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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

✈️ **Air Transat ending free carry-on baggage for some of its cheapest fares**



Source: CBC

Air Transat will no longer offer free carry-on baggage on its cheapest fares for some flights starting February 11, 2025. The Montreal-based airline is matching other Canadian companies, including Air Canada and WestJet, which have also dropped free carry-on baggage for its cheapest fares. Two other changes that will affect travellers are: 1. WestJet announces UltraBasic fare with no carry-ons, no seat choice and no points; and 2. Air Canada's cheapest tickets on some routes will no longer include carry-on baggage. As of Feb. 11, travellers using Eco Budget, the lowest fare option, can only bring a personal item, such as a purse or small backpack, to their seat. All other baggage is subject to fees and will have to be checked, the company said in an email sent to Radio-Canada.

*Air Transat ending free carry-on baggage for some of its cheapest fares, February 9, 2025, [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)*

✈️ **Air Canada Vacations Celebrates 50th Anniversary, With 50,000 Packages on Sale Worldwide**



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada Vacations celebrates 50 years of *making dreams travel*, announcing 2 weeks of surprise savings to destinations across the globe. The initiative is just one of many planned to mark the occasion throughout the year. First launched back in the mid-1970s as Venturex, the tour operator quickly became recognized for offering total travel experiences which included Skifaris, motor holidays, rail, flight and hotel options. Focused on delivering quality, value and variety to its customers, the company continued to grow, changing its name to Touram in the 1980s, adding over 40 destinations within North and South America and 30 cruise line partners to its roster. To better represent its ever-growing and expansive portfolio of expertly curated vacation packages, tours and cruise options, the company officially changed its name to Air Canada Vacations in 1990. Air Canada Vacations now proudly partners with over 600 resorts across 60 sun destinations, offering over 350 tours across Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Morocco, Dubai and Central and South America with flights on board Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge. *Air Canada Vacations Celebrates 50th Anniversary, With 50,000 Packages on Sale Worldwide, February 11, 2025, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## ✈️ Porter expands New York presence with Montreal route

Porter Airlines continues to expand its presence in the New York area with the addition of a new route connecting Montréal Trudeau Airport (YUL) and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR). Service begins June 1, 2025, with one daily roundtrip flight, increasing to two times daily for the peak summer season.

*Porter expands New York presence with Montreal route, February 12, 2025, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## ✈️ Air Transat and Air Europa partner enhancing travel between Canada and Spain

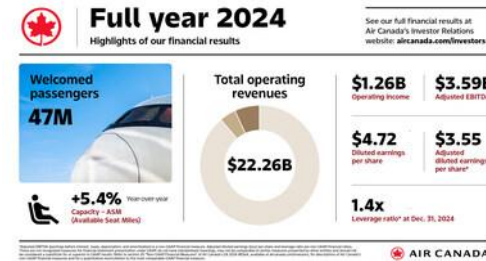


Source: AJOT

Air Transat, named World's Best Leisure Airline in 2024 by Skytrax, is thrilled to announce a new interline agreement with Air Europa, a leader in air travel in Spain. This collaboration expands connectivity between Canada and Spain, further strengthening Air Transat's presence in the Spanish market. Thanks to this partnership, Canadian travellers will enjoy seamless access to several Spanish hotspots, including Bilbao (BIO), Ibiza (IBZ), La Coruña (LCG), Las Palmas (LPA), Palma de Mallorca (PMI), Tenerife (TFN), and Vigo (VGO), via Air Europa's hub in Madrid (MAD). This agreement ensures a simplified travel experience, with features such as single-ticket check-in for the entire journey, luggage checked through to the final destination, and protection in the event of delays or cancellations.

*Air Transat and Air Europa partner enhancing travel between Canada and Spain, February 12, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## ✈️ Air Canada Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2024 Financial Results



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on February 13, 2025 reported its fourth quarter and full year 2024 financial results. The highlights were: 1. Record operating revenues of \$5.404 billion for the fourth quarter, 4% higher year over year. 2. Record operating revenues of \$22.255 billion for the full year 2024, 2% higher year over year. 3. Purchased and cancelled all 35,783,842 shares, including over 20 million shares in 2024, available under its normal course issuer bid. 4. Full year operating income of \$1.263 billion and adjusted EBITDA of \$3.586 billion, a year-over-year decrease of \$1.016 billion and \$396 million, respectively. 5. Full year cash flow from operating activities of \$3.930 billion and free cash flow of \$1.294 billion, a year-over-year decrease of \$390 million and \$1.462 billion respectively. 6. Leverage ratio of 1.4 as at December 31, 2024, compared to 1.1 at end of 2023. Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada said "Air Canada achieved record annual revenues in 2024 of \$22.3 billion on a five per cent increase in capacity over 2023. We executed our plan, making adjustments where necessary, achieving nearly \$3.6 billion in annual adjusted EBITDA and free cash flow of \$1.3 billion. We also bought back for cancellation over 20 million shares in 2024 and over 15 million more in early 2025, completing the normal course issuer bid program we announced in November. We safely transported about 47 million passengers during the year, and I thank all Air Canada employees for their dedication to serving our customers with glowing-hearted hospitality. "

