



## CANADA

### ✈️ WestJet Cargo enhances relationship with Canadian Blood Services through blood donation campaign



Source: AJOT

For over five years, WestJet Cargo has proudly supported CBS by transporting life-saving blood and plasma products to hospitals and patients in need. With its extensive network, including its primary hub in Calgary, WestJet Cargo reaches approximately 65% of Canadians within four hours. This unique capability, supported by its specialized Priority service, has inspired the carrier to deepen its collaboration with CBS by encouraging donations and further promoting awareness of the crucial need for blood and plasma donors. WestJet Cargo is strengthening its relationship with Canadian Blood Services (CBS) through the launch of a national campaign to raise awareness about the life-saving importance of blood donations. This initiative underscores WestJet Cargo's commitment to community health while demonstrating its operational agility and expertise in the safe and efficient transport of urgent medical supplies across Canada.

*WestJet Cargo enhances relationship with Canadian Blood Services through blood donation campaign, December 11, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### ✈️ Porter is landing in San Diego and Palm Springs for the first time

Porter Airlines is celebrating the launch of its non-stop service to San Diego International Airport (SAN) and Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) this week. These new routes, departing from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), offer passengers a seamless and elevated economy experience to Southern California.

*Porter is landing in San Diego and Palm Springs for the first time, December 9, 2024, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

### ✈️ Porter Airlines lands in Thunder Bay with first Embraer E195-E2 connecting Toronto-Pearson

Porter Airlines is celebrating its first flights between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Thunder Bay International Airport (YQT) with its Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. Flights will operate with three roundtrips per week, increasing overall passenger capacity by more than 10%.

*Porter Airlines lands in Thunder Bay with first Embraer E195-E2 connecting Toronto-Pearson, December 10, 2024, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

### ✈️ Air Canada's Heartwarming New Holiday Spot "The Pond" Celebrates the Magic of Canada's National Pastime

Air Canada on December 11, 2024 unveiled "The Pond," its latest holiday brand spot. The enchanting 90-second film blends magic and Canadiana to capture the beauty of the festive season, transporting viewers to a place where holiday wishes come true.

*Air Canada's Heartwarming New Holiday Spot "The Pond" Celebrates the Magic of Canada's National Pastime, December 11, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## ✈ Air Canada to Offer Fast, Free Wi-Fi



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada announced on December 12, 2024 that it plans to roll out fast, free streaming-quality Wi-Fi, sponsored by Bell. Beginning in May 2025, this complimentary service will be available to Aeroplan Members on Wi-Fi equipped aircraft for flights within North American and Sun markets. The airline also plans to expand free Wi-Fi service to long-haul international routes in 2026.

*Air Canada to Offer Fast, Free Wi-Fi, December 12, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## ✈ WestJet penalized for contraventions of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued administrative monetary penalties of \$90,000 against WestJet. These penalties are for two violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations (ATPDR) related to providing services to persons with a disability. On September 28, 2024, at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), WestJet failed to assist a passenger with a disability by not returning the mobility aid to the person on arrival at the destination without delay. WestJet also failed to provide a temporary replacement mobility aid. These contraventions relate to subsections 41(1)(c) and 61(a) of the ATPDR. WestJet has 30 days to request a review before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

*WestJet penalized for contraventions of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations, December 12, 2024, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

## ✈ Heathrow airport investors including Quebec's Caisse de dépôt sell down their holdings



Source: Financial Post

A handful of investors — including Spain's Ferrovial SE and Canada's Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec — have sold down their holdings in the company that controls London's Heathrow Airport in a transaction valued at £3.3 billion.

*Heathrow airport investors including Quebec's Caisse de dépôt sell down their holdings, December 12, 2024, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### ✈ U.S. Airlines' October 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 1.7% from September 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 2.3% from Pre-Pandemic October 2019

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on December 5, 2025 released U.S. airlines' October 2024 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.577 billion gallons of fuel, 2.9% more fuel than in September 2024 (1.532 billion gallons) and 2.3% more than in pre-pandemic October 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in October 2024 (\$2.29) was down 4 cents (1.7%) from September 2024 (\$2.33) and up \$0.32 (16.1%) from October 2019. Total October 2024 fuel expenditure

(\$3.61B) was up 1.2% from September 2024 (\$3.56B) and up 18.8% from pre-pandemic October 2019.

