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Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Minister of Transport announces the Pickering Lands will not be used for a future airport site

On January 27, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced that the Pickering Lands will not be used for a future airport site. The Government of Canada intends to transfer the high conservation value lands to Parks Canada. In 1972, the Government of Canada acquired 75 km² (18,600 acres) of land, 56 kilometers northeast of downtown Toronto, known as the Pickering Lands, to develop a new airport. In 1975, this plan was put on hold in favour of expanding existing airports. Properties on the Pickering Lands have been leased by the government to residential, farm and commercial tenants since then. A formal consultation process, including with existing tenants, Indigenous communities, and the public, will be launched in the coming weeks on future uses of the lands. These consultations will be critical to determining the path forward.

Minister of Transport announces the Pickering Lands will not be used for a future airport site, January 27, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

Porter Airlines boosts New York presence with new LaGuardia service and Victoria service

Porter Airlines is expanding its footprint in New York with the launch of new year-round service to LaGuardia Airport (LGA). Starting May 1, 2025, up to three daily roundtrip flights will operate between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and LaGuardia. Porter Airlines' Ottawa network continues to grow with the addition of a new nonstop route to Western Canada. Starting May 15, 2025, service between Ottawa International Airport (YOW) and Victoria International Airport (YYJ) will operate for the summer season with up to four weekly roundtrip flights.

Porter Airlines boosts New York presence with new LaGuardia service, January 27, 2025, www.flypoter.com; and Porter expands in Ottawa with new Victoria service, January 28, 2025, www.flyporter.com

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, November 2024



Source: Statcan

In November 2024, Canada's major and select small airports recorded a total of 416,127 aircraft movements, down 7.1% from

November 2023. Itinerant movements decreased 7.2% year over year in November 2024, while local movements fell 6.9%. At the same time, major Canadian airlines flew 6.5 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in November, with a passenger load factor of 82.3%.

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, November 2024, January 30, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, December 2024



Source: Statcan

In December 2024, 4.8 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, 8.1% higher than in December 2023 and 4.3% above the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level in December 2019. In 2024, there were a total of 57.0 million passengers screened at Canada's top airports, 5.8% higher than in 2023 and 2.7% more than the level reported in 2019.

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, December 2024, January 30, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

✈️ Porter Airlines, BMO and Mastercard Accelerate Canadians' Travel Rewards Journey with New Credit Card Program

Porter Airlines, BMO and Mastercard are partnering to accelerate Canadians' travel rewards journey. A new BMO VIPorter Mastercard suite will be available to Canadians in spring 2025. Driven by a shared commitment to exceed customer expectations around service and customer loyalty, this collaboration will provide enhanced travel benefits for cardholders, enabling them to enjoy additional rewards at every step of their journey.

Porter Airlines, BMO and Mastercard Accelerate Canadians' Travel Rewards Journey with New Credit Card Program, January 29, 2025, www.flyporter.com

✈️ Global Air Cargo Demand Achieves Record Growth in 2024



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for full year 2024 and December 2024 global air cargo market performance showing: 1. Full-year demand for 2024, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), increased 11.3% (12.2% for international operations) compared to 2023. Full-year 2024 demand exceeded the record volumes set in 2021. 2. Full-year capacity in 2024, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 7.4% compared to 2023 (9.6% for international operations). 3. Full-year yields averaged 1.6% lower than 2023 but 39% higher than in 2019. 4. December 2024 brought the year to a close with continued strong performance. Global demand was 6.1% above December 2023 levels (7.0% for international operations). Global capacity was 3.7% above December 2023 levels (5.2% for international operations). Cargo yields were 6.6% higher than December 2023 (and 53.4% higher than in December 2019).