*Air Canada Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2024 Financial Results, February 13, 2025, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## ✈️ The regulatory challenge of AI



Source: IATA

Artificial intelligence (AI) is set to transform the air transport industry. But its introduction is not only a technological challenge, but also a regulatory one. The ever-evolving AI field will be the subject of a key panel discussion at the IATA World Legal Symposium (WLS) from 18-20 February in Shanghai, China. Just defining AI is hard enough. AI is generally considered an umbrella term that includes machine learning, neural networks, automation, and more. “The AI field is evolving by the day,” says Juan Carlos Mencio, Vice President, Legal Affairs & Compliance, LATAM, who will chair the WLS debate. “It is that dynamic. You must narrow it down to the type of application, service, or data in which the AI is being used, otherwise it is too ambiguous a term.” Operationally, AI will, and in some cases already is, affecting different areas of aviation, such as network planning, revenue management, customer-facing apps, operations, marketing, and legal. There is little doubt that this revolutionary tool can be beneficial, but if not applied responsibly, it can also result in risk. And early implementation has already begun. Moreover, AI has a role to play in legal circles too. Contracts, settlements, court documents, and even court decision predictions, are all areas that will be fundamentally affected by AI.

*The regulatory challenge of AI, February 9, 2025, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Lost 21,280 Jobs in December 2024



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment decreased to 1,014,225 workers in December 2024, 21,330 (2.06%) less workers than in November 2024 (1,035,555). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 544,298 workers in December 2024, or 54% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines gained 392 employees in December 2024. Delta Air Lines Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 778 employees; Spirit Air Lines added 536, and United Air Lines Inc. added 386. U.S. cargo airlines employed 466,011 workers in December 2024, or 46% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers lost 21,656 employees in December. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, decreased employment by 21,621 jobs.

*U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Lost 21,280 Jobs in December 2024, February 10, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

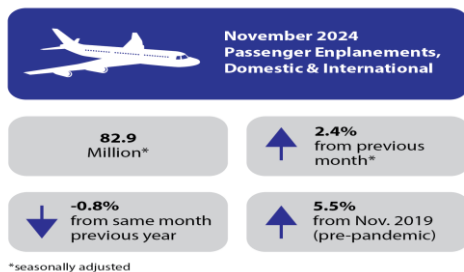
## ✈️ Resilience and adaptability support air cargo success



Source: IATA

Despite being buffeted by several crosswinds, air cargo has managed to steer a course toward a brighter horizon. With a double-digit increase in cargo tonne kilometers (CTK) in 2024, the sector now comprises 15.6% of industry revenues compared with 12% in 2019. The market has grown across all regions and major routes. With global trade and GDP growth stable at about 3%, a solid 2025 is in the offing. In fact, IATA estimates revenues will reach \$157 billion based on a 6% hike in demand. Moreover, yields remain about a third above 2019 levels and there are no signs that it will revert. “It does appear that there has been a structural change for the better since the pandemic,” confirms Brendan Sullivan, IATA’s Head of Cargo. The strength of e-commerce is a major plus point and will represent a growing portion of air cargo business. Currently, e-commerce averages about 20% of cargo business industry-wide, but it is expected to grow to at least a third of all cargo shipments. Given that, by 2027, e-commerce is expected to be an \$8 trillion market segment, the sector stands to reap a significant reward if it can get its product correct.

## November 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Down 0.8% from the Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 77.1 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in November 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, November 2024 enplanements are up 2.4% from October 2024 and down 0.2% from the all-time high reached in June 2024. BTS reported 67.7 million domestic passengers and 9.4 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in November 2024, not adjusting for seasonality. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS.

*November 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Down 0.8% from the Same Month Last Year, February 13, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **Ten Canadian Cities Receive Grants for Green Spaces and Tree Planting**

CN and Tree Canada have awarded ten Canadian communities with \$50,000 grants for tree planting and greening projects. These grants, totaling \$500,000, are made possible through CN EcoConnexions – From the Ground Up program that invests in community greening projects along CN's rail network across Canada.