*U.S. Airlines' October 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 1.7% from September 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 2.3% from Pre-Pandemic October 2019, December 5, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ International Community Aligns on Air Travel Accessibility Priorities



Source: IATA

Aviation stakeholders and disability advocates established key priorities for improving global air travel accessibility at a landmark joint symposium held by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Airports Council International (ACI), and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The two-day event, which drew 237 participants from governments, industry, and civil society organizations, provided critical input for ICAO's upcoming comprehensive strategy and work programme on aviation accessibility. ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano set the scene for constructive discussions in his opening remarks, noting that "the diversity of voices gathered here today – from decision-makers and technical experts to advocacy groups and international organizations - creates opportunities for meaningful change. Your collective expertise will help us to identify barriers and build effective solutions." The event concluded on Tuesday, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal.

*International Community Aligns on Air Travel Accessibility Priorities, December 9, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ Disappointingly Slow Growth in SAF Production



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released new estimates for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production showing that: 1. In 2024, SAF production volumes reached 1 million tonnes (1.3 billion liters), double the 0.5 million tonnes (600 million liters) produced in 2023. SAF accounted for 0.3% of global jet fuel production and 11% of global renewable fuel. This is significantly below previous estimates that projected SAF production in 2024 at 1.5 million tonnes (1.9 billion liters), as key SAF production facilities in the US have pushed back their production ramp up to the first half of 2025. 2. In 2025, SAF production is expected to reach 2.1 million tonnes (2.7 billion liters) or 0.7% of total jet fuel production and 13% of global renewable fuel capacity. Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "SAF volumes are increasing, but disappointingly slowly. Governments are sending mixed signals to oil companies which continue to receive subsidies for their exploration and production of fossil oil and gas. ..."

*Disappointingly Slow Growth in SAF Production, December 10, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## IATA Launches Air Cargo Device Assessment Program



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has launched the IATA Air Cargo Device Assessment Program to validate air cargo tracking devices, data loggers and sensor-equipped devices for compliance with rigorous industry safety standards. “The fastest-growing segments of air cargo are pharmaceuticals, perishables, electronics, and high-value goods. Shippers rely on various battery-powered electronic devices to monitor these sensitive shipments to ensure their integrity. The IATA Air Cargo Device Assessment will confirm that these devices comply with strict industry safety standards,” said Brendan Sullivan, IATA’s Global Head of Cargo.

*IATA Launches Air Cargo Device Assessment Program, December 11, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## Air Travel Consumer Report: September 2024 Numbers and 3rd Quarter Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on December 11, 2024 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of September 2024 and third quarter of 2024 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. For September 2024, 0.6% of flights were cancelled, lower than the 1.2% *cancellation rate* for September 2023. For the first nine months of 2024, 1.6% of flights have been cancelled, equal to the rate posted during same period in 2023 and lower than the 2.2% cancellation rate posted for the first nine months of pre-pandemic 2019. In September 2024, reporting marketing carriers posted an *on-time arrival rate* of 84.0%, up from 74.9% in August 2024 and up from 80.3% in September 2023. The year-to-date on-time arrival rate for 2024 is 76.5%. In September 2024, reporting marketing carriers cancelled 0.6% of their scheduled domestic flights, lower than the rate of 2.0% in August 2024 and lower than the rate of 1.2% in September 2023. The year-to-date cancellation rate for 2024 is 1.6%. In

September 2024, airlines reported four *tarmac delays* of more than three hours on domestic flights, compared to 99 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights reported in August 2024. In September 2024, reporting marketing carriers handled 37.5 million bags and posted a *mishandled baggage rate* of 0.42%, lower than both the rate of 0.64% in August 2024 and the rate of 0.53% in September 2023.

