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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Air Canada agrees to new contract with pilots, avoids strike



Source: Freight Waves

Air Canada on September 15, 2024 said it has reached a tentative, four-year collective agreement with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), representing more than 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge. It thereby averted a threatened strike that could have started within days. The preliminary deal must still be ratified by members of the Air Line Pilots Association. Air Canada said contract terms will remain confidential until the ratification vote, which is expected to take place within a month, and approval of the Air Canada board of directors. Ratification requires approval by a majority of the voting membership. ALPA said the tentative agreement will deliver an additional \$1.9 billion of value for pilots over the length of the contract. Canadian newspapers reported that pilots received a 42% pay raise, with a large chunk of it retroactive to September 2023. Air Canada operates a diversified fleet that includes Boeing 777s and 767-300 converted freighters. Tentative deal ensures cargo shipments will get delivered without delays

*Air Canada agrees to new contract with pilots, avoids strike, September 15, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com); and Air Canada and ALPA Reach Tentative*

*Agreement on a New Four-Year Contract, September 15, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

#### Air Canada Cargo resumes normal operations



Source: AJOT

Air Canada on September 16, 2024 said it has reached a tentative, four-year collective agreement with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), representing more than 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge. The new agreement recognizes the contributions and professionalism of Air Canada's pilot group, while providing a framework for the future growth of the airline. Terms of the new agreement will remain confidential pending a ratification vote by the membership, expected to be completed over the next month, and approval by the Air Canada Board of Directors. Customers who used the airline's labour disruption goodwill policy to change their flights originally scheduled from between September 15 and 23, 2024, to another date before November 30, 2024, can change their booking back to their original flight in the same cabin at no cost, providing there is space available. Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge will continue to operate as normal and for more information customers should consult [www.aircanada.com/action](http://www.aircanada.com/action).

*Air Canada Cargo resumes normal operations, September 16, 2024,*

## ✈️ Porter Airlines introducing Toronto-Pearson - Thunder Bay route with Embraer E195-E2

Porter Airlines is introducing the newest route with its Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Thunder Bay International Airport (YQT). Flights will operate with three roundtrips per week. Porter has been serving the Thunder Bay community since 2009, currently with up to five times daily roundtrip flights between Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, and twice daily flights between Ottawa using the 78-seat Dash 8-400 aircraft. Toronto-Pearson service begins October 16, 2024.

*Porter Airlines introducing Toronto-Pearson - Thunder Bay route with Embraer E195-E2, September 15, 2024, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## US/WORLD

### ✈️ The positive impact of CASS



Source: IATA

In 2024, total participants in IATA's Cargo Accounts Settlement System (CASS) are expected to exceed 20,000 level for the first time. The heightened involvement confirms CASS's importance to air cargo's financial operations, says Muhammad Albakri, IATA's SVP for Financial Settlement and Distribution Services. "CASS is a critical industry service for the development of the global air cargo industry on which so much of the global economy relies," says Albakri. "It supports airlines and freight forwarders by reducing administrative burdens, minimizing errors, and enhancing efficiency. This improves cash flow management and financial accuracy, ultimately benefiting all parties involved in the air cargo industry." The core value proposition of CASS has remained constant: by simplifying the billing and settling of accounts between airlines and their appointed agents and freight

forwarders, CASS enhances a participant's cash flow management and reduces costs. CASS provides a "one-stop-shop" to do business with up to 122 airlines as is the case in France or an average of 35 airlines per market. Freight forwarders receive one batch of standardized invoices through one single portal that can be settled through one single payment to a local bank account.

*The positive impact of CASS, September 15, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

### ✈️ USDOT Requires Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines to Preserve Rewards Value, Critical Flight Service as Merger Moves Forward

On September 17, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation secured binding, enforceable public-interest protections from Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines prior to the close of their merger. The protections, necessary for the Department's consideration of the airlines' needed approvals, are aimed at preventing harms to the traveling public, rural communities, and smaller airline competitors. As the merger moves forward, Alaska and Hawaiian are required to protect the value of rewards, maintain existing service on key Hawaiian routes to the continental United States and inter-island, preserve support for rural service, ensure competitive access at the Honolulu hub airport, guarantee fee-free family seating and alternative compensation for controllable disruptions, and lower costs for military families.