*Ten Canadian Cities Receive Grants for Green Spaces and Tree Planting, February 10, 2025, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

#### **Cando Launches Alberta Rail Terminal**



Source: Railway Age

Cando Rail & Terminals (Cando) on Feb. 13, 2025 reported opening the Cando Southlands Rail Yard in Strathcona County, Alberta, Canada. The newly built terminal offers more than 600 additional operational and railcar storage spaces.

*[Cando Launches Alberta Rail Terminal, February 13, 2025, www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

### US/WORLD

#### **For NS, \$1B in Infrastructure Upgrades in 2024**



Source: Railway Age

Norfolk Southern (NS) on Feb. 10 reported completing \$1 billion in infrastructure upgrades across its 22-state system last year. The projects were completed throughout Norfolk Southern's 22-state network and are designed to ensure the company can continue to safely deliver reliable and resilient service to customers and communities. The upgrades were in the areas of: 1. Safety Infrastructure; 2. Track, Bridges, and Structures; and 3. Communications and Signals.

*[For NS, \\$1B in Infrastructure Upgrades in 2024, February 10, 2025, www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## Tax credit would upgrade, expand US rail freight car fleet



Source: cti.ca

Legislation reintroduced on February 11, 2025 in the House of Representatives would establish a 10% tax credit to help upgrade and expand the U.S. freight car fleet. The Freight Rail Assets Investment to Launch Commercial Activity Revitalization Act (Freight Railcar) Act of 2025 was reintroduced in the House by Illinois Republican Rep. Darin LaHood and Democrat Brad Schneider, with 40 original bipartisan co-sponsors. The bill was originally introduced in 2023. *Tax credit would upgrade, expand US rail freight car fleet, February 12, 2025, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## The Association of American Railroads (AAR) today reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending February 8, 2025



Source: Railway Age

Total carloads for the week ending February 8, 2025 were 218,393 carloads, down 0.7 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 284,056 containers and trailers, up 7.4 percent compared to 2024. Eight of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included chemicals, up 1,274 carloads, to 34,390; nonmetallic minerals, up 1,271 carloads, to 27,904; and miscellaneous carloads, up 855 carloads, to 9,003. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 were coal, down

4,722 carloads, to 56,636; and metallic ores and metals, down 1,523 carloads, to 16,917. Canadian railroads reported 82,323 carloads for the week, down 11.5 percent, and 68,639 intermodal units, down 1.2 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first six weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 938,998 carloads, containers and trailers, up 3.6 percent.

*The Association of American Railroads (AAR) today reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending February 8, 2025, February 12, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## CSX announces increase to quarterly dividend



Source: AJOT

CSX Corp. (CSX) announced that the Company's Board of Directors approved an eight percent increase in its quarterly dividend, from \$0.12 to \$0.13 per share. The new \$0.13 quarterly dividend is payable on March 14, 2025, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 28, 2025.

*CSX announces increase to quarterly dividend, February 13, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### The Government of Canada is reducing emissions at British Columbia ports

On February 11, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced up to \$35.5 million in funding for three projects based in British Columbia to invest in commercially available clean technology and infrastructure for ports. This funding, provided under the Green Shipping Corridor Program, will: 1. increase the use of clean energy and transportation infrastructure at ports and terminals; 2. invest in shore power technology to reduce emissions from idling ships; and 3. prioritize low-emission and low-noise vessels to minimize environmental impact in port areas. Investing in clean transportation not only safeguards the environment but also supports the growth of British Columbia's marine and cruise industries, creating new job opportunities and cleaner air and water for all residents of the province.

*The Government of Canada is reducing emissions at British Columbia ports, February 11, 2025, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

#### Green Shipping Corridor Program – Funding for projects in British Columbia

Three projects based in British Columbia are funded under the Green Shipping Corridor Program's Clean Ports stream. The three projects are: Seaspans Ferries; Greater Victoria Harbour Authority; and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. The funding for each are: \$6,412,500; \$22,500,000; and \$6,600,000. Overall, these projects focus on shore power solutions.

*Green Shipping Corridor Program – Funding for projects in British Columbia, February 11, 2025, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### Tariffs introduce uncertainty amid growth in US steel imports



Source: JOC

In 2024, Port Houston's multipurpose terminals handled its second-highest volume of steel in five years and the third-highest in the last decade, according to port data. On the heels of a growth year for US steel imports, ports and steel traders are bracing for President Donald Trump to sign an executive order imposing tariffs on any steel coming into the United States. Trump told reporters on February 9, 2025 that he planned to announce on February 10, 2025 that the US would impose a 25% tariff on all imports of steel and aluminum, both of which are key cargo types for the breakbulk sector. One US shipping manager for an international steel trader told the *Journal of Commerce* that tariffs have introduced uncertainty for orders that are already lined up.