*Air Travel Consumer Report: September 2024 Numbers and 3rd Quarter Numbers, September 11, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## USDOT Fines Ethiopian Airlines and Etihad Airways for Operating Flights Carrying a U.S. Carrier’s Code in Prohibited Airspace

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on December 12, 2024 fined Ethiopian Airlines \$425,000 for operating flights carrying United Airlines’ designator code and Etihad Airways \$400,000 for operating flights carrying JetBlue Airways’ designator code in regions in which a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight prohibition was in effect for U.S. operators. The airlines were ordered to cease and desist from future similar violations.

*USDOT Fines Ethiopian Airlines and Etihad Airways for Operating Flights Carrying a U.S. Carrier’s Code in Prohibited Airspace, December 12, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Ontario Awards Contract for Return of Northlander Passenger Rail Service

The Ontario government has awarded a contract to begin platform reconstruction and installation of pre-manufactured shelters at train stops along the future Northlander corridor, marking another milestone in the province's plan to bring back safe and reliable passenger rail service between Timmins and Toronto.

*Ontario Awards Contract for Return of Northlander Passenger Rail Service, December 6, 2024, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

#### CPKC Puts Hydrogen to the Test



Source: Railway Age

After successfully deploying a prototype in Alberta, CPKC is testing its newest hydrogen-powered locomotive on heavy line haul coal trains in the mountains of British Columbia.

[CPKC Puts Hydrogen to the Test](http://www.railwayage.com), December 6, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)

#### CN Reaches New Tentative Collective Agreement with Unifor

CN announced on December 9, 2024 that a new tentative four-year collective agreement has been reached with Unifor. The union represents approximately 3,300 employees at CN in Canada, working in different mechanical, clerical, and intermodal functions. No details of the tentative agreement will be released publicly until the agreement is ratified. The current collective agreement with Unifor expires on December 31, 2024.

*CN Reaches New Tentative Collective Agreement with Unifor, December 9, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

#### New trains from coast to coast

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) is pleased to announce the launch of the Requests for Qualification (RFQ) for locomotives and cars to replace its Long-Distance, Regional and Remote (LDRR) fleet. These RFQs mark the first phase of this transformative project as VIA Rail seeks a supplier for this new fleet that will deliver a modern, comfortable, accessible, and sustainable travel experience, and contribute to building a more connected Canada. This means that in a decade, all VIA Rail trains will be replaced across the country.

*New trains from coast to coast, December 9, 2024, [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)*

## CPKC, Americold exploring co-development opportunities in Mexico



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and Americold Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: COLD) on December 12, 2024 announced plans to formally explore co-development opportunities in Mexico as part of their continued strategic collaboration focused on optimizing temperature-sensitive commodity flows between the United States, Mexico and Canada. Americold and CPKC established a strategic collaboration in June 2023 to optimize temperature controlled logistics across North America.

*CPKC, Americold exploring co-development opportunities in Mexico, December 12, 2024, [www.cpkc.ca](http://www.cpkc.ca)*

## CN Recognizes Customers, Suppliers and Supply Chain Partners for their Leadership in Sustainability

CN on December 12, 2024 announced the recognition of 73 of its customers, suppliers and supply chain partners, for their leadership and commitment to sustainability. Through CN's EcoConnexions Partnership Program, the Company is celebrating businesses dedicated to building a more sustainable future by supporting climate action, reducing their environmental impact, promoting biodiversity and implementing more sustainable and ethical business practices. Remi G. Lalonde, Executive Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer said "We are proud to work with partners who share our vision and commitment to building a sustainable future. Sustainability is a journey that requires collaboration across the entire supply chain. Together, we are working to drive meaningful change and this program is an example of our progress." *CN Recognizes Customers, Suppliers and Supply Chain Partners for their Leadership in Sustainability, December 12, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### **AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up for Week 49 and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending December 7, 2024**



Source: Railway Age

Total U.S. rail traffic for the week ending Dec. 7, 2024 (Week 49) was up 4.4% from the prior-year period, with intermodal gains offsetting carload losses, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) latest report. Total carloads for the week ending December 7 were 224,899 carloads, down 1.8 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 295,995 containers and trailers, up 9.7 percent compared to 2023. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included chemicals, up 2,614 carloads, to 33,599; grain, up 2,436 carloads, to 23,143; and miscellaneous carloads, up 1,302 carloads, to 9,318. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 8,665 carloads, to 57,764; motor vehicles and parts, down 2,436 carloads, to 15,046; and nonmetallic minerals, down 892 carloads, to 28,164. Canadian railroads reported 91,717 carloads for the week, down 2.1 percent, and 69,376 intermodal units, down 1.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 49 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,768,157 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.9 percent.

*AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up for Week 49, December 11, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com) and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending December 7, 2024, December 11, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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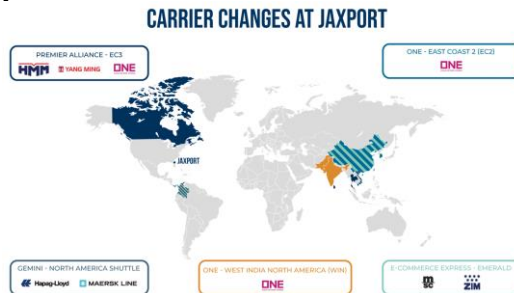
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## Marine Transport Updates

### US/WORLD

#### JAXPORT to strengthen global connections with new partnerships in 2025

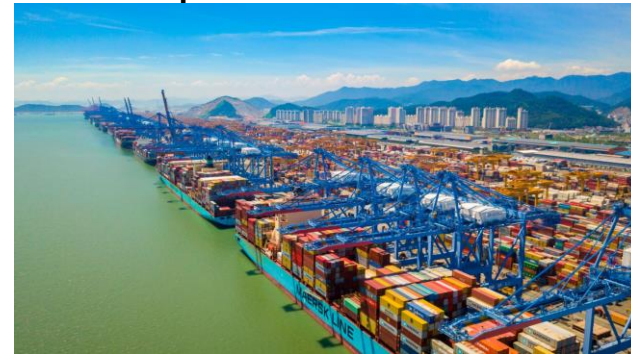


Source: AJOT

With the upcoming dissolution of the 2M Alliance in early 2025, JAXPORT is maintaining and growing its global container services through strategic partnerships with the world's top ocean carriers. New and modified service routes through JAXPORT will provide expanded global connectivity and access to new and emerging markets. Three primary changes are taking place beginning in February 2025 with regard to their services or relationships. 1. The Gemini Cooperation. 2. Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and Zim Line. 3. The Premier Alliance.

*JAXPORT to strengthen global connections with new partnerships in 2025, December 11, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

#### Busan to target shipping alliances with new \$10 billion port to boost competitiveness



Source: JOC

Busan is planning to spend \$9.8 billion to develop a new container port by 2045 that could handle ships up to 30,000 TEUs as part of a wider plan to transform the South Korean gateway into a North Asia powerhouse. The project is part of a five-point plan announced on December 11, 2024 during a meeting of the country's Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries to strengthen Busan's industrial competitiveness. The plan also includes new logistics facilities and investment in methanol and ammonia bunkering. The ministry said it wants to streamline operations at Busan to adapt to changes in the container shipping sector, including...

*Busan to target shipping alliances with new \$10 billion port to boost competitiveness, December 11, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

#### Port of Galveston releases new economic impact stats

*Cargo a Big Jobs Generator* - The statewide economic value of cargo operations at public and private marine terminals on Galveston Harbor totaled \$6.5 billion in 2023. These operations generated 19,000 Texas

jobs, \$1.6 billion in personal income, \$5.5 billion in business revenue and output, \$210 million in local purchases, and \$123 million in state and local taxes. The Port of Galveston moved 3.6 million tons of cargo in 2023, generating jobs for union workers, stevedores, ship pilots, and truck drivers, to name a few. The port's diversified range of cargos includes bulk liquid, bulk fertilizer, roll-on/roll-off cargo, new cars, and wind turbine components. Private terminal operators accounted for roughly 10 million tons of liquid and dry bulk cargos transported by deep-draft vessel, train and truck. *Exponential Cruise Growth* - Researchers compiled local impact numbers for our cruise business in 2023, when almost 1.5 million passengers embarked on 354 cruises. Last year cruise operations generated 4,547 jobs for Galveston area residents, \$291 million in personal income, \$733 million in local business revenues, and \$25 million in state and local taxes.