*USDOT Requires Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines to Preserve Rewards Value, Critical Flight Service as Merger Moves Forward, September 17, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### ✈️ SAF Registry to create global, transparent, and fluid SAF market



Source: IATA

Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) will represent up to 65% of aviation's net zero efforts. They can be produced from multiple feedstocks,

including waste oil and fats, green and municipal waste, and non-food crops, and will reduce CO2 emissions by up to 80%. Already, nine biofuel production pathways are certified to produce SAF, which, by design, are drop-in solutions. Governments and regulatory bodies are already beginning to insist on their use. In October 2023, the European Union adopted ReFuelEU, which requires a minimum of 2% SAF supply in 2025, rising to 70% in 2050. A month later, the ICAO CAAF/3 called for international aviation to be 5% less carbon intensive by 2030. But the problem is that the global SAF market is still in its infancy with varied capacity across the regions and overall production lagging requirements. In 2023, global SAF production doubled to more than 0.5 million tonnes ( 625 million liters), but this was still just 0.2% of global jet fuel use. Although production is expected to triple to 1.5 million tonnes (1.875 billion liters) in 2024, 500 million tonnes ( 625 billion liters) will be needed by 2050.

*SAF Registry to create global, transparent, and fluid SAF market, September 17, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

submissions, compared to 7,000 submissions in May 2023. Of the 7,749 submissions received in May 2024, 5,831 concerned U.S. carriers, 1,591 concerned foreign air carriers, and 174 concerned travel companies. The Department received a total of 233 disability-related complaints, up from the total of 221 complaints received in May 2023. It also received a total of nine discrimination-related complaints, down from the total of 27 complaints received in May 2023.

*Air Travel Consumer Report: January-May 2024 Airline Consumer Submissions Data, September 19, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### **Consultation process opens after the Canadian Transportation Agency publishes a fee proposal for the cost recovery of air travel complaints**

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has published a fee proposal outlining how it intends to recover costs for processing eligible air travel complaints, and is now accepting comments. Interested parties have until Monday, October 21, 2024, to submit their comments online. Consult the CTA web [cta-otc.gc.ca](http://cta-otc.gc.ca) for more details about this consultation on the fee proposal, background information and to provide feedback.

*Consultation process opens after the Canadian Transportation Agency publishes a fee proposal for the cost recovery of air travel complaints, September 18, 2024, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

### **Air Travel Consumer Report: January-May 2024 Airline Consumer Submissions Data**

In January 2024, DOT received 6,921 airline service submissions, compared to 11,584 submissions in January 2023. Of the 6,921 submissions received in January 2024, 4,478 concerned U.S. carriers, 2,197 concerned foreign air carriers, and 189 concerned travel companies. The Department received a total of 226 disability-related complaints, up from the total of 222 complaints received in January 2023. It also received a total of 13 discrimination-related complaints, down from the total of 26 complaints received in January 2023. In comparison, in May 2024, DOT received 7,749 airline service



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **CN Announces US\$750 Million Debt Offering**

CN on September 16, 2024 announced a public debt offering of US\$750 million aggregate principal amount of 4.375% Notes due 2034. CN expects to close the offering on September 18, 2024, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. CN plans to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, which may include the redemption and refinancing of outstanding indebtedness, share repurchases, acquisitions and other business opportunities. The debt offering is being made in the United States under an effective shelf registration statement dated April 2, 2024.

*CN Announces US\$750 Million Debt Offering, September 16, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **LDS and CSX Transportation forge multi-year technology alliance to drive industry innovation**

Logistical Data Services (LDS), a leader in providing advanced data analytics and inspection services in the automotive sector, is pleased to announce the formation of a multi-year Technology and Services Alliance Agreement with CSX Transportation, one of the nation's largest rail networks. This strategic partnership underscores CSX's recognition of LDS's proven capabilities in delivering cutting-edge data services and technology solutions. The collaboration aims to spearhead industry innovation, with a strong focus on reducing and eliminating vehicle damage. LDS's cutting-edge systems will empower CSX and its Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) partners to enhance coordination on initiatives that target damage reduction and supply chain efficiency improvements. LDS's software streamlines the

entire claims management process, and in turn, significantly boosts the efficiency of CSX's freight claims.

