally use liner services about transporting shipments — either containerized or as breakbulk cargoes — on MPVs. Still, interest remains well below the level seen during the peak of the pandemic market two years ago, shipping executives told the *Journal of Commerce*. Most of the recent interest from shippers is for mode-malleable cargo — freight that can be easily switched between breakbulk and container modes.

*High container rates, port congestion entice some shippers back to MPVs, August 23, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

### **Container shipping market continues to be reset by ongoing Red Sea crisis**



Source: JOC

It is now more than nine months ago that the Red Sea crisis began with the hijacking of the car carrier *Galaxy Leader*. The crisis caused a major reduction in available container vessel capacity and is the core reason for the huge jump in freight rates this year, superseded only by the pandemic. It might be time to take stock of the situation, as well as consider what lies ahead. The fact of the matter is that more than 100 merchant vessels have been attacked. At least 39 have been hit and sustained some level of damage. This all affects container capacity and rates of vessels transiting the Suez Canal.

*Container shipping market continues to be reset by ongoing Red Sea crisis, August 28, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Feds Tighten Rules for TFWP



Source: Ontruck

Prime Minister Trudeau announced more changes to the Low Wage Stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP). This follows changes recently announced by Minister Boissonnault in a meeting with stakeholders earlier this month. It was announced that the government will be making significant changes to the Low Wage Stream of the TFWP in Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) as defined by Statistics Canada across the country. The following changes to the Low Wage Stream of the TFWP will take effect in four weeks: 1. A refusal to process Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) applications for low-wage jobs in metropolitan areas (using CMA definitions) where the unemployment rate is 6 percent or higher. 2. A return to the pre-pandemic cap of no more than 10 percent of an employer's low-wage workforce can be temporary foreign workers. This change will take effect in all regions. 3. A reduction in the maximum duration of employment from two years to one year. Additionally, over the next 90 days, Minister Boissonnault will be undertaking a review of further aspects of the TFWP.

*Feds Tighten Rules for TFWP, August 27, 2024, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

#### Cleo providing Quebec charging infrastructure for Purolator



Source: Today's Trucking

Cleo has been tapped to deploy electric charging infrastructure for Purolator's fleet in Montreal and Laval, Que. The company says it will provide turnkey service, conducting the design, installation, commission and grid connection of Purolator's movable charging infrastructure. Two DC Level 3 fast chargers, 50 Level 2 charging stations and related power units will be installed. Cleo said Purolator was seeking a modular, scalable charging system that was also relocatable. Cleo will also offer smart charging management support and ongoing infrastructure maintenance services. "We are thrilled to contribute to Purolator's decarbonization efforts. As a leader in transportation and courier services, Purolator's influence will encourage other industry players, both small and large, to embark on their own green transition — an endeavor that aligns perfectly with Cleo's mission," Emmanuelle Toussaint, vice-president, commercial at Cleo, said in a news release.

*Cleo providing Quebec charging infrastructure for Purolator, August 28, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Ontario Completes Improvements to Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge

The Ontario government has completed major improvements to the Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge that serves as an important connection to Highway 401 for communities in Prince Edward County and hundreds of thousands of tourists who visit wine country every year.

*Ontario Completes Improvements to Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge, August 28, 2024, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## Biden-Harris Administration Provides Millions to Boost Trucking Workforce Programs

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) on August 26, 2024 announced awards totalling nearly \$3.5 million to 27 colleges and other commercial driver's license (CDL) training programs through the agency's Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) Grant Program. These grants will help improve roadway safety by providing additional training for current CDL holders and creating new pathways for career opportunities as drivers in the commercial motor vehicle industry.

*Biden-Harris Administration Provides Millions to Boost Trucking Workforce Programs, August 26, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## INVESTING IN AMERICA: Number of Publicly Available Electric Vehicle Chargers Has Doubled Since Start of Biden-Harris Administration

The Biden-Harris Administration on August 27, 2024 announced \$521 million in grants to continue building out electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure across 29 states, eight Federally Recognized Tribes, and the District of Columbia, including the deployment of more than 9,200 EV charging ports. This new EV infrastructure will increase access and reliability to communities across the country and provides EV charging to light-, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles along designated highways, interstates, and major roadways. The funds are a part of the Biden-Harris Administration's goals to support the growth of a convenient, affordable, reliable and Made-in-America national network of EV chargers so drivers can charge close to home, at work, and along significant corridors throughout the U.S.

*INVESTING IN AMERICA: Number of Publicly Available Electric Vehicle Chargers Has Doubled Since Start of Biden-Harris Administration, August 27, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## Hazmat carrier sues Dali shipowners for negligence

A Baltimore trucking company is suing the owners and managers of the container ship Dali for indirectly crippling its business. Company's freight costs up 30% due to rerouting after Francis Scott Key Bridge collision. Grace Ocean Private Ltd. and Synergy Marine Group, the owner and crew manager, respectively, of the Singapore-flagged ship that destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore after crashing into it in March 2024, have petitioned for liability protection in a federal court in Maryland. But Underwood Energy Inc., which owns hazmat trucks and runs a rail-to-truck transfer service for other hazmat trucking companies adjacent to where the bridge used to stand, contends that the negligence of the vessel's owners and managers led directly to the destruction of the bridge.