*Port of Galveston releases new economic impact stats, December 11, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*





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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Canada Post, CUPW remain at odds as strike enters fifth week



Source: Inside Logistics

Negotiations continue between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), with the two parties remaining divided on several issues. In a statement released Dec. 7, Canada Post said it was “surprised” by public comments made by CUPW about its counter proposal. Canada Post stated its offer made significant moves to close the gap on key issues, such as weekend delivery, pensions and wages. “We are currently operating within a confidential process, which was agreed to by both parties. With the movements we’ve made, we would have preferred to hear from CUPW through that process, rather than cause additional concern for our customers and employees,” Canada Post said. “We have not yet received a formal response from CUPW through the mediators. Given the urgency and the ongoing impact of CUPW’s national strike, we hope to hear back today.”

*Canada Post, CUPW remain at odds as strike enters fifth week, December 8, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

#### Purolator, UPS pause shipments from couriers amid backlog



Source: Today's Trucking

Purolator and UPS have paused shipments from some courier companies as they try to work through a deluge of deliveries brought on by the Canada Post strike. Purolator said in an email that severe weather and a surge in package volumes prompted it to freeze service for some partners, citing the need to “prioritize critical shipments.” Couriers such as eShipper, which act as middlemen between smaller e-commerce businesses and large carriers, are among the companies temporarily barred from shipping with Purolator and UPS. A notice sent from eShipper to clients and obtained by The Canadian Press says “no shipments will be processed or moved by these carriers” for 48 hours, starting Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Montreal-based cookie maker Félix & Norton’s chief operating officer Simon Paquin says the

cargo halt and broader postal strike fallout could cost the company its “whole holiday season.”

*Purolator, UPS pause shipments from couriers amid backlog, December 6, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## Canada Post strike on day 26 as union sends new proposals



Source: Financial Post

On December 9, 2024, the [Canadian Union of Postal Workers](#) sent over its latest list of proposals, which include wage gains and job protections. But Canada Post said in a statement that the proposals don't bring the two sides any closer together in a dispute that's brought millions of deliveries to a halt. Despite calls for the government to intervene, [Prime Minister Justin Trudeau](#) said on December 9 that the government is putting pressure on the two sides to reach an agreement. One of the key issues in bargaining has been a potential expansion into weekend deliveries, with the two sides at odds over how to staff the expansion.

*Canada Post strike on day 26 as union sends new proposals, December 10, 2024, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)*

## Government of Canada invests in building safer communities

On December 9, 2024, the President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, the Honourable Anita Anand, accompanied by Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, announced 35 new projects across Canada that will receive funding through the Enhanced Road Safety Transfer Payment Program. The Program will provide \$14.6 million to fund road safety

projects that focus on driver assistance systems, alcohol and drug-impaired driving, distracted driving, winter road conditions, speeding, as well as young drivers and vulnerable road users.

*Government of Canada invests in building safer communities, December 9, 2024, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## Ontario Achieves 90 Per Cent Preliminary Design of Highway 413, Begins Releasing Land and Highway 413 Preliminary Design 90 Per Cent Complete

The Ontario government is moving forward with building Highway 413 by completing 90 per cent of the preliminary design work, which gives greater certainty on the preferred alignment of the highway. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has refined its Focused Analysis Area (FAA), a zone around the preferred route to reflect which lands are not likely to be needed to build the highway, which, pending consultation, allows the ministry to begin releasing land back to its owners and bringing them clarity and certainty. This allows municipalities to process development applications for these parcels of land. Although MTO will still review and comment on these applications, Highway 413 is not expected to affect these lands. Reaching this milestone has allowed the province to identify 113 full and 57 partial properties not required for building the highway, with the remaining land being released beginning in 2025.