*LDS and CSX Transportation forge multi-year technology alliance to drive industry innovation, September 16, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

#### **Freight trains are safe at any length**

On September 17, 2024, the Transportation Research Board (TRB) released its study on operating freight trains longer than 7,500 feet. Over the past 80 years, railroads have safely managed trains of this length and beyond. At the same time, the industry's safety record has dramatically improved, with the latest data showing the Class I mainline accident rate down 42% since 2000. "Safety is at the center of every decision on the railroad, and train length is no different," said AAR President and CEO Ian Jefferies. "As operations continue to evolve, railroads are pulling on three key levers – technology, training and infrastructure – to further enhance safety and reliability. Railroads' goal will always be delivering for our employees, communities and the economy – and to do it safely every day." The report says that the FRA should strengthen the requirements so that railroads must identify, analyze, and address the risks that arise from all major operational changes, including from the use of longer manifest trains. Railroads should also be required to regularly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these risk reduction measures and improve them as necessary. Despite the extensive review, the TRB study has several shortcomings. First, it arbitrarily focuses on trains exceeding 7,500 feet, despite acknowledging a lack of consensus on the appropriate definition of a "long" train. The study followed a Congressionally defined threshold without uniform agreement on its appropriateness. Additionally, the report notes the committee was unable to draw conclusions about potential community impacts of emission reductions or from occupied crossings by longer trains.

*Freight trains are safe at any length, September 17, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

*[AAR: North American Rail Volume Uptick Continues Through Week 37, September 18, 2024, \[www.railwayage.com\]\(http://www.railwayage.com\)](#)*; and *[AAR Reports Rail Traffic for the Week Ending September 18, 2024, September 18, 2024, \[www.ajot.com\]\(http://www.ajot.com\)](#)*

## **AAR: North American Rail Volume Uptick Continues Through Week 37**



Source: Railway Age

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on Sept. 18, 2024 reported that total North American carload and intermodal traffic rose 2.6% through the first 37 weeks of 2024 compared with the prior-year period. The United States, Canada and Mexico all experienced gains through the week ending Sept. 14, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 522,557 carloads and intermodal units, up 6.8 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending September 14, 2024 were 232,154 carloads, down 0.0 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 290,403 containers and trailers, up 13.0 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 3,048 carloads, to 19,372; miscellaneous carloads, up 1,837 carloads, to 10,781; and farm products excl. grain, and food, up 820 carloads, to 17,227. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 were coal, down 5,797 carloads, to 63,017; nonmetallic minerals, down 1,853 carloads, to 32,020; and chemicals, down 310 carloads, to 32,444. Canadian railroads reported 91,036 carloads for the week, down 1.3 percent, and 71,170 intermodal units, down 0.3 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 37 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,853,653 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.2 percent.



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# Marine Transport Updates

## CANADA

### Seaway Traffic Results (as of August 31, 2024)

 SEAWAY MONTHLY TRAFFIC RESULTS  
August 2024

Traffic (in thousands of tonnes)	SLSMC - Combined Traffic			
	Year to Date		Change from 2023	
	2023	2024	Tonnes	%
Total Cargo	20 186	19 483	-703	-3.48%
All Grain	4 938	5 215	277	5.61%
Iron Ore	3 908	3 172	-737	-18.85%
Coal	1 172	1 002	-169	-14.45%
Dry Bulk	6 556	5 872	-684	-10.43%
Liquid Bulk	2 053	2 343	290	14.11%
General Cargo	1 512	1 855	342	22.65%
<b>Vessel Transits</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Transits</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Total Transits</b>	<b>2 180</b>	<b>2 103</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>-3.53%</b>

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

For 2024 (year to date) total cargo has declined by 3.48%. Iron ore, coal and dry bulk were the major contributors for this decline with double digit declines. Major contributors to its growth were liquid bulk and general cargo showing double digits growth. The exact figures are shown in the table.

