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✈️ **WestJet grows its Edmonton capacity by 23% next summer, providing its largest schedule ever**



Source: AJOT

On November 19, 2024, WestJet announced its largest summer 2025 Edmonton schedule to date, detailing nonstop service to 11 transborder, 20 domestic and two sun destinations. The schedule features new direct connectivity to Salt Lake City and Chicago along with numerous frequency increases on key domestic routes. With the noteworthy additions to WestJet's growing Edmonton network, the airline will enhance its overall seat capacity in Alberta's capital by 23 per cent compared to summer 2024. "Today's reveal is just one of the many chapters in WestJet's Edmonton growth story and showcases our investment as the city's number one air carrier and growth engine. In the last three years, we have almost doubled our presence in the community demonstrating an unwavering commitment to further growing Edmonton on connectivity throughout North America," said Alexis von Hoensbroech WestJet Group, Chief Executive Officer. "Through our record summer schedule, we are providing more affordable fares,

product offerings and destinations to the Edmonton region, giving guests choice and flexibility to make the most out of their summer business and leisure travel plans."

WestJet grows its Edmonton capacity by 23% next summer, providing its largest schedule ever, November 19, 2024, www.ajot.com

✈️ **Government of Canada invests in safety and connectivity at the Thompson Regional Airport**

On November 14, 2024, the Honourable Anita Anand, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, announced that the Government of Canada is strengthening air safety and connectivity at the Thompson Regional Airport. Through the Airports Capital Assistance Program, the federal government is providing \$30 million to the Thompson Regional Airport for the construction of a new apron, two new taxiways (one paved and one gravel), and new drainage and electrical systems.

Government of Canada invests in safety and connectivity at the Thompson Regional Airport, November 14, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

✈️ **JFK International Airport named best in North America for 2nd year by Business Class Airport**

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on November 14, 2024 announced that JFK International Airport was named the best airport in North America for the second consecutive year by *Business Traveller's* annual survey of readers from around the world. "This year's recognition of JFK International Airport as the best in the nation by Business

Traveller's readers is just the beginning of the accolades to come," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "When the transformation of JFK is complete in several years, travelers from around the world will all come to recognize that this once-storied airport is again among the world's very best."

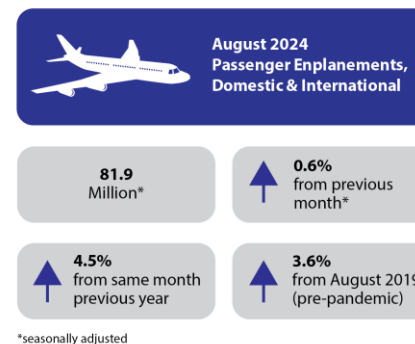
JFK International Airport named best in North America for 2nd year by Business Class Airport, November 14, 2024, www.ajot.com

✈️ What Airline Passengers Need to Know About DOT's Automatic Refund Rule

In April 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a final rule to address persistent issues reported by airline passengers who were trying to obtain refunds they were owed. The DOT rule created universal standards for refunds owed to airline passengers traveling on flights to, from, or within the United States. It specified for the first time the types of flight changes deemed significant that entitle a passenger to a refund if the passenger chooses not to continue with booked travel. It also made clear that a cancelled flight would entitle a passenger to a refund if the passenger does not continue with booked travel and required airlines provide automatic refunds to passengers when refunds are owed, rather than the passenger needing to initiate the process for a refund. Prior to this rule, airlines were 1) permitted to set their own standards for what kind of flight changes warranted a refund; 2) alter those standards at their discretion; and 3) force passengers to navigate a patchwork of cumbersome processes to request refunds owed to them. The final rule also requires airlines to provide prompt notifications to passengers affected by a cancelled or significantly changed flight of their right to a refund of the ticket and extra service fees. This allows passengers to be better informed when they have the right to a refund. Details when 1. When Passengers Are Entitled to a Refund Under the Automatic Refund Rule and 2. How Refunds Must Be Provided Under the Automatic Refund Rule are provided on the DOT's website at www.dot.gov
What Airline Passengers Need to Know About DOT's Automatic Refund Rule, November 18, 2024, www.dot.gov

✈️ August 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 4.5% from the

Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 86.8 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in August 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, August enplanements are up 0.6% from July and down 1.2% from the all-time high reached in June 2024. BTS reported 74.8 million domestic passengers and 12 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in August, not adjusting for seasonality.
August 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 4.5% from the Same Month Last Year, November 19, 2024, www.bts.gov

✈️ Federal agencies announce new sustainable aviation fuel implementation framework to reduce U.S. aviation carbon emissions



Source: AJOT

An interagency team led by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on

November 20, 2024 released the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Grand Challenge Roadmap Implementation Framework. The Implementation Framework highlights current Federal agency capabilities and programs aligned with the actions called out in the SAF Grand Challenge Roadmap and identifies existing gaps where additional effort, public-private partnerships, and support will be needed to meet the goals set forth in the SAF Grand Challenge.