*Ontario Achieves 90 Per Cent Preliminary Design of Highway 413, Begins Releasing Land and Highway 413 Preliminary Design 90 Per Cent Complete, December 9, 2024, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### The Big Deal: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Major Progress in Rebuilding America's Bridges

On December 9, 2024, during a news conference at the River Raisin Bridge in Monroe, Michigan, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg released a [new report](#) detailing 18 of the most economically significant bridges that are being rebuilt or repaired with funding from the Biden-Harris Administration. In November of 2021, in anticipation of the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, President Biden announced that funding from this historic legislation would fix up to 10 of the most economically significant bridges in the nation to improve safety and efficiency, strengthen supply chains and support America's economic competitiveness, and restore critical connections that are vital to commuters, emergency responders, truck drivers, and public transit riders. Three years later, the Biden-Harris Administration has

surpassed that goal, funding more than 11,400 bridge projects across the country, including 18 of the nation's most economically significant bridges.

*The Big Deal: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Major Progress in Rebuilding America's Bridges, December 9, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## **DHL begins making autonomous freight deliveries with Volvo**



Source: Inside Logistics

December 11, 2024 marks an important milestone for Volvo Autonomous Solutions (VAS), the autonomous trucking arm of Volvo Trucks North America, as it begins to autonomously transport real-world freight for real-world customers. It will do so in Texas, for DHL Supply Chain, initially hauling a single load a week autonomously as the companies collect performance data and evaluate operations with a safety driver onboard. "This is a huge milestone for us," Sasko Cuklev, head of on-road solutions with VAS, said in an interview with TruckNews.com. "It marks the main target we had for this year, and that is to start to operate autonomously with a safety driver." It's no accident that DHL was selected as the first fleet to integrate the VAS new VNL equipped with the Aurora Driver into its fleet operations. "We have been working tightly together for quite some time," Cuklev said. "We have been vocal early on that this is not only about the autonomous functionality, but we need to have a broader ecosystem in place to make this work."

*DHL begins making autonomous freight deliveries with Volvo, December 11, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



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## Other Transport Updates

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#### Trade by exporter and importer characteristics: Services, 2022



Source: Statcan

In 2022, firms operating in the professional services industry and the information services industry led the increase in exports of commercial services. Gains were concentrated in large firms (those with 500 or more employees) in Canada. Overall, exports of commercial services rose 3.5% to \$120.3 billion in 2022. Commercial services exports from Canadian multinational enterprises (MNEs) increased 8.8% to \$38.4 billion in 2022, outpacing growth in exports from foreign MNEs operating in Canada. The value of services exports that were digitally delivered to foreign markets grew 17.3% in 2022.

*Trade by exporter and importer characteristics: Services, 2022, December 9, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

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



Source: Statcan

In November 2024, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile reached 4.8 million, up 8.4% from November 2023. By air, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada totalled 521,800 in November 2024, up 3.5% year over year. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad by air reached 1.5 million, a 6.0% increase from November 2023. By automobile, US residents took 951,000 trips to Canada in November 2024, up 21.4% from the same month in 2023. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States by automobile also rose, up 6.0% year over year to reach 1.8 million trips in November 2024.

*Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, November 2024, December 10, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

**Canadian premiers urge strong response to Trump tariff threat, minister says**



Source: AJOT

Some Canadian premiers are urging Ottawa to respond robustly to the threat of tariffs from incoming U.S. President Donald Trump and have highlighted critical minerals and metals as products the United States relies on, Canada's finance minister said on December 11, 2024. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other government ministers met with provincial premiers to discuss Trump's pledge to impose steep tariffs on Canadian and Mexican imports after he is sworn in as president in January 2025. That pledge has raised fears of a trade war between the United States and two of its biggest trading partners. "A number of premiers offered strong support for a robust Canadian response that included some of the premiers proactively naming critical minerals and metals that their provinces produce, and which are exported to the United States," Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland told reporters after the meeting. Canada's emphasis right now is on reaching out to U.S. officials, Freeland said, adding that Canadian business and labor leaders are also getting in touch with their U.S. counterparts. Ontario Premier Doug Ford said energy exports to the United States could also be halted, without giving details.