Global Air Cargo Demand Achieves Record Growth in 2024, January 29, 2025, www.iata.org

✈️ Global Air Passenger Demand Reaches Record High in 2024



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released 2024 full-year and December 2024 passenger market performance showing record high demand. 1. *Total full-year traffic* in 2024 (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) rose 10.4% compared to 2023. This was 3.8% above pre-pandemic (2019) levels. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 8.7% in 2024. The overall load factor reached 83.5%, a record for full-year traffic. 2. *International full-year traffic* in 2024 increased 13.6% compared to 2023, and capacity rose 12.8%. 3. *Domestic full-year traffic* for 2024 rose 5.7% compared to the prior year, while capacity expanded by 2.5%. 4. *December 2024* was a strong finish to the year with overall demand rising 8.6% year-on-year, and capacity grew by 5.6%. International demand rose by 10.6% and domestic demand by 5.5%. The December load factor reached 84%, a record for the month. *Global Air Passenger Demand Reaches Record High in 2024, January 30, 2025, www.iata.org*



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Rail Transport Updates

CANADA

CN braces for rail strike



Source: Freightwaves

Canadian National Railway is bracing for a work stoppage Tuesday, January 28, 2025 after members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) in Canada issued a 72-hour strike notice. The union represents about 750 signal and communications workers, who are prepared to walk out if a new agreement is not reached by a Jan. 28 deadline. "CN is aware of the notice. The company has a contingency plan in place and is focused on keeping the supply chain fluid and goods moving safely. These activities will continue uninterrupted as long as necessary," Montreal-based CN said in an email statement to FreightWaves.

CN braces for rail strike, January 26, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

CPKC reaches tentative collective agreement with Unifor

Canadian Pacific Kansas City today said it has reached a tentative four-year collective agreement with Unifor representing approximately 1,200 employees at CPKC in Canada. "We are pleased to have reached a tentative collective agreement at the negotiating table with our mechanical employees in Canada," said Keith Creel, CPKC

President and Chief Executive Officer. "By working collaboratively together with Unifor, we have reached an agreement benefiting our employees and their families while continuing to serve the needs of our customers and keeping the Canadian economy moving forward." Unifor represents mechanics, labourers, diesel service attendants and mechanical support staff. Details of the tentative collective agreement are not being released pending ratification of the new agreement.

CPKC reaches tentative collective agreement with Unifor, January 27, 2025, www.cpkc.ca

CPKC reaches tentative collective agreement with TCRC-MWED

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on January 28, 2025 said that it has reached a tentative four-year collective agreement with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Employees Division (TCRC-MWED) representing engineering service employees in Canada. *CPKC reaches tentative collective agreement with TCRC-MWED, January 28, 2025, www.cpkc.ca*

Freight Rail Services Price Index, January 2025



Source: Statcan

Data for January for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statistics Canada website. For January 2025 it was 129.1 compared to 127.6 for the previous month and 127.4 in January 1924.

Freight Rail Services Price Index, January 2025, January 28, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

CN reaches tentative agreement with signals and communication workers, averts strike



Source: Today's Trucking

Canadian National Railway Co. says it has reached a tentative agreement with the union representing about 750 signals and communication employees across Canada. The railway had faced a potential strike on January 28, 2025 by the workers represented by the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers. Details of the tentative four-year agreement, which still must be ratified, were not immediately available. Workers had voted 95% in favor of a strike if a deal could not be reached. The union had said it was pushing for better work-life balance and higher pay. The current collective agreement between the union and the railway expired on Dec. 31, 2024.

CN reaches tentative agreement with signals and communication workers, averts strike, January 28, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com; and CN Reaches New Tentative Collective Agreement with IBEW, January 28, 2025, www.cn.ca

Ontario Northland Secures Bilevel Overhaul Contract for GO Transit



Source: Railway Age

The Ontario government on Jan. 27, 2025 reported that it is investing more than C\$350 million to refurbish 121 GO Transit bilevel commuter railcars at Ontario Northland's Remanufacturing and Repair Center in North Bay.

Ontario Northland Secures Bilevel Overhaul Contract for GO Transit, January 28, 2025, www.railwayage.com

CPKC delivers strong fourth-quarter results; positioned to accelerate growth in 2025