Federal agencies announce new sustainable aviation fuel implementation framework to reduce U.S. aviation carbon emissions, November 20, 2024, www.ajot.com

✈️ **FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Efforts to Ensure Air Travel is Safe, Efficient, and Fair**

The US Department of Transport (DOT) indicated how DOT and FAA are working to ensure smooth holiday travel: 1. To lessen inland volume and reduce delays during holiday travel, the FAA will use special airspace off the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico that the military releases to the FAA for commercial planes to use. 2. Throughout the year, FAA collaborates with airlines to understand where they will increase operations and identify efficient and safe traffic flow management strategies. 3. DOT's Office of Aviation Consumer Protection has met with nearly all ten large U.S. airlines to ensure they are operating realistic flight schedules ahead of the holiday travel season. It then indicated how it has taken measures throughout the year such as: bringing about better, safer, airports thanks to President Biden's Infrastructure Package; advancing the largest expansion of airline passengers rights; accelerating air traffic controller hiring; and tackling runway close calls.

FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Efforts to Ensure Air Travel is Safe, Efficient, and Fair, November 21, 2024, www.dot.gov

✈️ **IATA Wings of Change Europe Conference Calls for EU to Prioritize Competitiveness and Sustainability**



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association's Wings of Change Europe (WOCE) event concluded with a call for industry and governments to work together with practical actions to make Europe more competitive and sustainable. The highlights were: 1. A keynote presentation by *Filip Cornelis*, Director for Aviation, DG MOVE, European Commission, explaining that the new Commission would likely offer continuity of policy direction, but with a greater focus on improving competitiveness, through a focus on the recommendations of the Draghi report. He was clear that there would be no change of course on aviation sustainability, arguing that aviation needed to be a "bright green, not hopelessly brown" sector. 2. A CEO panel discussion with *Andrea Bernassi* (ITA Airways), *Luis Gallego* (IAG), *Christian Scherer* (Airbus) and IATA DG *Willie Walsh* continued emphasis on European competitiveness. The reform of EU 261 was a clear 'win' the new Commission should focus on, along with taking steps to prevent the Single European Sky from 'dying'. Taxation was regarded as a blunt instrument unsuitable for driving forward the sustainability agenda, and entirely in opposition to the aims of the Draghi report.

IATA Wings of Change Europe Conference Calls for EU to Prioritize Competitiveness and Sustainability, November 21, 2024, www.iata.org



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Railway carloadings, September 2024



Source: Statcan

In September 2024, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways edged down 0.8% from September 2023 to 30.9 million tonnes. Higher shipments of iron ores as well as some agricultural and food products moderated the overall decline. Freight traffic volume was just below the five-year average of 31.2 tonnes for the month of September. On a year-to-date basis through September 2024, the volume of goods moved by rail totalled 280.0 million tonnes, slightly higher (+0.8%) than that transported during the same nine months in 2023. The small decline in total freight carried in September 2024 reflected lower volumes across all types of rail operations: non-intermodal loadings (mainly commodities) and intermodal loadings (mainly containers), as well as freight traffic from connections with American railways.

Railway carloadings, September 2024, September 19, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

At RailTrends, CPKC and UP CEOs talk about higher levels of rail service



Source: Freightwaves

The RailTrends conference in New York has been called the greatest single collection of rail investors in one place, and it has featured in recent years a level of introspection by an industry that hasn't grown much despite regular promises to do so. But the event this year wrapped up November 15, 2024 with presentations from two Class 1 railroad CEOs – Keith Creel of Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and Jim Vena of Union Pacific – that were generally upbeat after a year or more of railroad performance that most industry members would agree could signal better days ahead. Creel discussed capabilities of joint CP-KCS network and Vena touted performance gains at Union Pacific.

At RailTrends, CPKC and UP CEOs talk about higher levels of rail service, November 18, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

ATCO EnPower and CPKC complete construction of two hydrogen production & refuelling stations in Alberta



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and ATCO EnPower, a division of Canadian Utilities Limited on November 20, 2024 said construction of hydrogen production and refuelling facilities in Calgary and in Edmonton is now complete and the facilities are fully operational. As part of its innovative Hydrogen Locomotive Program, CPKC is retrofitting a number of diesel locomotives with hydrogen fuel cells so they can operate without directly generating emissions. “These fuelling facilities are an important part of advancing the ongoing testing of our hydrogen locomotives and advancing the development of our industry-leading program working toward a lower carbon transportation future,” said Kyle Mulligan, CPKC Assistant Vice President, Operations Technology. *ATCO EnPower and CPKC complete construction of two hydrogen production & refuelling stations in Alberta, November 20, 2024, www.cpkc.ca*

Railway expansion to enhance transportation of bulk chemicals in Quebec and Ontario



Source: Inside Logistics

Quadra Group Ltd., a logistics, industrial supply chain solutions company, and on-site technical support in the resources industry, in conjunction with Octium Solutions is investing in the expansion of its railway infrastructure in Malartic, Que. The expansion will enhance the transportation of bulk chemical commodities, both liquid and dry, to mining customers throughout the region as well as in Ontario, supporting hard rock mining operations in the Canadian shield and the growing resource extraction sector.

Railway expansion to enhance transportation of bulk chemicals in Quebec and Ontario, November 22, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

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INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1.5 Billion in Additional Upgrades to America’s Busiest Rail Corridor

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on November 15, 2024 continued its historic investment in passenger rail with nearly \$1.5 billion for 19 projects along the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Funding made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and administered through FRA’s Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (Fed-State NEC) will further repair and replace vital NEC infrastructure to provide faster, safer, and more reliable service for travelers and commuters.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1.5 Billion in Additional Upgrades to America’s Busiest Rail Corridor, November 15, 2024, www.dot.gov

The Big Deal: On Third Anniversary of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signing, Biden-Harris Administration Announces Over \$3.4 Billion in Grants to Expand Passenger Rail, Make Roads Safer, Improve Ports, and Strengthen Supply Chains

Secretary Buttigieg announced over \$3.4 billion in grants through three priority programs funded through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (Fed-State), the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program, the Port Infrastructure Development Program – and one program created in President Biden’s historic Inflation Reduction Act – the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Discretionary Grant Program. This funding will support state- and locally-led projects of all kinds, adding to the pipeline of projects that will be delivered in the coming years and decades.