*Hazmat carrier sues Dali shipowners for negligence, August 28, 2024, [www.frieghtwaves.com](http://www.frieghtwaves.com)*

## May 2016 North American Freight Numbers

Figure 1. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows by Mode: May 2015-2016

Mode	Percent Change
Truck	1.3
Rail	-3.1
Pipeline	-21.4
Vessel	-30.7
Air	-3.8
All Modes	-3.1

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

Trucks carried more U.S. freight by value with North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico in May 2016 compared to May 2015 but declines in all other freight modes led to a 3.1 percent decrease to \$89.8 billion in the total current dollar value of cross-border freight. May was the 17th consecutive month that the total value of U.S.-NAFTA freight declined from the same month of the previous year, according to the TransBorder Freight Data released



today by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics.  
*May 2016 North American Freight Numbers, August 28, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

### **March 2015 North American Freight Numbers**

Figure 1. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows by Mode: March 2014 - 2015

Mode	Percent Change
Truck	0.9
Rail	1.5
Pipeline	-41.6
Vessel	-30.3
Air	6.0
All Modes	-5.3

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TransBorder Freight Data

U.S.-NAFTA freight totalled \$96.1 billion in March 2015 as three out of five transportation modes – air, rail, and truck – carried more U.S.-NAFTA freight than in March 2014, according to the TransBorder Freight Data released on August 28, 2024 by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) (Table 1). Year-over-year, the value of U.S.-NAFTA freight flows by all modes decreased by 5.3 percent. The value of NAFTA trade by pipeline and vessel declined in March due to the reduced unit price of mineral fuel shipments.

*March 2015 North American Freight Numbers, August 28, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



### **Team work, technology will help combat cargo theft: CargoNet**



Source: Today's Trucking

Combatting cargo theft is a team sport in which carriers, truckers, shippers and brokers must work together to thwart technically savvy criminals. "It's a surgical strike, the bad guys are using technology. They've figured out what's on the trailer before they attack it," said Keith Lewis, vice-president of operations with CargoNet during a webinar organized by the Truckload Carriers Association. He added that in the past, domestic criminals were involved. Now, the threat is global. Thefts been traced back to 22 countries. And they are using sophisticated methods including fictitious pickups, diverted loads and altered bills of lading. "The bad guys are taking advantage of the speed and efficiency built in the supply chain. The faster we can move goods, the faster they can steal them." Only 10% of cargo theft is reported in the U.S. "It's a serious problem and it's getting worse. Sunlight is the best solution, so let's get some transparency on it," Lewis urged.

*Team work, technology will help combat cargo theft: CargoNet, August 29, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*



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### CANADA

#### Travel between Canada and other countries, June 2024



Source: Statcan

In June 2024, the number of non-resident visitors to Canada represented 93.7% of the number observed in June 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. US residents took 2.9 million trips to Canada in June 2024, and residents of overseas countries took 745,900 trips. The number of returning Canadian residents reached 90.0% of the level recorded in June 2019 as Canadian residents returned from 3.8 million trips abroad in June 2024. Using seasonally adjusted data, compared with May 2022, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada (-2.0%) and returning Canadian-resident arrivals (-1.5%) both decreased in June 2024. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard.

*Travel between Canada and other countries, June 2024, August 23, 2024, [www.statca.gc.ca](http://www.statca.gc.ca)*

#### Canada to restrict low-wage foreign workers, consider lower immigration targets



Source: Today's Trucking

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is urging businesses to hire Canadians as his government announces new restrictions to limit low-wage temporary foreign workers. Ottawa is also considering whether to reduce its immigration targets for permanent residents. Speaking to reporters at the Liberal cabinet retreat in Halifax, Trudeau said his government loosened the rules to help The Liberal government, which has been criticized for the recent influx of temporary foreign workers, is bringing back pre-pandemic rules that made it more difficult for businesses to hire low-wage workers from abroad. But the economic situation is different now, he said, and Canada “no longer needs as many temporary foreign workers.” “We need Canadian businesses to invest in training and technology and not increasing their reliance on low-cost foreign labor,” Trudeau said. “It’s not fair to Canadians struggling to find a good job, and it’s not fair to those temporary foreign workers, some of whom are being mistreated and exploited.”

*Canada to restrict low-wage foreign workers, consider lower immigration targets, August 26, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Canada to hit China with tariffs on electric vehicles, steel



Source: AJOT

Canada will impose new tariffs on Chinese-made electric vehicles, aluminum and steel, lining up behind western allies and taking steps to protect domestic manufacturers. The government announced a 100% levy on electric cars and 25% on steel and aluminum, confirming an earlier report from Bloomberg News. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau unveiled the policy Monday in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he's gathered with the rest of his cabinet for a series of meetings about the economy and foreign relations. The surtax on electric vehicles will take effect Oct. 1 and will also include certain hybrid passenger automobiles, trucks, buses and delivery vans. It will be added to an existing 6.1% tariff that applies to Chinese EVs. The levies on aluminum and steel will come into place Oct. 15. The government released an initial list of goods on Monday and the public will have a chance to comment before it is finalized on Oct. 1, 2024. Trudeau's government is also launching a new 30-day consultation on other sectors, including batteries and battery parts, semiconductors, solar products and critical minerals. "We are transforming Canada's automotive sector to be a global leader in building the vehicles of tomorrow," Trudeau told reporters in Halifax.