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on January 29, 2025 announced its fourth-quarter results, including revenues of \$3.9 billion, diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$1.28 and core adjusted combined diluted EPS of \$1.29. Fourth-quarter 2024 results are: 1. Revenues increased by three percent to \$3.9 billion from \$3.8 billion in Q4 2023; 2. Reported operating ratio (OR) decreased by 210 basis points to 59.7 percent from 61.8 percent in Q4 2023; 3. Core adjusted combined OR decreased by 160 basis points to 57.1 percent from 58.7 percent in Q4 2023; 4. Reported diluted EPS increased to \$1.28 from \$1.10 in Q4 2023; 5. Core adjusted combined diluted EPS increased nine percent to \$1.29 from \$1.18 in Q4 2023; 6. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)-reportable personal injury frequency decreased to 0.84 from 1.13 in Q4 2023; 7. FRA-reportable train accident frequency decreased to 1.03 from 1.08 in Q4 2023. "Our team finished our first full year as a combined company strong, with volume growth, improved safety performance, and solid operational execution that allowed CPKC to deliver industry-leading earnings growth in 2024," said Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer. Full-year 2024 results are: 1. Reported operating ratio decreased by 60 basis points to 64.4 percent from 65.0 percent in 2023; 2. Core adjusted combined OR decreased by 70 basis points to 61.3 percent from 62.0 percent in 2023; 3. Reported diluted EPS decreased to \$3.98 from \$4.21 in 2023; and 4. Core adjusted combined diluted EPS increased 11 percent to \$4.25 from \$3.84 in 2023. The Board of Directors of Canadian Pacific

Kansas City Limited declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.19 per share on the outstanding Common Shares.

CPKC delivers strong fourth-quarter results; positioned to accelerate growth in 2025; and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited declares dividend, January 29, 2025, www.cpkc.ca

CPKC sees higher Q4 profits, forecasts continued growth despite trade concerns



Source: Freightwaves

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (NASDAQ: CP) reported higher fourth-quarter profits and revenue as the railway's merger-related synergies accelerated. "Despite a number of challenges, we delivered on the guidance that we set out at the start of the year, to produce double-digit earnings growth. And we did it safely," CEO Keith Creel told investors and analysts on the railway's earnings call on January 30, 2025. Despite economic uncertainties and the Trump administration's threat of imposing 25% tariffs on goods imported from Canada and Mexico, CPKC expects revenue ton-miles to grow between 4% and 6% this year, which will help generate earnings growth of 12% to 18%.

CPKC sees higher Q4 profits, forecasts continued growth despite trade concerns, January 30, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

CN Announces New Normal Course Issuer Bid for Share Repurchase and 5% Dividend Increase

CN announced on January 30, 2025 that its Board of Directors has approved a 5% increase in the 2025 dividend on the Company's outstanding common shares as well as the repurchase of its shares under a new normal course issuer bid.

CN Announces New Normal Course Issuer Bid for Share Repurchase and 5% Dividend Increase, January 30, 2025, www.cn.ca

US/WORLD

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending January 25, 2025



Source: Railway Age

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on January 29, 2025 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending January 25, 2025. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 454,797 carloads and intermodal units, down 2.5 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending January 25, 2025 were 189,125 carloads, down 8.8 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 265,672 containers and trailers, up 2.5 percent compared to 2024. One of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. It was farm products excl. grain, and food, up 368 carloads, to 16,180. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included nonmetallic minerals, down 4,112 carloads, to 19,173; coal, down 4,109 carloads, to 52,514; and metallic ores and metals, down 3,304 carloads, to 16,218. For the first four weeks of 2025, U.S. railroads reported cumulative volume of 803,593 carloads, up 0.3 percent from the same point last year; and 1,038,164 intermodal units, up 10.9 percent from last year. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first four weeks of 2025 was 1,841,757 carloads and intermodal units, an increase of 6.0 percent compared to last year. Canadian railroads reported 88,763 carloads for the week, up 1.9 percent, and 67,323 intermodal units, down 0.2 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first four weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 626,350 carloads, containers and trailers, up 8.1 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending January 25, 2025, January 29, 2025, www.ajot.com; and AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 4, January 29, 2025, www.railwayage.com

Norfolk Southern beats profit estimates helped by cost cuts, insurance recovery



Source: AJOT

U.S. railroad operator Norfolk Southern on January 29, 2025, posted a quarterly profit that beat analysts' estimates, helped by cost cuts implemented to improve margins and better-than-expected insurance recoveries related to a costly derailment. Shares of the company were up 4% in early morning trading. Norfolk had taken a hit of about \$1.4 billion in last two years due to a derailment in Eastern Ohio in 2023 that released over 1 million gallons of hazardous materials and pollutants near the state's border. Norfolk implemented voluntary and involuntary job cuts last year that helped offset some of that impact. Insurance recoveries related to the accident exceeded expenses by \$43 million in the fourth quarter, Norfolk added. The company reported operating revenue of \$2.81 billion for the quarter ended Dec. 31, up 2% from a year earlier.