The Big Deal: On Third Anniversary of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signing, Biden-Harris Administration Announces Over \$3.4 Billion in Grants to Expand Passenger Rail, Make Roads Safer, Improve Ports, and Strengthen Supply Chains, November 15, 2024, www.dot.gov

Rail Vision unveils innovative active control system, enabling semi-autonomous locomotive capabilities

Rail Vision Ltd., a technology company at the forefront of revolutionizing railway safety and the data-related market, on November 18, 2024 announced an innovative advancement in railway safety and control. Developed in collaboration with a major U.S.-based rail company, Rail Vision's new system transitions from passive warning systems to active safety systems that directly control locomotive throttle and brakes, setting a new step towards autonomous rail operations. This next-generation capability, tailored for shunting yard locomotives, leverages Rail Vision's proprietary AI technology to provide real-time insights integrated into the customer's locomotive control systems. The system will be deployed as part of the initial rollout on the customer's U.S. fleet, with implementation starting by the end of 2024.

Rail Vision unveils innovative active control system, enabling semi-autonomous locomotive capabilities, November 18, 2024, www.ajot.com

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending November 16, 2024 and AAR: North American Rail Volume Up in Week 46



Source: Railway Age

Total North American carload and intermodal traffic rose 2.2% through the first 46 weeks of 2024 compared with the same period last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported Nov. 20, 2024. The United States and Mexico experienced gains while Canada saw losses through the week ending Nov. 16, 2024. Total carloads for the week ending November 16 were 223,659 carloads, down 5.6 percent

compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 293,227 containers and trailers, up 11.1 percent compared to 2023. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included petroleum and petroleum products, up 1,535 carloads, to 11,628; chemicals, up 867 carloads, to 33,170; and farm products excl. grain, and food, up 575 carloads, to 18,103. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 11,573 carloads, to 57,661; metallic ores and metals, down 2,394 carloads, to 18,422; and nonmetallic minerals, down 1,758 carloads, to 29,446. Canadian railroads reported 95,001 carloads for the week, down 3.7 percent, and 40,905 intermodal units, down 38.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 46 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,284,506 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.8 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending November 16, 2024 and AAR: North American Rail Volume Up in Week 46, November 20, 2024, www.railwayage.com and www.ajot.com

For BNSF, Record October Ag Volume



Source: Railway Age

BNSF, which notes it “handles more agricultural product shipments than any other U.S. railroad and has partnered with American grain producers for more than 170 years,” experienced record agricultural volumes in October.

For BNSF, Record October Ag Volume, November 20, 2024, www.railwayage.com



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A strong Vancouver cruise sector benefits all of Canada

According to a *recently released study by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority*, each visit by a cruise ship to the Canada Place cruise terminal injects about \$3 million into the local economy. This includes spending by tourists and crew on food, drink, accommodation and experiences, as well as spending by cruise lines stocking, fueling and maintaining their ships. The Port of Vancouver is a homeport for Alaskan cruises, meaning ships sail from Canada Place for the season and use local suppliers to restock food and beverage, get repairs, and refuel. As a result, cruise operations at the Port of Vancouver sustain more than 17,000 jobs and \$3.3 billion in economic output across Canada. “Vancouver has long been Canada’s premier cruise port, with visiting cruise ships, passengers and crew helping our local economy and businesses thrive,” said Chance McKee, the port authority’s Cruise Account Representative. As a specific example, Richmond-based *Blundell Seafoods* can pack as much as 20,000 kg of fresh and frozen local seafood into crates to supply visiting cruise ships—delivering favourites such as B.C.’s famous salmon to docked vessels brimming with passengers eagerly awaiting to depart for Alaska, and as many as 20 of Blundell’s 150 staff are dedicated to supporting cruise ship orders during the Port of Vancouver’s peak season, which runs from May to September.

A strong Vancouver cruise sector benefits all of Canada, November 20, 2024, www.portmetrovancover.com

Seaspan Energy becomes first accredited LNG bunkering supplier at Port of Vancouver

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has issued its first liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering accreditation, with North Vancouver’s Seaspan Energy now authorized to refuel selected ships calling the Port of Vancouver with LNG. The accreditation follows a rigorous multi-year assessment process that considered international best practices around safety, recognizing the recommended guidelines from the Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel (SGMF). As part of the extensive accreditation process, the port authority: 1. Assessed operational procedures for LNG bunkering to ensure safety, efficiency and compliance with regulatory standards; 2. Approved designated locations for LNG bunkering to ensure suitability including assessing safety and any effects on day-to-day port operations. 3. Completed risk assessments, including reviewing potential hazards and mitigations, and evaluating emergency response plans. 4. Assessed proponent collaboration with key partner agencies, including local fire departments, Canadian Coast Guard, and Environment and Climate Change Canada. The accreditation makes LNG the first approved alternative fuel for ship bunkering (or marine fueling) at the Port of Vancouver, and supports efforts by the international shipping sector to move away from traditional marine heavy fuels and meet emissions reduction goals.