*Seaway Traffic Results (as of August 31, 2024), September 16, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### Potential U.S. port strike would increase traffic through Canadian ports



Source: Inside Logistics

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) voted to support a call for a strike at East Coast ports in the U.S. Nearly 300 ILA wage scale delegates ended their two-day meetings in New Jersey by unanimously supporting international president Harold J. Daggett's call for a coastwide strike at ports from Maine to Texas, which would begin Oct. 1, 2024 if a new agreement with the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) is not reached by that time. Frank Kenney, director of industry solutions at Cleo, an end-to-end supply chain integration software company, said a port strike along the U.S. East Coast would significantly increase traffic through the Port of Halifax and Port of Montreal due to their proximity to rail carriers.

*Potential U.S. port strike would increase traffic through Canadian ports, September 16, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## Container rates take steep decline due to looming port strike



Source: Inside Logisitcs

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) decreased 13 per cent to US\$4,168 per 40-ft container for the week of Sept. 9-13, spurred by a 21 per cent drop along the U.S. East Coast. The latest Drewry WCI composite index of US\$4,168 per 40-ft container is 60 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but it is 193 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\$4,128 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,310 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,818, which was inflated by the 2020-22 COVID-19 period.

*Container rates take steep decline due to looming port strike, September 16, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Port of Long Beach's Cordero says port processed 913,873 TEUs in August up 33.9%

The Port of Long Beach had its busiest month ever in August of 2024 processing 913,873 TEUs of container cargo “our dockworkers, marine terminal operators achieved a 33.9% increase over the same month last year (2023),” according to Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach. Speaking at a media briefing on September 12, 2024, Cordero and Noel Hacegaba, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Long Beach said the remainder of 2024 looks promising for the Port. Cordero cited data from the Marine Exchange of Southern California indicating that high volumes of containers from Asia will continue to arrive in the immediate future:” If you look at the reporting data from the Marine Exchange, there's ... quite several vessels heading towards the San Pedro Bay complex (i.e. toward the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles). So, I think again we're very optimistic that not only can we handle that, we have very good capacity at our terminals.” Cordero said the record numbers were fuelled largely “by the surge in imports,

which increased here at the Port of Long Beach, on a year-to-year basis, to 456,868 TEUS, a 40.4% increase over August 2023.” 1. Exports were up 12% over August 2023 at 104,646 TEUs; and 2. Empty containers were up 33.7% from August 2023 at 352,360 TEUs *Port of Long Beach's Cordero says port processed 913,873 TEUs in August up 33.9%, September 13, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$300 Million in Grants to Modernize America's Ferry Systems

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on September 16, 2024 announced grants totalling nearly \$300 million from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to expand and modernize the nation's ferry systems. Each year, 56 million trips are made on ferries in communities across the country, supporting the movement of people and goods, boosting local economies and helping to lower costs for families, and providing connections for Americans who, in some cases, have no other alternative travel options.

*INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$300 Million in Grants to Modernize America's Ferry Systems, September 16, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## US shippers again ask White House to intervene in longshore contract talks



Source: JOC

US shippers on September 17, 2024 renewed their call for the Biden administration to directly intervene in stalled contract negotiations between maritime employers and the longshore union representing dockworkers along the East and Gulf coasts, saying the country is on the verge of another supply chain shock should a strike occur on Oct. 1, 2024. Talks on a new six-year master contract for dockworkers

along the East and Gulf coasts have been stalled since early June 2024. The shippers were joined this time by a group of House Republicans, who in a separate letter warned of the “dire impacts” to the US economy from a possible port strike. A group of 177 national and state trade associations signed the letter to President Joe Biden, urging intervention.