Norfolk Southern beats profit estimates helped by cost cuts, insurance recovery, January 29, 2025, www.ajot.com



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Marine Transport Updates

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 **Canada welcomes the arrival of the *MV Northumberland***



Source: Transport Canada

On January 27, 2025, the *MV Northumberland* (formerly the *MV Fanafjord*) arrived in Canada. This vessel will serve the Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island to Caribou, Nova Scotia route. The *MV Northumberland* was acquired by the Government of Canada as an interim solution to replace the former *MV Holiday Island*. The vessel will now undergo final refit work to prepare for service. This vessel allows for a safe and reliable two-vessel service between Woods Islands, Prince Edward Island, and Caribou, Nova Scotia. The *MV Northumberland* is expected to be ready for service for the beginning of the 2025 operating season.

Canada welcomes the arrival of the *MV Northumberland*, January 27, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

 **Americold adding Port Saint John warehouse as part of CPKC alliance**



Source: JOC

Americold Realty Trust plans to build a cold-storage warehouse near Port Saint John in New Brunswick, Canada, its first import-export hub under its ongoing partnership with Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) to expand intermodal reefer throughout North America. Americold said on January 29, 2025 that it plans to spend between US\$75 million and \$80 million on a warehouse that can handle up to 22,000 pallets, approximating 300,000 square feet of space. The company said the warehouse will handle refrigerated cargoes between the DP World container terminal at Port St. John and CPKC.

Americold adding Port Saint John warehouse as part of CPKC alliance, January 29, 2025, www.joc.com

 **PRPA and Metlakatla Development Corporation Partner to Develop New Import Logistics Project**



Source: PRPA

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) and the Metlakatla Development Corporation (MDC) are partnering to develop the South Kaien Import Logistics Park (SKILP). The \$100M+ Indigenous-led joint venture will enable long-term economic benefits for Metlakatla and new employment opportunities for local Indigenous workers, while bolstering intermodal trade through the Prince Rupert Gateway. A portion of SKILP will host a logistics and warehousing complex that significantly expands and strengthens import transloading and related capabilities at the Port of Prince Rupert. Construction is underway in developing the 56 acres of flat, serviced industrial land in proximity to Fairview Terminal, CN Rail, and the recently announced CANXPORT facility.

PRPA and Metlakatla Development Corporation Partner to Develop New Import Logistics Project, January 30, 2025, www.princeruport.com

US/WORLD

Port of Los Angeles processed 10.3 million TEUs in 2024



Source: AJOT

At the Port of Los Angeles “State of the Port” Eugene Seroka, Executive Director, announced that “in 2024, the Port of Los Angeles moved 10.3 million TEUs. That is our second-best year in the 117-year history of the Port of Los Angeles ... and nearly a 20% increase in

volume over 2023. In fact, we moved 1.7 million more TEUs than last year, which is the largest incremental gain we’ve ever seen.” Seroka added that the Port “moved all that cargo efficiently and without a single ship backed up at sea.” The “State of the Port” is produced by the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) and took place on January 23rd at the Port of Los Angeles with nearly 1,000 people in attendance. Seroka cited “Significant investments by our two great Western railroads, Union Pacific and BNSF, to efficiently accommodate increased cargo in and out of the San Pedro Bay.”

Port of Los Angeles processed 10.3 million TEUs in 2024, January 24, 2025, www.ajot.com

Shipping Nations must switch to cleaner fuels to cut black carbon pollution

As a meeting of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Pollution Prevention and Response sub-committee gets underway next week in London, the Clean Arctic Alliance called for the international shipping body to reduce the impact on the Arctic from shipping’s black carbon emissions, by urgently agreeing to regulation which will identify cleaner fuels more suitable for use in the region, and to immediately stop the release of scrubber discharge wastes in coastal, protected and sensitive areas.