Seaspan Energy becomes first accredited LNG bunkering supplier at Port of Vancouver, November 18, 2024, www.portmetrovancover.com

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U.S. container imports top 2.4 million TEUs for four straight months



Source: Inside Logistics

The latest Global Shipping Report from Descartes reveals that U.S. container imports have exceeded 2.4 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) for four straight months, a level that has historically placed strain on U.S. maritime logistics. In October 2024, container imports to the U.S. totaled 2,494,635 TEUs, marking a slight one per cent drop from September's total of 2,520,935 TEUs and only 2.4 per cent below this year's peak of 2,556,180 TEUs in July 2024. In October, U.S. container imports from China reached 960,016 TEUs, making it the fifth month in 2024 with import volumes from China over 900,000 TEUs. This trend highlights the strength of U.S.-China trade in 2024, especially when compared to 2023, where monthly imports from China never reached the 900,000 TEU level. Since hitting a record 1,022,913 TEUs in July 2024, imports from China have decreased by 6.1 per cent in October, though they remain 8.3 per cent higher than in October of last year.

U.S. container imports top 2.4 million TEUs for four straight months, November 15, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$580 Million for Ports to Strengthen American Supply Chains and Lower Costs

On November 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced plans to invest nearly \$580 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund 31 port improvement projects in 15 states and one U.S. territory. As part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, this funding will help increase both capacity and efficiency at coastal seaports, Great Lakes ports, and inland river ports. The port improvement projects announced will strengthen supply chain reliability, create workforce development opportunities, enhance freight efficiency, lower costs, reduce emissions, and improve the safety, reliability, and resilience of our ports.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$580 Million for Ports to Strengthen American Supply Chains and Lower Costs, November 15, 2024, www.dot.gov

Port of Oakland continues to be an ag export powerhouse



Source: AJOT

The Port of Oakland continues to be one of the most important gateways for U.S. agricultural products. The Port exported 235,899 TEUs (twenty-foot containers) of agricultural commodities as of October 2024, totaling nearly \$8.5 billion. Oakland ranks number one by TEU volume in international refrigerated (reefer) export trade among United States ports. "The Port of Oakland is a major international gateway for California's and the nation's farmers," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. "Agricultural exports are especially important commodities for our Port's business. In any given year, agricultural products comprise between 37% and 45% of total exports from Oakland."

Port of Oakland continues to be an ag export powerhouse, November 19, 2024, www.ajot.com

Cargo push to continue amid mounting market

pressures: Zim



Source: JOC

US import volumes are expected to remain elevated into 2025 amid cargo frontloading driven by labor and tariff concerns, officials at Zim Integrated Shipping Services said on November 20, 2024. Zim CFO Xavier Destriau, during the carrier's third-quarter conference call, pointed to the rising ratio of US retail sales to inventories, a barometer of available product, as a sign that retailers are still bringing in new inventory, meaning there likely won't be a sharp drop in volumes in early 2025.

Cargo push to continue amid mounting market pressures: Zim, November 20, 2024, www.joc.com

tariffs next year that could drive up shipping costs," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka.

Port of Los Angeles exceeds 900,000 container units for fourth consecutive month, November 21, 2024, www.ajot.com

Port of Los Angeles exceeds 900,000 container units for fourth consecutive month



Source: AJOT

The Port of Los Angeles handled a record 905,026 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in October 2024, a 25% increase over the previous year. It's the first time the Port has exceeded 900,000 TEUs for four consecutive months. Ten months into 2024, the Port of Los Angeles has moved 8,491,420 TEUs, 19% ahead of its 2023 pace. "These robust, sustained volumes will likely continue in the coming months with strong consumer spending, an early Lunar New Year, importer concerns about unresolved East Coast labor issues and the possibility of new



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Road Transport Updates

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PMTC names enforcement gaps, unqualified drivers, and jurisdiction issues as key trucking challenges

Private Motor Truck Council of Canada (PMTC) president Mike Millian identified a long list of changes that would improve safety, fairness, and professionalism in trucking at transportation summit in Mississauga, Ont. The key ones are: stronger compliance audits, better enforcement, oversight for trucking schools, and a unified system to monitor carriers across all provinces are among them.

PMTC names enforcement gaps, unqualified drivers, and jurisdiction issues as key trucking challenges, November 16, 2024, www.todaystrucking.com

Urban public transit, September 2024



Source: Statcan

In September 2024, Canada's urban transit systems logged 140.9 million passenger trips, up 4.4% (+6.0 million trips) from September 2023, the highest monthly total since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ridership in September 2024 reached 85.9% of the pre-pandemic level from the same month in 2019. In September 2024, transit agency operating revenues (excluding subsidies) reached

\$344.8 million, an increase of 6.7% (+\$21.5 million) from September 2023. While this total was the highest level recorded since March 2020, it was \$24.2 million below the pre-pandemic level in September 2019.

Urban public transit, September 2024, November 18, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Purolator expects to see surge as Canada Post strike continues



Source: Inside Logistics

Purolator's network is prepared to manage an anticipated increase in package volumes resulting from the Canada Post strike and the busy holiday shipping season. The company expects to process more than 43 million packages during its peak season, including over 25 million in the month leading up to Christmas. A portion of that volume is anticipated to come from customers impacted by the Canada Post labour disruption.