*Canadian premiers urge strong response to Trump tariff threat, minister says, December 12, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

**US/WORLD**

**November 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Rises Above the November 2023 Level (4.5%) And the Pre-Pandemic November 2019 Level (3.3%)**

<p>U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) <b>November 2024</b> 4.0%</p> <p>▲ 0.5 change from same month last year</p>	<p>Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) <b>November 2024</b> 4.8%</p> <p>▲ 0.3 change from same month last year</p>
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Source: DOT

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.8% (not seasonally adjusted) in November 2024 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. In November 2024, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 0.3 percentage points from 4.5% in November 2023 and was above the pre-pandemic November 2019 level of 3.3%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in November 2024 was 4.0% or 0.8 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in November 2024 was 4.2%. *November 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Rises Above the November 2023 Level (4.5%) And the Pre-Pandemic November 2019 Level (3.3%), December 6, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

**Transportation Services Contributed 6.5% to U.S. GDP in 2023; a Decrease from 6.6% in 2022 but Still Above the Pre-Pandemic 2019 6.3%**

Transportation services (for-hire, in-house, and household) contributed \$1.8 trillion (6.5%) to an enhanced U.S. gross domestic product (GDP)<sup>1</sup> of \$28.2 trillion in 2023—as measured by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Transportation Satellite Accounts (TSAs). The TSAs measure the full contribution of transportation to the economy from three types of transportation activities: 1. \$935.5 billion or 3.3% of 2023 enhanced GDP from for-hire transportation, 2. \$392.6 billion or 1.4% of 2023 enhanced GDP from transportation activities carried out by non-transportation industries for their own purposes (known as in-house transportation), and 3. \$498.3 billion or 1.8% of

2023 enhanced GDP from transportation activities carried out by households using personal motor vehicles.

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### **"Trump Tariffs — beneath the headlines — potential impacts in the US , Canada, Mexico and beyond" complimentary webinar hosted by KPMG on 18 December 2024**

The incoming US President has recently made news headlines with his proposal to pass Executive Orders on or after 20 January 2025 to impose a 25% tariff on all products coming into the US from Canada and Mexico. Similar announcements have been made around a 10% increase in tariffs on products coming from China.

While there is a degree of uncertainty around the likelihood and extent of these proposals being put into action, the use of tariffs as an instrument of trade policy is a well-worn path. In this session, KPMG Trade & Customs professionals will delve beneath the headlines and explore the implications of these developments and address the concerns businesses may have in the new trade environment we are entering.

The panel will be led by Andrew Siciliano, KPMG's Global Practice Leader, Trade & Customs, together with representatives from KPMG firms in the US, Canada and Mexico.

During this webinar, we plan to discuss the following key topics:

- The use of tariffs as a tool of trade policy, including during President Trump's first term in office;
- Understanding how tariffs apply and their economic effect;
- Regulatory mechanisms that the incoming US administration can and may use to implement new tariffs;
- What companies can do now to prepare for these changes;
- Industries and trading activities most likely to be impacted across Canada, Mexico and the US;
- Potential retaliatory measures;
- Likely opportunities for trade negotiation to mitigate the impact of tariffs or to forestall their implementation.

This session aims to provide you with the necessary insights to navigate the evolving trade and tariff landscape effectively. We hope you can join us for this informative event.

The presenters in the session will include:

- Andrew Siciliano, Partner, Global Practice Leader, Tax, Trade & Customs, KPMG in the US
- Jessica Libby, Principal, Trade and Customs, KPMG in the US
- Luis (Lou) Abad, Principal, Trade and Customs, KPMG in the US
- César Buenrostro, Partner, Trade and Customs (T&C) Practice Partner, Latin America Deputy Leader for T&C, KPMG in Mexico
- Angelos Xilinas, Partner, Customs & Excise, KPMG in Canada

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Time:

14:00 – 15:30 New York/Toronto

19:00 – 20:30 London

20:00 – 21:30 Amsterdam

03:00 – 04:30 China and Singapore

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## Job Postings

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

#### 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 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

## Hybrid

We value flexibility. We have adopted a hybrid work model whereby employees use a combination of working in office and virtually in service of outcomes. Each leader is empowered to decide what work is best achieved in person based on the unique needs of their team.

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## \* Senior Export Control / Customs Analyst, Mitel, Ottawa, ON

### About the job

At Mitel, you will have the opportunity to help businesses connect, collaborate and provide better experiences for our customers. You will deliver valuable contributions in creating business success within our

global organization utilizing your unique attributes, skills and experience.