Shipping Nations must switch to cleaner fuels to cut black carbon pollution, January 24, 2025, www.ajot.com

Port Houston record-breaking volume in 2024



Source: AJOT

Port Houston is celebrating a landmark year, achieving a record-breaking 53,066,219 million tons of cargo in 2024, up 6% over 2023 at the public terminals. Container volume rose 8%. This milestone demonstrates Port Houston’s critical role in moving cargo and driving economic prosperity for Houston, the region, and the nation. The

overall port, which includes 200 private and eight public marine terminals, is the nation's largest in tonnage and deep-water transits. Container volumes at Port Houston surged 8% in 2024 as compared to 2023, reaching a remarkable 4,139,991 TEUs—also a record for the Port. December capped off this success with a 4% year-over-year increase in total container volumes, totalling 340,418 TEUs. *Port Houston record-breaking volume in 2024, January 27, 2025, www.ajot.com*

Port of Corpus Christi customers close 2024 with record numbers



Source: AJOT

The Port of Corpus Christi and its customers moved 206.5 million tons through the Corpus Christi Ship Channel in 2024, a new high mark driven by increases in crude oil and dry bulk commodities, including agricultural products. Port customers also ended 2024 with record quarterly tonnage (54 million tons) in Q4 2024 – a 4.3 percent increase over the same period last year and a 1.9 percent increase from the previous quarterly record (Q3 2024). Leading commodities in Q4 2024 included crude oil, refined products and liquefied natural gas. For the year, crude oil shipments increased 3.5 percent over 2023 to 130.5 million tons, while dry bulk and agricultural goods increased 8.1 percent and 38.7 percent, respectively. The new annual tonnage record is 1.7 percent higher than the previous record set in 2023, marking the seventh consecutive record year set by Port of Corpus Christi customers.

Port of Corpus Christi customers close 2024 with record numbers, January 27, 2025, www.ajot.com

FMC chair questions 'level playing field' in Panama Canal operations



Source: JOC

The Panamanian government, in response to Donald Trump's recent ire about China's presence at the canal, launched an audit of Hutchison Port Holdings' offices there last week. The new head of the US Federal Maritime Commission on January 28, 2025 told a Senate hearing he questions whether a Hong Kong-based terminal operator that runs ports on both ends of the Panama Canal was contributing revenue to the Panamanian government like other terminal operators do. The comments by FMC Chairman Louis Sola come amid rising US scrutiny of Chinese influence over the canal.

FMC chair questions 'level playing field' in Panama Canal operations, January 28, 2025, www.joc.com

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Port Houston record-breaking volume in 2024, January 28, 2025, www.ajot.com



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CANADA

CTA-OTA Laud Ideas to Remove Internal Trade Barriers as Potential Response to U.S. Tariffs



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance is encouraged after the premiers and prime minister met on January 23, 2025 to discuss Canada's response to potential tariffs being implemented by the U.S. and agreed to have an urgent discussion around opportunities to increase internal trade within Canada—a move which would create increased efficiencies, productivity, and lead to greater resiliency in the face of these ongoing threats.

CTA-OTA Laud Ideas to Remove Internal Trade Barriers as Potential Response to U.S. Tariffs, January 24, 2025, www.ontruck.org

Investment continues amid chaos in EV and battery supply chain



Source: Today's Trucking

In signing his Unleashing American Energy order, Trump said he was cancelling the EV “mandate,” but some industry insiders see a silver lining in support for critical materials processing and production. Producers are hopeful the EV supply chain will create enough jobs that Trump will act cautiously before eliminating legislation propping up projects

Investment in Canada's electric vehicle supply chain continues even as United States President Donald Trump threatens to roll back climate legislation and halt the EV transition. On January 23, 2025, InMotion Ventures Ltd., Jaguar Land Rover Automotive PLC's investment arm, committed \$2 million to Cyclic Materials Inc., a rare earth recycling startup in Toronto, thereby raising its total series B funding to \$55 million.

Investment continues amid chaos in EV and battery supply chain, January 24, 2025, www.financialpost.ca

Clarience Technologies acquires work truck upfitter Ranger Design



Source: Today's Trucking

Clarience Technologies has announced its acquisition of Ranger Design, a manufacturer of upfitting products for commercial vehicles. The addition strengthens Clarience's position as a provider of work truck upfitting, the company announced in a release. "We are excited to welcome Ranger Design to the Clarience Technologies team of companies," announced Brian Kupchella, CEO of Clarience. "This acquisition aligns with our vision to provide visionary technology for all transportation, to help make the world safer and create superior value for our customers and the communities we serve."