*US shippers again ask White House to intervene in longshore contract talks, September 17, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Report: Biden won't block dock strike



Source: Freightwaves

President Joe Biden won't intervene to prevent a strike at East and Gulf Coast ports by union longshore workers, according to a published report. The federal *Taft-Hartley Act* grants presidents powers to intervene in labor disputes that threaten national security or safety by imposing an 80-day cooling-off period, and forcing employees back to work while negotiations continue. “We’ve never invoked Taft-Hartley to break a strike and are not considering doing so now,” a Biden administration official told Reuters. “We encourage all parties to remain at the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith.”

*Report: Biden won't block dock strike, September 17, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## LA-LB port stakeholders urge mayors to act against proposed emissions rules



Source: JOC

Shippers, transportation interests and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) are urging the mayors of Los Angeles and Long Beach to lead the effort against the implementation of new regional air emissions rules they say will cap cargo growth at the largest US port complex. In a letter dated Sept. 17 and sent to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson, some 200 port stakeholders said the ambitious plan by the regional South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to adopt a so-called Port Independent Source Rule (ISR) would fail to achieve its goal of proposed reduction. The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association says sufficient electric and hydrogen fueling infrastructure is needed to achieve the emissions reductions required by the proposed rule focusing on Southern California ports.

*LA-LB port stakeholders urge mayors to act against proposed emissions rules, September 18, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Maersk: Q4 container demand to remain strong



Source: Freightwaves

The world's second-largest ocean freight carrier expects global demand for container shipping to remain strong into the fourth quarter on robust imports to North America and Latin America, as well as ongoing strong exports from the Far East. Maersk in a quarterly review and outlook on Wednesday projected a more balanced supply and demand across the global shipping market despite disruptions in the Red Sea and from a potential U.S. East Coast port strike.

*Maersk: Q4 container demand to remain strong, September 18, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



## Southern California supply chain fluid despite surging import volumes



Source: JOC

Industry stakeholders are pointing to minimal supply chain disruption at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach this peak season despite record import volumes, thanks to warehouses throughout Southern California being able to keep churning freight through their facilities. During the height of COVID-related supply chain chaos in 2021–22, warehouses were unable to gear up for import surges and became a major bottleneck in the regional supply chain. That triggered chassis shortages, congested marine terminals and vessel bunching outside the ports. Terminal operators in Los Angeles and Long Beach are benefiting from fluidity at warehouses, access to near-dock surge yards and greater chassis availability. This has helped a steady flow of imports this spring and summer has helped warehouse operators to maintain staffing.

*Southern California supply chain fluid despite surging import volumes, September 19, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Container rates have dropped since mid-July



Source: Inside Logistics

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) decreased five per cent to US\$3,970 per 40-ft container for the week of Sept. 16-20, 2024. The latest WCI composite index is 62 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but it is 180 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\$4,124 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,302 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,821, which was inflated by the 2020-22 COVID-19 period. Freight rates from Shanghai to Rotterdam plunged nine per cent to US\$4,682 per 40-ft container, while rates from Shanghai to Genoa contracted six per cent. Likewise, rates from Shanghai to New York declined four per cent to US\$6,364 per 40-ft box. Also, spot rates from Shanghai to Los Angeles dropped one per cent to US\$5,580 per 40-ft container.

*Container rates have dropped since mid-July, September 20, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.com](http://www.insidelogistics.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

 Quebec launches road freight observatory to tackle data gaps



Source: Today's Trucking

The trucking industry in Quebec is taking a step forward in an effort to tackle trucking data gaps with the launch of the *Observatoire sur le transport routier des marchandises* (OTRM) – or the road freight transport observatory – which was unveiled at Laval University on Sept. 10, 2024. The event also marked the return of the university's freight transportation course to its curriculum. "One of the goals of the observatory is to create connections and collaborate with the transportation industry to improve best practices," said Frank Pons, dean of the faculty of business administration.