Purolator expects to see surge as Canada Post strike continues, November 20, 2024, www.insidelogistics.com

CTA: Ottawa Must Proceed with Caution, Not Go it Alone on GHG Regs for Heavy Trucks in Canada



Source: Ontruck

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, recently made public comments stating that the U.S. election results will not impact Canada's commitment to implementing an ambitious climate reduction plan. In response, the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is again asking the Government of Canada to continue to proceed with caution while waiting to see how the U.S. EPA proceeds on this issue before hastily implementing Canadian GHG emissions regulations for heavy trucks in Canada.

CTA: Ottawa Must Proceed with Caution, Not Go it Alone on GHG Regs for Heavy Trucks in Canada, November 20, 2024, www.ontruck.ca

Penske opens solar-powered facility, with more to come



Source: Today's Trucking

Penske Truck Leasing has opened a solar-powered facility in Channahon, Ill., which will produce about 80% of the facility's required energy using a solar panel array. It marks Penske's first facility with a rooftop solar system, which will also produce excess energy that can be fed back to the local utility provider. Penske plans to add a second such location in Grand Rapids, Mich., in the coming months while another in

Linden, N.J., will be solar-powered next year. Penske also announced it will retrofit seven California locations as well. "Our solar program is an important piece of our renewable energy strategy and ForeFront Power continues to be an outstanding partner in helping us bring these projects to fruition," said Drew Cullen, senior vice-president of fuels and facility services at Penske. "These investments will allow us to directly generate our own renewable energy to power our locations and continue to support our customers with sustainable solutions." Penske estimates four solar-powered facilities will generate about 1 million kWh of renewable energy each year, reducing CO2 emissions by 442 metric tons.

Penske opens solar-powered facility, with more to come, November 20, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca

City of Toronto considers retrofitting all heavy-duty trucks with side guards



Source: Today's Trucking

The City of Toronto is considering retrofitting its heavy-duty truck fleet with side guards to protect pedestrians and cyclists at a cost of \$5.7 million. The recommendation stems from a staff report to the Infrastructure and Environment committee, which calls for all heavy-duty trucks to be retrofit by 2026. It cites research suggesting side guards could reduce cyclist fatalities by 62% and pedestrian fatalities by 20%. "The City of Toronto is taking bold action to improve pedestrian safety. Adding side guards to vehicles is proven to reduce pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and will help make our city safer," mayor Olivia Chow said in a release. The city already spec's side guards on new trucks ordered and has 30 trucks in its fleet with side guards. The recommendation calls for 219 of the city's 500 heavy-duty trucks to be retrofit by December 2025, with all suitable vehicles retrofit by December 2026.

City of Toronto considers retrofitting all heavy-duty trucks with side guards, November 21, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca

OTA Lauds Proposal to Crack Down on Fraudulent



Source: Ontruck

Ontario will soon introduce legislation to crack down on fraudulent immigration representatives who exploit newcomers. The bill, if passed, would allow the province to create new standards for immigration representatives when assisting individuals or employers with their Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) application. This bill includes penalties for those who violate these standards. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development noted that this legislation targets bad actors who exploit vulnerable newcomers by scamming them out of tens of thousands of dollars, among other abuses, and jeopardizing their immigration status.

OTA Lauds Proposal to Crack Down on Fraudulent, November 21, 2024, www.ontruck.ca

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INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$172 Million in Grants for 250+ Communities to Make Local Roads Safer

On November 15, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$172 million in grants to 257 communities through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program created in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This is the third and final round of 2024 awards that will be announced this year through the community-guided grant program, which is a key component of the National Roadway Safety Strategy.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$172 Million in Grants for 250+ Communities to Make Local Roads Safer, November 15, 2024, www.dot.gov

With Focus on Reducing Roadway Deaths, NHTSA

Finalizes Significant Updates to 5-Star Safety Ratings Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on November 18, 2024 finalized significant updates to its consumer-facing 5-Star Safety Ratings program, a pivotal action that will improve safety on our nation's roads by incorporating new advanced driver assistance technologies, adding a crashworthiness pedestrian protection program, and setting a roadmap for future program changes over the next 10 years. The updated 5-Star Safety Ratings program—known as the New Car Assessment Program, or NCAP—emphasizes several new and emerging safety technologies and vehicle safety features that will help protect people both inside and outside a vehicle. The safety update was included as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Key changes will advance safety for vehicle occupants and pedestrians and help consumers make informed decisions on new vehicle purchases. Notable changes to the program provided by this update include: 1. The addition of four advanced driver assistance technologies that will enhance crash-avoidance safety: pedestrian automatic emergency braking, lane keeping assist, blind spot warning and blind spot intervention. 2. Updated and strengthened testing procedures and performance criteria for advanced driver assistance technologies that are already included in NCAP, such as automatic emergency braking. 3. The addition of a crashworthiness pedestrian protection program to evaluate the ability of a vehicle's front end to mitigate pedestrian injuries and fatalities in vehicle-to-pedestrian impacts. 4. Midterm and long-term roadmaps to accommodate future updates amid ongoing research and technological advancements in vehicle safety, including crash avoidance and crashworthiness improvements to protect bicyclists and motorcyclists and an updated rating system.