Clarience Technologies acquires work truck upfitter Ranger Design, January 27, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Federal inquiry into Canada Post opens hearings



Source: National Post

An inquiry into Canada Post kicked off hearings Monday, looking into a month-long strike that ended in government intervention, and the viability of the postal service's business model. Canada Post CEO Doug Ettinger emphasized to the Industrial Inquiry Commission the Crown corporation's challenging financial reality and its urgent need for change if it wants to remain solvent. Industrial Inquiry Commission will look into recent strike that ended in government intervention, and the viability of the business model.

Federal inquiry into Canada Post opens hearings, January 27, 2025, www.nationalpost.ca

Ontario Taking Bike Lanes Off Toronto's Busiest Streets

The Ontario government is moving ahead with plans to remove bike lanes on three of Toronto's most congested streets. The province has retained an engineering company to complete design work, as it prepares to reinstate vehicle lanes on Bloor Street West, Yonge Street and University Avenue.

Ontario Taking Bike Lanes Off Toronto's Busiest Streets, January 28, 2025, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Canada Cartage takes over Walmart Canada's fleet business



Source: Today's Trucking

Canada Cartage has acquired Walmart Canada's fleet business and will deliver to more than 400 stores across the country. Walmart Canada chose to divest its fleet business so it can focus on its Canadian growth strategy, strengthening its store network and supply chain. For Canada Cartage, the acquisition strengthens its dedicated business. "Our acquisition of Walmart Fleet reflects our commitment to expanding our network and bringing dedicated fleet transportation solutions to more customers across Canada," said Scott Lane, president, Canada Cartage. "This move positions us for long-term growth while providing the talented employees joining us from Walmart Fleet with more opportunities to develop long-term careers and thrive in a fleet-focused environment."

Canada Cartage takes over Walmart Canada's fleet business, January 30, 2025, www.insidelogistics.com

US/WORLD

US LTL providers seeking bigger share of Mexico cross-border trucking



Source: JOC

Undeterred by tariff threats and inspired by projected growth in Mexican manufacturing, US LTL providers are building a bigger presence on the US-Mexico border. In doing so, LTL companies are pursuing a larger share of cross-border business historically handled more by truckload carriers and intermodal rail providers, while answering demand from US importers for more frequent, smaller shipments. Increased LTL participation in cross-border trucking may also help reduce an entrenched imbalance in truck capacity at the US-Mexico border that exacerbates costs.

US LTL providers seeking bigger share of Mexico cross-border trucking, January 24, 2025, www.joc.com



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Other Transport Updates

CANADA

Rapid building technology could shave months off traditional construction times

On January 28, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced the successful construction of a new prototype building at the drones and robotics test field on the grounds of the former Killaloe Airport. The small, 380 square foot building was built in only eight days, which can be seen in a [timelapse video](#). Traditional construction of infrastructure can be costly and time-consuming, particularly in remote areas. A building of comparable size to the prototype test building could take several weeks or months to build using traditional construction methods. Transport Canada is researching rapid construction technology as a possible way to quickly build structures. Potential use of the technology could include the construction of utility and storage buildings, operation centres, outbuildings, and emergency response structures that can be torn down after use, flat-packed, and shipped elsewhere.

Rapid building technology could shave months off traditional construction times, January 28, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

Release of the Canadian Cycling Network Database



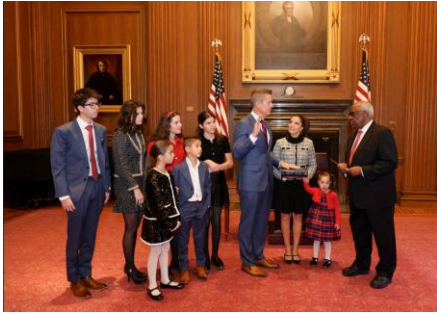
Source: Statcan

The Canadian Cycling Network Database is a national dataset of cycling infrastructure, compiling data from 75 municipal providers. The dataset allows for comparisons of the cycle network between municipalities and aims to facilitate evidence-based decision making on active transportation infrastructure within Canada. The Canadian Cycling Network Database, courtesy of the Urban Data Lab at Statistics Canada, is now available as part of the Linkable Open Data Environment.