*Quebec launches road freight observatory to tackle data gaps, September 13, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

 Urban public transit, July 2024



Source: Statcan

In July 2024, urban transit ridership in Canada reached 125.1 million passenger trips, an increase of more than 14 million from July 2023. Passenger volumes in July 2024 recovered to nearly 85% of the pre-COVID-19-pandemic ridership in July 2019, a level reached only twice (February and May of 2024) since the onset of the pandemic. Canada's urban transit networks provided an estimated 125.1 million rides in July 2024, up 13.2% (+14.6 million trips) compared with July 2023. In July 2024, total operating revenue (excluding subsidies) totalled \$301.6 million, up 6.6% from July 2023, albeit \$40.6 million lower than in July 2019, prior to the pandemic. *Urban public transit, July 2024, September 16, 2024, [www.gc.ca](http://www.gc.ca)*

## CICE funds B.C. companies contributing to decarbonization of trucking



Source: Today's Trucking

The B.C. Centre for Innovation and Clean Energy (CICE) announced \$1.25 million in funding to three B.C. companies, including a fuel cell stack manufacturer for heavy trucks. Unilia Fuel Cells is among the three recipients. It is rolling out a hydrogen fuel-cell-powered heavy-duty truck, CICE said in a release. Expander is another recipient. It produces fossil-free, net-zero renewable diesel for the long haul trucking sector. InnoCast Concrete – the third funding recipient — is addressing carbon sequestration during hydrogen production. “Hydrogen and low carbon fuel technologies are key to reducing emissions in B.C.’s commercial transportation sector, creating a cleaner, more sustainable environment for everyone” said Josie Osborne, minister of energy, mines and low carbon innovation. “I’m excited to see innovative companies like Unilia, Expander, and InnoCast get the support they need to implement their new clean ideas, benefiting people throughout the province and propelling our clean economy forward.”

*CICE funds B.C. companies contributing to decarbonization of trucking, September 18, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## Rail strike boosts Canadian spot market, trailer orders disappoint

Loadlink reported strong load posting growth in August 2024, buoyed in part by the short-lived rail strike and fears over supply chain disruptions. Spot market rates in the U.S. remained weak in the most recent week, as did trailer orders. With trailer makers expected to soon open 2024 order books, analysts are watching closely to see if buyers will come back or instead direct limited cap-ex budgets to power units ahead of EPA27 emissions standards. Trailer orders in August came in at 6,661 units according to FTR, which was down 30% year over year, but a 17% improvement from July numbers. FTR indicated it was the fifth weakest order month in the past four years,

while cancellations remained above 30% as a percentage of total gross orders for the fourth straight month. FTR blames stagnant freight fundamentals for the lack of new orders and notes manufacturers have trimmed production to levels 30% lower than the average August build rate.

*Rail strike boosts Canadian spot market, trailer orders disappoint, September 20, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### Freight fraud costs companies \$400K on average: TIA report

The freight industry faces an average fraud cost of \$402,344.47 per company, with truckload freight identified as the most vulnerable mode, according to the Transportation Intermediaries Association’s most recent report on the state of the fraud in the U.S. transportation and logistics industry. Out of 200 TIA members surveyed, nearly 98% pointed to truckload freight as the primary target, with unlawful brokerage scams, spoofing, and identity theft among the top threats.

*Freight fraud costs companies \$400K on average: TIA report, September 17, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### FedEx results hurt by weak demand, fewer premium customers



Source: Freightwaves

FedEx is in the midst of a transformation it hopes will improve profitability by unlocking efficiencies, improving density and creating a more flexible network. FedEx Corp. reported first-quarter earnings after September 19, 2024 market close that were significantly lower than expected as customers traded down to economy delivery services and demand lagged, disappointing investors and triggering an 11% drop in the share price in late trading. The express logistics provider

lowered its guidance for the fiscal year, saying it now expects low-single-digit percentage revenue growth compared to the prior forecast of a low-to-mid-digit increase. It also narrowed the adjusted earnings-per-share range to \$20 to \$21 from the prior range of \$20 to \$22. Growing preference for deferred service weighs on revenue. FedEx is undergoing a significant transformation under CEO Raj Subramaniam, aiming to cut costs and combine two distinct delivery networks to improve efficiency and customer service. But the quarterly results suggest the process will be bumpy.