With Focus on Reducing Roadway Deaths, NHTSA Finalizes Significant Updates to 5-Star Safety Ratings Program, November 18, 2024, www.dot.gov

US LTL carriers laying groundwork for higher pricing in

2025



Source: JOC

US less-than-truckload (LTL) carriers are laying the groundwork for higher pricing in 2025, well before higher freight volumes hit their docks. Several of the largest LTL carriers in recent weeks have released average general rate increases (GRIs) for 2025 ranging from the mid- to upper single digits. The GRIs are for non-contract business, but they set expectations for contract pricing in 2025.

US LTL carriers laying groundwork for higher pricing in 2025, November 21, 2024, www.joc.com



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Canada Post, union gear up for renewed bargaining with special mediator

Canada Post and the union representing striking postal workers will head back to the bargaining table on Monday, November 18, 2024 this time with a special mediator appointed by the federal government. Members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) took to the picket lines Friday, November 15, 2024 in a nationwide strike that has halted all mail and parcel service by the Crown corporation. Jan Simpson, president of CUPW, told Global News's Amandalina Letterio on Sunday that talks between the union and employer are set to resume on Monday, November 18, 2024. Peter Simpson, a special mediator appointed by the federal government on Thursday, November 14, 2024, will guide the renewed negotiations.

Canada Post, union gear up for renewed bargaining with special mediator, November 17, 2024, www.globalnews.ca

Canada Post, union sit with mediator, but sides 'remain far apart' as strikes drags on



Source: National Post

Representatives from Canada Post and the postal workers union sat down with a special mediator Monday, November 18, 2024, but seem no closer to reaching a deal as a countrywide strike enters its fifth day. In a statement, Canada Post said the parties "remain far apart" but that the Crown corporation continues to aim for a deal hammered out at the bargaining table. About 55,000 employees represented by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers walked off the job on Friday, November 15, 2024 shutting down operations and halting deliveries as the busy holiday season kicks off.

Canada Post, union sit with mediator, but sides 'remain far apart' as strikes drags on, November 19, 2024, www.nationalpost.ca

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.

Nearly \$330 Million for Bécancour Port and Industrial Park: A strategic investment for the Mauricie Battery Industry



Source: Inside Logistics

On November 18, 2024, the President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, the Honourable Anita Anand, and the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, announced a federal investment of \$163.8 million for a project at the Bécancour Port and Industrial Park, in partnership with the Government of Québec, for a total investment of up to \$327.6 million. The project includes the refurbishment and expansion of port infrastructure, the addition of storage capacity and other measures to improve port access and fluidity in the Bécancour Waterfront Industrial Park. “This announcement marks a significant step towards improving the port infrastructure and services provided by the SPIPB,” said Donald Olivier, president and CEO, Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (SPIPB). “Our teams are proudly leading the deployment of major projects, and I’m grateful for their tireless efforts. As a native of the Gentilly area, I feel privileged to contribute to such achievements in my region.”

Nearly \$330 Million for Bécancour Port and Industrial Park: A strategic investment for the Mauricie Battery Industry, November 18, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca; and Investment to expand Bécancour Port infrastructure and storage capacity, November 19, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Active and public transportation spatial accessibility measures: Methodology and key results, 2022



Source: Statcan

Methodological details and results of the spatial access measures produced by the Data Exploration and Integration Lab, Centre for Special Business Projects in partnership with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada have been released by Statistics Canada on November 20, 2024. A total of 28 measures were produced for seven types of services or amenities and four modes of transportation. The service or amenity destinations include employment, healthcare facilities, public primary and secondary education facilities, public post-secondary facilities, grocery stores, sports and recreation facilities, and cultural and art facilities. For each of these destinations, the four transportation modes considered in this analysis are: access via public transit during peak hours, access via public transit during off-peak hours, access via cycling and access via walking. Results were released in four databases, available online, one for each transportation mode variant.

Active and public transportation spatial accessibility measures: Methodology and key results, 2022, November 20, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Pay attention to the gender pay gap



Source: Europa

15 November is the EU's Equal Pay Day, the day when women in Europe symbolically stop to be paid compared to men. Women in the EU earn on average 13% less than their male counterparts. The EU is working to close this pay gap.

[Pay attention to the gender pay gap, November 15, 2024, www.europa.eu](https://www.europa.eu)

North American Transborder Freight grew 3.4% in September 2024 from September 2023



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TransBorder Freight Data, <https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/myhq-rmfq>

Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the *U.S. and North American* countries Canada and Mexico for September 2024 was as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$136.3 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, up 3.4% compared to September 2023; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$63.8 billion, down 1.4% from September 2023; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$72.5 billion, up 8.0% from September 2023 - Mexico continued to lead Canada in freight dollar value for the last 19 months; 4. Trucks moved \$88.5 billion of freight, up 7.7% compared to September 2023; 5. Railways moved \$17.0 billion of freight, down 5.4% compared to September 2023; 6. Vessels moved \$10.1 billion of freight, down 13.5% compared to September 2023 - Vessels moved 17.3% less mineral fuels; 7. Pipelines moved \$8.5 billion of freight, down 7.7% compared to September 2023; and 8. Air moved \$4.6 billion of freight, down 5.3% compared to September 2023. *US-Canada* transborder freight for September 2024 was as follows: Truck - \$35.4b; Pipelines - \$8b; Rail - \$8.9b; Vessel - \$3.1b; and Air - \$2.7b.