Release of the Canadian Cycling Network Database, January 30, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Sean Duffy Sworn In as Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation and Takes Immediate Action to Make Cars More Affordable



Source: DOT

On January 28, 2025, Sean Duffy was officially sworn in as the 20th Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). Secretary Duffy was administered the oath of office by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at the U.S. Supreme Court and was joined by his family. Upon arrival at USDOT headquarters, Secretary Duffy's first act was signing a memorandum directing staff to start the process of resetting Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, which will ultimately lower the price of a car for American consumers and eliminate the electric vehicle mandate.

Sean Duffy Sworn In as Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation and Takes Immediate Action to Make Cars More Affordable, January 28, 2025, www.dot.gov

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy Takes Action to Rescind “Woke” DEI Policies and Advance President Trump’s Economic Agenda

On January 29, 2025, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy authorized a series of actions advancing President Donald Trump’s agenda to rescind woke policies, roll back burdensome and costly regulations, restore economic growth, and ensure that all U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) policies align with the Administration’s priorities. These actions deliver on the President’s commitment to rescind harmful policies enacted under the Biden-Harris Administration and reaffirm USDOT’s focus on safety, efficiency, economic prosperity, and regulatory reform.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy Takes Action to Rescind “Woke” DEI Policies and Advance President Trump’s Economic Agenda, January 29, 2025, www.dot.gov

Steering the EU towards greater sustainable competitiveness



Source: Europa

A new framework to rekindle economic productivity and secure the EU’s competitive edge has been presented by the European Commission. **The Competitiveness Compass** builds on the recommendations set out in Mario Draghi’s report on the future of European competitiveness. It will steer the EU’s work on competitiveness over the next five years and translate the report’s recommendations into concrete actions for the EU’s future prosperity.

Steering the EU towards greater sustainable competitiveness, January 29, 2025, www.europa.eu

Women in Transport: Supporting Women as Leaders and as Employees

A new report published on January 30, 2025 calls for a greater focus on women’s employment in transport and proposes actionable steps to address barriers to women’s education, employment, and promotion in the sector. The report, titled *Addressing Barriers to Women’s Participation in Transport*, was prepared jointly by the World Bank Group, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the International Transport Forum (ITF). It covers global trends and provides in-depth analysis of the women’s role in the transport sector in Europe and Central Asia (ECA) and Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

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Manufacturing and Exporting in the New World Order – Trade, Tariffs and Trump Event - Wednesday February 19, 2025 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm ET hosted by the Empire Club of Canada

Join them in-person at Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, Simpson, tower 8th floor, Toronto, ON M5H 2Y4 or virtually.

With over 1.8 million Canadians working in the manufacturing sector, and over \$600 billion in Canadian exports to the United States, President-elect Donald Trump's potential tariffs will certainly impact a decades-long trade eco system. The impact of such tariffs will extend far beyond manufacturing, with senior economists warning that the ripple effects will, disrupt supply chains and the existing world order, possibly driving Canada into a recession.

A recent survey by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters found that only 11% of manufactures believe they can fully absorb tariff costs and only for a limited time. What does this mean for the future of Canada's integrated trading relationship with the U.S., and our ability to make goods together? What are the long- term potential impacts to Canadian markets and, most importantly, how can Canada's governments and Canadians protect against this threat and support this important sector beyond the impending trade negotiations?

With Canadian jobs, and the economy at stake, bold action and leadership is required.

Don't miss out on February 19, 2025, as the Empire Club of Canada joins forces with Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters to present Manufacturing and Exporting in the New World Order – Trade, Tariffs and Trump. This event will

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feature a distinguished panel of experts, including David Glover, co-owner of Harbour Technologies, Emily Olson, Chief Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Officer at Vale Base Metals, Frank Voss, President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada and Rob Wildeboer, Executive Chairman of Martinrea, with Vincent Caron, Vice President, Ontario Government Relations and Member Advocacy at Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, as a moderator – who will discuss this existential threat to trade and Canadian sovereignty.