*FedEx results hurt by weak demand, fewer premium customers, September 19, 2024 [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA



#### Traffic Flow Dashboard



Source: Statcan

Statistics Canada has launched the Traffic Flow Dashboard as a source of experimental statistics to provide information on the traffic flow on selected road segments in the cities of Calgary and Toronto. This dashboard shows traffic count data that are obtained from traffic camera imagery using a computer vision-based system developed at Statistics Canada's Data Exploration and Integration Lab.

*Traffic Flow Dashboard, September 16, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*



#### Walmart workers in Mississauga vote to unionize, says Unifor



Source: Inside Logistics

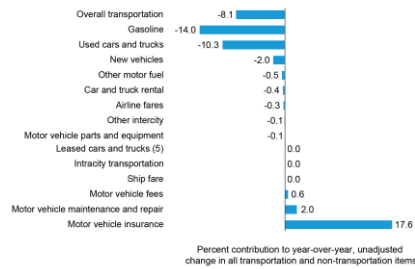
Workers at Walmart's Mississauga warehouse have voted to join Unifor, Canada's largest private sector union, the union said in a release. It is Walmart's first warehouse to unionize in Canada. "This victory is the result of uniting around a belief in workplace democracy and better working conditions," said Unifor national president Lana Payne. "Walmart workers in Mississauga stood up for their rights, and we are excited to get to work on their first collective agreement." More than 40 per cent of the workers at the facility signed a union card this summer and the Ontario Labour Board awarded the workers a vote, which was held Sept. 10–12, 2024.

*Walmart workers in Mississauga vote to unionize, says Unifor, September 17, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

### US/WORLD

## Transportation costs slow inflation for first month since July 2023

Figure 1. Contribution of Transportation to Inflation, August 2024



Source: AJOT

In August 2024, transportation dampened inflation by 8.1%, for the first time since July 2023, due to year-over-year declines in the price for most transportation goods and services. Motor vehicle insurance, however, continued to positively contribute to inflation, at 17.6% in August 2024 – the greatest contribution since July 2016 (with records beginning in 2012). Excluding motor vehicle insurance, transportation would have dampened inflation by 25.7% in August 2024. Motor vehicle maintenance and repair and motor vehicle fees also positively contributed to inflation in August 2024 but to a lesser extent at 2.0% and 0.6%, respectively.

*Transportation costs slow inflation for first month since July 2023, September 17, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

increased network density and additional power lanes. For carriers, RXO offers access to more customers with opportunities to reduce deadhead miles.

*RXO finalizes acquisition of Coyote Logistics, enhancing its North American footprint, September 18, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## RXO finalizes acquisition of Coyote Logistics, enhancing its North American footprint



Source: Inside Logistics

RXO, a provider of asset-light transportation solutions, has completed its acquisition of Coyote Logistics from UPS for a purchase price of US\$1.025 billion, making it the third-largest provider of brokered transportation in North America. This acquisition enhances RXO's market position, diversifies and expands its customer base and broadens its carrier network. For customers, RXO now offers



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## Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

**US CHAPTER FORUM - AIRCRAFT INTERIORS: CHANGES AND UPGRADES WITH JENNIFER COUTTS CLAY CMILT**  
Tuesday, September 24 at 5pm (ET) / 4pm (CT) / 2pm (PT)

To register for this free webinar, please visit:  
<https://ciltna.com/events/september-24-us-chapter-forum/>

\*Registration is open to all. Please feel free to share this event with anyone you feel would be interested in attending.\*

Airliner interiors expert Jennifer Coutts Clay CMILT, author and publisher of the acclaimed JETLINER CABINS E-BOOK, the definitive guide to aircraft cabin interiors, will discuss airline retrofit and upgrade investment programs designed to improve the onboard passenger experience.

Please join the US Chapter online for a free 60-minute webinar tonight, September 24 at 5pm (ET) / 4pm (CT) / 2pm (PT). Airliner interiors expert Jennifer Coutts Clay CMILT, author and publisher of the acclaimed JETLINER CABINS, the definitive guide to aircraft cabin interiors, will discuss airline retrofit and upgrade investment programs designed to improve the onboard passenger experience.

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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.

Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops

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/>

**MAKATEW** Workshops

\*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.\*

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Deadline to receive a kit was **September 10th** but, you can still register to attend the anniversary event online. This event is free.