*Canada to hit China with tariffs on electric vehicles, steel, August 26, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## National Travel Survey, first quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

During the first quarter, Canadian residents took 66.3 million trips in Canada and abroad, down 0.3% from the same quarter of 2023 (66.5 million) but up 4.3% from the same quarter of 2019 (63.5 million). Most (85.6%) of the trips taken in the first quarter of 2024 were domestic, while 9.0% were trips to the United States and 5.4% were trips taken overseas. In the first quarter, Canadian residents took 56.8 million domestic trips, down 2.5% from the first quarter of 2023 (58.2 million) but up 4.6% from the same quarter of 2019 (54.2 million), before the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of domestic overnight trips was 17.9 million in the first quarter of 2024, while the number of same-day trips totalled 38.9 million. Most of the domestic trips taken by Canadian residents in the first quarter were to visit friends or relatives (24.1 million) or for holiday, leisure or recreation (18.5 million). *National Travel Survey, first quarter 2024, August 28, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Visitor Travel Survey, first quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

In the first quarter, Canada welcomed 4.3 million visitors from the United States and overseas, representing 90.4% of the number of trips taken in the same quarter of 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. From January to March 2024, more than three-quarters (77.9%) of

these visitors were from the United States. In the first quarter, spending in Canada by non-resident visitors totalled \$3.3 billion, almost on par with the \$3.4 billion in expenditures in the same quarter of 2019. On average, these visitors spent \$767 per trip in the first quarter of 2024.

*Visitor Travel Survey, first quarter 2024, August 28, 2024,*  
[www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)





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## WiLAT NA 1<sup>st</sup> 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



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### US Members Forum | Speaker: Ken Luebeck, Safety Management Systems in Transit

The US Chapter hosted a Forum meeting on Thursday, August 29th at 5 pm (ET) / 4 pm (CT) / 2 pm (PT).

This month, Houston, Texas based CILT member Ken Luebeck gave a talk on SMS (that is Safety Management Systems to the uninitiated) in the Transit sector. Ken is a Professional Engineer (P.E.)' and gave 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 explained SMS in plain English drawing on his experience implementing and working with systems in transit.

To watch the recording of this event, please visit: <https://youtu.be/NhsGwSPV9qs>

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### 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=MfyXudzduSAeWdk4u16ht3w%3D%3D>

### \* Senior Procurement Specialist, Siemens, Ottawa, ON

Siemens is proud to be an eight-time award winner of Canada's Top 100 Employers, Canada's Greenest Employers 2023, Canada's Top

Employers for Young People 2024 and Greater Toronto's Top Employers 2022.

What will you do?

Responsible for all designated business units third party spend activities

Controls and monitors all procurement activities in projects  
Implementing procurement strategies targeting maximum contribution to the operating result

Identifies appropriate procurement strategies from a set of standard accepted business unit and company strategies and implements the strategies to achieve cost and customer satisfaction goals of system and service projects

Identify market and project specific risks and opportunities throughout the project procurement phase

Recommends specific actions to mitigate risks or capitalize on opportunities through tailored risk management e.g., contractual framework in consultation with project management and customer  
Establishes proper sourcing processes and identifies all procurement resources and activities to achieve optimal cost Procurement plan target-costing and meet requirements relating to deadlines and quality  
Guarantees the observance of the procurement processes described and optimizing deployment of resources

Analyzes customer contracts and agreements including risk analysis and recommends negotiating strategies and tactics in preparation for negotiations with suppliers back-to-back where appropriate

Leads contract and price negotiations and/or supports Commodity Managers responsible for particular material fields to secure project cost targets with best available terms and conditions

Defines measurements for controlling and compiling all relevant project cost information to submit qualified reports e.g. for the project team procurement management team including analysis of variances and actual or missed cost savings

Assures compliance with all company purchase order requisition receiving and invoice policies and procedures

Train business unit team members on procurement policies and procedures to ensure departmental and related business goals

Provides support to national procurement

What will you need to succeed?

Bachelor's degree Business or Supply Chain Management

Minimum 7 years of related Procurement experience.

Procurement or Supply Management Certification from a recognized association is a plus.

Fluent Bilingual in both English and French is a strong asset

Requires strong verbal and written communication skills to convey complex and/or detailed information to multiple individuals with differing knowledge levels

Strong negotiation skills

Ability to work in a matrix multi-dimensional business environment.

To apply, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3989825706>

### **\* (CONTRACT) Supply Chain Agent – Montreal, Bombardier**

What are your contributions to the team?

- Establish and maintain relationship with strategic suppliers located worldwide from a commercial and contractual standpoint
- 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
- Support other supply chain 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.
- 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?

- You have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, in law, in supply chain or equivalent.
- You have two (2) to five (5) 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.
- You have a high proficiency and are a 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.

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