To register, please visit: https://empireclubofcanada.com/event/manufacturing-and-exporting-in-the-new-world-order-trade-tariffs-and-trump/?utm_campaign=6877853-Feb%2019%20-%20CME%20Trump%20Trade%20Tariffs&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9r5Nr81EdZHiwUXQEA1yh0r0kyu7ZiEJqbJir8acyXPzb7aKt5oVIGO3SUOgGQByRLFJtQ3s1heraTc9kcg9UDNIBqq&hsmi=343907066&utm_content=343907066&utm_source=hs_email

Job Postings

*** 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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* Logistics Coordinator, Cascades, Schenectady, NY

At Cascades in Schenectady, NY you can develop your full potential, sustainably, by applying your expertise within the Container Board Packaging Division of our team as the Logistics Supervisor:

- Coordinate and manage daily shipping activities to meet delivery schedules and optimize trailer/transport loading.
- Supervise shipping and receiving employees to ensure efficient warehouse operations and inventory accuracy.

- Implement and monitor health and safety processes and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for logistics activities.
- Communicate proactively with Customer Service on production timelines and resolve potential delays in real time.
- Oversee the external warehouse management strategy and implement cyclical counting processes based on business rules.

Bring out the best in yourself! Every day, our colleagues choose to respect their true nature by contributing with passion to our mission.

You too, put forward your strengths:

- Proven experience in logistics or warehouse supervision and a solid understanding of logistics processes.
- Strong leadership skills to inspire a collaborative team environment and promote safety and operational excellence.
- Excellent communication skills to ensure smooth coordination between departments and proactive problem-solving abilities.
- Demonstrated sense of responsibility, autonomy, and an ethical approach to your work.

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* Senior Logistics Coordinator ocean, ShipWise Logistics Inc., Mississauga, ON

Position: Logistics Coordinator

Location: Office-Based in Mississauga, Monday to Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

Job Overview: As a Logistics Coordinator, you will be instrumental in managing ocean shipments for both import and export processes. This role demands precise coordination with transportation companies for shipment delivery and pick-up, meticulous tracking of shipments to their final destinations, and ensuring optimal methods are used for shipping.

Key Responsibilities:

- Handle ocean shipments for both import and export, ensuring the timely and cost-effective delivery of goods.
- Arrange and plan shipment delivery/pick-up with transportation companies; track and trace shipments until final delivery.

- Verify the accuracy of all freight documentation and booking information prior to shipment execution, ensuring compliance with the approval process.
- Prepare essential import/export documentation, including House Bill of Lading (HBL), Master Bill of Lading (MBL), and Air Waybills.
- Communicate with global offices/agents to ensure proper documentation and compliance for shipments.
- Collaborate with customs brokers for customs release and compliance with other government agencies as required.
- Negotiate with carriers to secure optimal freight rates and maintain effective service relationships.
- Manage documentation to meet customer and insurance requirements, adhering to international regulations and fiscal policies.
- Deliver exceptional client service and maintain robust business relationships with clients and carriers.
- Handle all client and partner communications promptly and professionally.
- Resolve operational issues and customer complaints, implementing measures to reduce recurrence.
- Audit supplier invoices and reconcile payments/remittances.
- Responsible for accurate billing of shipments, ensuring all service charges are included and billed as per the quotations.
- Perform other duties as may be necessary to support the logistics team.

Required Skills and Experience:

- Proven experience in logistics or a related field, with specific expertise in managing ocean shipments.
- Strong ability to negotiate and maintain professional relationships.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills, with an emphasis on timely and accurate documentation.
- Proficiency in managing multiple tasks and resolving issues promptly.
- Commitment to providing high-quality client service and maintaining effective communication with all stakeholders.
- This position requires physical presence in the office with a standard work schedule of Monday to Friday, from 8 AM to 5 PM, ensuring dedicated handling of our logistics operations.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$40,000.00-\$60,000.00 per year

Additional pay:

Bonus pay
Commission pay
Schedule:

Monday to Friday
Experience:

ocean logistics: 2 years (required)
Ocean import: 2 years (required)
Canadian freight forwarding: 2 years (required)

Language:
Mandarin (preferred)
Korean (preferred)
Work Location: In person

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