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**Port Cyber Security: Risks to Global Trade and Mitigation Strategies**  
Part of CILT North America's Port and Maritime Security Expert Panel Series  
Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am PT/ 12 pm CT/ 1 pm ET/ 6 pm UK  
Free 60-Minute Webinar

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/port-cyber-security-ciltna-webinar/>

Three experts in port cyber security will discuss the risks and implications of cyber attacks and the mitigations being put in place at ports in North America and around the world. This dynamic panel discussion will provide invaluable guidance for terminal operators, shippers, policy makers and cyber security suppliers.

**Greg Villano**  
Advisory Specialist Leader  
Deloitte & Touche, LLP

**Lisbeth Laurie**  
Chair, Maritime Safety and Security in the Americas  
The Center for Ocean Policy and Economics

**Ryan Manning**  
Director of Security  
Port of Long Beach

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**DIVERSIFICATION OF CANADA'S TRADE WITH ASIAN MARKETS AND GROWTH IN ITS TRANS-PACIFIC TANKER TRAFFIC**  
Join CILTNA Pacific's double-header in-person event October 10, 2024

**SPEAKERS:**  
**Philippe Rheault**, Director of The China Institute at the University of Alberta and former senior Canadian diplomat with 25 years experience in Asia will share insights on opening up new markets for Canadian exports in China and East Asia, including prospects for Alberta crude oil flowing via TMX and for broader trade diversification in the region.

**Nicholas Schneider**, Director of Projects at Teekay Shipping (Canada) Ltd., will discuss the tanker industry and operations on Canada's West Coast. Teekay is a leading provider of international crude oil transportation. With a fleet of approximately 50 tankers and 2,200 seagoing and shore employees, Teekay provides marine services to the world's leading energy companies.

**October 10, 2024**  
4:30 pm - Registration  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Reception / Presentation  
Terminal City Club  
837 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

**Cost:**  
NON-MEMBER: \$80 CILT MEMBER: \$65 STUDENT: \$45  
TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT: <https://ciltna.com/events/pacific-chapter-reception-oct-10>

Join CILTNA Pacific Chapter's double-header in-person event on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm PT (4:30 pm registration), to hear about "Diversification of Canada's Trade with Asian markets and Growth in its Trans-Pacific Tanker Traffic" with guest speakers L. Philippe Rheault, Director of The China Institute at the University of Alberta and Nicholas Schneider, Director of Projects at Teekay Shipping (Canada) Ltd.

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**Cost:**  
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CILT Members: \$65.00  
Students: \$45.00

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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:

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## \* Supply Chain Specialist, Abbott, Livermore, California

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### The Opportunity

This position works out of our Livermore CA location in the Abbott Heart Failure, Acelis

Connected Health business. Our Heart Failure solutions are helping address some of the World's

greatest healthcare challenges. The main purpose of this role is to ensure that customer orders are processed timely. Daily review of orders that need processing support, product maintenance and updates, monitoring inventory levels, and making inventory buying decisions.

### What You'll Work On

- Works daily reports to ensure all orders are fulfilled.
- Follow up with vendors on back-order items.
- Obtains approval to substitutes like items to fulfill orders.
- Trouble shoot orders in the system as necessary.
- Cancels orders when necessary
- Follows up on lost orders and creates RMA's when necessary.
- Add, edit, or update product information.

- Create purchase orders as needed to restock Livermore and/or Gainesville warehouse
- Adhere to the department metric standards set by your supervisor or manager.
- Create and / or modify POs as needed
- Assist with implementation of workflow productivity improvements.
- Assist in training new hires.
- Follow up on escalations related to supply orders
- Follow all regulatory policies and procedures, privacy and security standards in accordance with Government agencies to include HIPAA requirements.
- Understand and adhere to all business processes and procedures.

### Required Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED
- Minimum of one year of customer service experience

### Preferred Qualifications

- Associate degree or equivalent work history
- Knowledge with Excel
- Spanish Speaking Preferred
- Some data processing experience preferred.
- Capability of typing 40 wpm
- MS Office knowledge

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