North American Transborder Freight grew 3.4% in September 2024 from September 2023, November 19, 2024, www.bts.gov

New guide supports countries' climate ambition for transport

The “Guide to Integrating Transport into NDCs” (i.e. Nationally Determined Contributions) was officially launched on COP29 Transport Day – 20 November 2024 - by Chile’s Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Juan Carlos Muñoz, at the COP29 Greening Urban Transport Ministerial as part of Chile’s ITF Presidency focus on NDCs. The guide sets out a framework for governments to integrate transport and ensure their NDCs are ambitious, deliverable and investible. The guide sets out a six-step framework: (1) Target, (2) Vision, (3) Goals, (4) Measures, (5) Governance, Monitoring and Evaluation, and (6) Investment.

New guide supports countries' climate ambition for transport, November 19, 2024, www.id-oecd.org



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What You'll Do

The Senior Consultant, TMS (Oracle Transportation Management) role serves as a technical expert in Oracle Transportation Management (OTM), driving enhancements, support, and delivery of new features for the Operations Planning & Transportation Execution Teams. This position demands a strong background and knowledge in the configuration and impacts of changing, adding, or removing configurations in OTM. The Senior Consultant, TMS (OTM) Super User will coordinate and interact with the TMS Project Team, IT development and shared services teams, vendors and architecture teams to ensure requirements are understood and capable of being implemented. This is a technical role requiring strong analytical skills and a willingness to partner across several teams to implement project deliverables.

This role has project and sustaining accountabilities. It's required to support and tune our OTM West sustaining operations with the rest of our TMS Super User team, as well as participate in our contributions to the project team to build the net new functionality required for OTM East/Central.

For Sustaining

Support, develop, and maintain our OTM platform to ensure capabilities are delivered through optimal system configurations, settings, and controls. It will include participation in rotation for 24/7 support with the rest of the TMS Super Users.

Partner with Product Owner on product vision, requirements definition (functional and non-functional), and capability analysis to ensure the product features support the needed business requirements.

Participate in ongoing interaction with Oracle Support and related teams regarding Quarterly Releases, Patches, Oracle SRs, etc. to ensure



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Job Postings

*** Senior Consultant / TMS Super User (Oracle Transportation Management) – Contract, Canadian Tire Corporation, Mississauga, ON**

timely testing and validation, as well as continued effective and efficient operation of the system and product flow.

Provide subject matter expertise while developing and maintaining functional system configurations, documentation, and processes. Provide data content, modeling, and mapping expertise for OTM. Complete both hands-on configuration of the platform as well as management of internal and potentially outsourced configuration resources.

Assist business stakeholders with testing of system changes and analyze data flows for process improvement opportunities.
For TMS OTM Project

Support testing efforts using business requirements and user acceptance criteria to validate that system configuration is working as expected. This includes Regression Testing to ensure new functionality doesn't harm current functionality in Production from previous phases. Partner with Solution Integrator consultants, to obtain deeper knowledge of Oracle Transportation Management (OTM) functionality and acquire the ability to support configuration efforts.

Manage activities in alignment with Agile approach (sprint planning, story-execution, defect resolution, sprint demos, retrospectives, etc.) Work collaboratively with IT and Solution Integrator to support defect resolution and execute respective assignments captured in project plan. From an Organizational Change Management (OCM) perspective, act as conduit between business and project team (includes facilitating project updates, responding to inquiries, supporting training efforts). Oversee assigned activities in accordance with project timelines and agreed-upon detailed design.

Partner with project team and stakeholder groups (Transportation, Operations Planning, Distribution, and IT) to support a smooth implementation.

This position will be required to work Monday to Friday as a standard week, with a minimum of 2 days in the office (Mississauga campus). Additional days as required to support pre and post implementation activities. Participation in rotation for On Call 24/7 is also required to support our stakeholders' 7-day per week operations all year round.

What You Bring

Experience supporting, configuring, and implementing Oracle Transportation Management (OTM) modules.

Advanced OTM Workflow Agent design and configuration

Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills and the ability to interact with a diverse group of team members, including executives, managers, end users across a variety of business units, Technology professionals, and subject matter experts.

Skilled in data gathering and analysis with the objective of providing solution recommendations and validation from a data and information flow perspective.

Strong ability to work effectively within time constraints, changing priorities, and independently.

Ability to provide reliable solutions to a variety of problems using sound problem solving techniques including the ability to find root cause and corrective action for given problems.

Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite: Including Intermediate in Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.

Three or more years' experience as an OTM systems or functional analyst.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent technical and business experience. Intermediate to strong skillset with PL/SQL (Programming Language/Structured Query Language) or other programming languages

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* Supply Chain - Recent Grad/Full Time, Honeywell, United States

About the Role
As a Supply Chain Analyst here at Honeywell, you will play a crucial role in optimizing our supply chain operations and ensuring the efficient flow

of goods and materials. You will work closely with cross-functional teams to analyze data, identify areas for improvement, and implement strategies to enhance supply chain efficiency. Your work will directly impact our ability to meet customer demands, reduce costs, and maintain a competitive edge in the market.

In This Role, You Will

Analyze supply chain data and identify trends, patterns, and opportunities for improvement

Collaborate with cross-functional teams to develop and implement supply chain strategies

Monitor inventory levels and ensure timely replenishment to meet production demands

Coordinate with suppliers and logistics partners to optimize transportation and delivery processes

Identify and implement cost-saving initiatives to improve supply chain efficiency

Utilize supply chain management software and tools to track and manage inventory

Location: This position is available in multiple locations across the United States.