Please take a moment to look over this opportunity and if interested, feel free to send us your application. If this is not the right opportunity for you, you can also sign up for Job Alerts by creating an account. This will give you a profile that you can use for all future applications, and you will be notified whenever a new position that matches your criteria becomes available.

### Overview

To ensure that Mitel is compliant with all Export Control legislation within the areas that Mitel supplies goods and S/W from within Canada & USA. To also ensure Mitel does not breach international sanctions.

### Responsibilities

- Ensuring compliance with all relevant foreign trade regulations incl. all individual instructions of the competent authorities.
- Develop and implement processes and procedures to ensure Import and Export compliance within Canada, U.S, UK, and other EU country's export laws and regulations.
- For such processes/procedures:
  - Oversee and manage to ensure compliance.
  - Collect and report data for KPI measurement.
  - Collect and report data for required government scheduled reporting cycles.
- Be the Export Control expert to ensure that Mitel is aware of what Export Control is, how important it is and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Ability to apply the Export Control requirements to new technologies such as Cloud based products and delivery mechanisms.
- Lead liaison for Global Affairs Canada.
- Maintenance of all foreign trade data for purchased raw materials and sold goods, including classification for EAR, Canadian consolidated list of strategic military and dual-use items, and EU Commerce Control List.

### Requirements

- Bachelors degree preferred; or high school diploma + relevant experience
- 5+ years of customs experience

- Sound specialist knowledge and practical application knowledge in the field of customs and export control (DE/FR/EU/USA/CDN), fully conversant with the Canadian and USA Export control legislation
- Good technical understanding of company products, Encryption and Encryption techniques.
- To understand the key parameters that determine if a Mitel product is Dual Use. Specifically, as it relates to Encryption hardware and software.
- To have an excellent understanding of international sanctions and how to apply them in practical situations.
- Good knowledge of standard office tools (MS Office, ERP, SAP,
- Familiar with governmental online-systems (Canada: EXCOL, USA: SNAP-R) and the permit application process
- Understanding of application of Export Regulations to Cloud applications
- Understanding the sanction process, monitoring, analyzing and applying international sanctions

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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

To apply, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/4010951285>

## \* Supply Chain Specialist I, NIKE, NA

### About the job

### Who You'll Work With

NIKE's Marketplace Supply Chain (MSC) team is responsible for enabling the best Nike consumer experience by offering the right supply chain and fulfillment services where it matters, and by getting the right product, to the right place, at the right time - in a profitable way. We are continually innovating to meet evolving consumer needs in a digitally connected marketplace.

### Who We Are Looking For

The Supply Chain Specialist I, role is a fundamental role within MSC focused on executing tactical order management. You will succeed by utilizing reporting and insights to drive timely delivery of all Nike products to support Nike profitability. You will communicate with, develop, and maintain positive relationships with internal cross functional partners through report interpretation, tools, phone and email. You will implement desk level orderbook tasks to deliver overall orderbook and business KPIs.

#### The ideal candidate would have the following:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education, experience or training
- 2 years experience preferred
- Strong written and verbal communication
- Strong time management and attention to detail
- Analyze and influence with data
- Experience with SAP and Excel (or aptitude to learn quickly)
- Retail and supply chain experience a plus

#### What You'll Work On

- Responsible for executing end-to-end order management activities, problem-solving issues to maintain a shippable orderbook, communicating effectively to internal and external stakeholders, and taking initiative to identify risk and opportunities for Nike and our Partners. Access and leverage data and reporting to support order management execution and communicate delivery visibility to internal and external stakeholders. Monitor key KPI's and escalate risks, opportunities, and recommendations for Nike and Partners. Manage wholistic orderbook as well as key initiatives and assortments.
- Work cross-functionally to maintain a shippable orderbook and execute order management activities (pricing resolution, cancel/returns execution, cancel date management, etc.)
- Proactively track product delivery, order fill rates, delivery, and returns activities
- Provide visibility and respond to questions regarding order status and tracking information
- Execute and communicate standard and ad hoc reports to support execution
- Drive day-to-day problem-solving activities to resolve and escalate issues as required

- Communicate with key stakeholders on existing processes / capabilities

#### Provide peer mentorship and training

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