Pay Range

The annual salary range for this position is \$68,000/yr-\$87,500/yr. Please note that this salary information serves as a general guideline. Honeywell considers various factors when extending an offer, including but not limited to the scope and responsibilities of the position, the candidate's work experience, education and training, key skills, as well as market and business considerations.

Minimum Qualifications

Must be currently pursuing a bachelor's degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university in Supply Chain, Manufacturing Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Operations, Procurement, or similar field

Must have graduate from an accredited college or university between December 2024 and May 2025 and be available to begin full-time work between January 2025 - July 2025

Must have obtained degree within 12 months of the date of hire

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*** Ocean Import Specialist, DHL Freight, Saint-Laurent, Quebec, Canada**

Job Description

Coordinate and oversee the end-to-end ocean import process for FCL shipments, ensuring timely and accurate execution of all import activities.

Collaborate with customers to obtain shipping instructions, documentation, and necessary information for customs clearance and import compliance.

Liaise with carriers, freight forwarders, and other service providers to secure bookings, monitor shipment status, and resolve any transportation-related issues.

Prepare and submit import documentation, including bill of lading, commercial invoices, packing lists, and customs declarations, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Coordinate with customs brokers and agents to facilitate smooth customs clearance and ensure adherence to import regulations and requirements.

Track and monitor shipment milestones, providing timely updates to customers and internal stakeholders.

Proactively address and resolve any operational issues or exceptions that may arise during the import process.

Ensure accurate and timely data entry in relevant systems and maintain proper documentation for record-keeping purposes. Collaborate with cross-functional teams, including sales, customer service, and operations, to ensure seamless communication and customer satisfaction.

Stay updated on industry regulations, market trends, and best practices in ocean freight forwarding and customs compliance

You have the following qualities and qualifications:

High school diploma or equivalent; additional education or certification in supply chain, logistics, or international trade is a plus.

Proven experience (2-3 years) in ocean freight forwarding, specifically in FCL import operations.

In-depth knowledge of import regulations, customs compliance, and documentation requirements.

Strong understanding of ocean carriers, freight forwarding, and international trade practices.

Proficient in using MS Office applications. CW1 experience is an advantage.

Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to interact effectively with customers, vendors, and internal teams. Strong attention to detail and organizational skills, with the ability to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.

Problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities to address operational challenges and provide efficient solutions.

Ability to work in a fast-paced environment, handle multiple tasks simultaneously, and adapt to changing priorities.

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*** Logistics Order Fulfillment Specialist, Bosch USA, Fairport, NY**

Job Description

Responsible for communicating and coordinating customer requirements regarding product and service delivery. Develop and maintain relationships within procurement (CLP), distribution (CDC),

sales and order desk teams. Ensure consistent and proactive communications to internal and external customers. The Logistics Order Fulfillment Specialist is to use his/her analytical abilities to resolve problems and make recommendations to the customer service associates. Coordinate customer delivery dates with procurement (CLP) to meet customer's expectations.

Principal Responsibilities

Advocate for customer concerns related to product availability, shipment, and delivery, contributing to timely resolution.

Oversee comprehensive order management processes, including delivery block management, outbound delivery creation, and order confirmation handling.

Monitor One Lot Shipment activities to ensure smooth execution. Respond to and process spot pricing requests as required. Create and manage virtual license files to facilitate order processing.

Coordinate kitting requirements and scheduling to meet production and delivery timelines.

Serve as the primary point of contact for first-level escalation in resolving order and customer-related issues.

Manage and resolve EDI data and SAP IDOC discrepancies and ensure smooth data flow.

Lead the prioritization of orders, adjusting based on business needs. Act as the central point for communicating inventory levels. Collaborate closely with procurement (CLP) to address supply chain and allocation challenges.

Provide input to business unit forecasting, drawing on communication with the RSO/field teams.

Serve as the primary liaison for the Sales Organization, facilitating communication on order exceptions, large orders, and project-related concerns.

Manage customer reserve stock levels, ensuring availability as required. Provide key data and insights on delivery performance metrics.

Act as an SAP Key User and contribute as an active member of the GPS team to drive operational improvements within the Logistics Operations. Develop and lead continuous improvement processes through the application of quality tools.

Ensure that best practice standards are reviewed and implemented to promote ongoing process enhancements.

Support the Manager and Logistics teams in identifying training and documentation needs to better serve customer requirements.

Qualifications

Associates degree in Business or related discipline. Preferred APICS Certification.

Minimum: 3 – 5 years' experience in a customer service, call center or logistics environment.

Excellent computer skills and working familiarity with multiple software packages, preferably MS Excel and SAP ERP software packages.

Individual must have strong verbal and written communication skills, professional telephone etiquette, and the ability to handle stressful situations in an efficient, professional manner.

Must have a sense of “team” response to satisfy sales goals and assure 100% customer satisfaction.

Must be willing to travel approximately 15% of the time.

Additional Information

Compensation Information:

This position is an salaried exempt position and the U.S. annual base salary range for this full-time position is \$64,500 to \$87,300 . Within this range, individual pay is determined based on several factors, including, but not limited to work experience, applicable education, job knowledge, role complexity, job geographic location, etc. This position is not bonus eligible.

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