*Tariffs introduce uncertainty amid growth in US steel imports, February 10, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Stakeholders say choked NY-NJ marine terminals creating delays at port



Source: JOC

A fee instituted in 2022 aims to keep empty containers from clogging the NY-NJ port, but it's not clear if the threshold for the fee has been triggered yet. Marine terminals at the Port of New York and New Jersey are seeing bouts of severe congestion due to a variety of factors that include heavy import volumes, holiday scheduling and bad weather. The congestion is currently making it difficult for truckers to return empty containers and puts shippers at risk for late fees on empty returns and import retrievals. Hapag-Lloyd said in an operational update on February 11, 2025 that "ongoing terminal congestion in the New York/New Jersey area [is] impacting carriers, terminals, depots, truckers and customers industry-wide."

*Stakeholders say choked NY-NJ marine terminals creating delays at port, February 11, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Cosco/OOCL maintain top spot for carriers hauling US imports from Asia



Source: JOC

Cosco Shipping maintained its position as the top carrier for US imports from Asia, moving 3.06 million TEUs in 2024. Cosco Shipping

and its OOCL subsidiary held their position as the leading carrier for containerized US imports from Asia in 2024, increasing tonnage by more than 20% on the year while expanding market share slightly, according to the *Journal of Commerce's* rankings of the top 15 ocean carriers as measured by US imports from Asia. Cosco/OOCL carried 3.06 million TEUs in imports last year, up from 2.5 million TEUs in 2023. Their combined market share nudged higher — to 16.1% from 15.8%. CMA CGM maintained the second spot in the trans-Pacific rankings, hauling 2.65 million TEUs, up almost 15%, *Cosco/OOCL maintain top spot for carriers hauling US imports from Asia, February 12, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Port of Long Beach sees strong start for 2025



Source: AJOT

The Port of Long Beach started the new year with its strongest January on record and its second-busiest month ever, largely driven by retailers moving cargo ahead of the anticipated tariffs on goods from China, Mexico and Canada. Dockworkers and terminal operators moved 952,733 twenty-foot equivalent units in January 2025, up 41.4% from the same month last year and surpassing the previous record, set in January 2022, by 18.9%. Imports jumped 45% to 471,649 TEUs and exports rose 14% to 98,655 TEUs. Empty containers moving through the Port climbed 45.9% to 382,430 TEUs. "It's encouraging to start off the year so strongly. As we head into 2025, I thank and congratulate all of our partners for their hard work," said Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero. "We will continue to focus on enhancing both our competitiveness and sustainability, no matter the uncertainties in the supply chain."

*Port of Long Beach sees strong start for 2025, February 13, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*





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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### CTA to Council on Canada-US Relations – Let's Expedite and Expand Plans to Reduce Barriers in Trucking



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is calling on the Prime Minister's Council on Canada-US Relations to expedite and expand a plan to make trucking the pilot industry for removal of interprovincial trade barriers. The Prime Minister's council is meeting in Toronto on February 7, 2025. CTA is calling for members of the council to ensure economic improvements and removal of interprovincial trade barriers in trucking are part of the discussion and expedite pilot projects that were part of recommendations in 2024 made by the Internal Trade Minister to address illogical barriers and costly inefficiencies from the supply chain across the country. The Committee for Internal Trade Ministers recognized at the time how important trucking is to domestic trade and the role it plays in the economy.

*CTA to Council on Canada-US Relations – Let's Expedite and Expand Plans to Reduce Barriers in Trucking, February 7, 2025, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

#### Ontario's Premier Truck Group joins Rizon dealer network



Source: Today's Trucking

Premier Truck Group of Mississauga, Ont. has signed a contract to become a Rizon Truck Canada dealer, offering Class 4-5 electric commercial vehicles to fleets in Southern Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area. The Daimler Truck's electric truck brand designs its battery-electric trucks are designed for last-mile delivery, municipal services, and other commercial applications. Through Premier Truck Group's dealership network, fleet operators will have access to Rizon's electric vehicle lineup, supported by sales representatives, charging infrastructure guidance, and financing options. This brings the company's presence to three Canadian provinces, with Velocity Truck Centres and Globocam dealerships in B.C. and Quebec.

*Ontario's Premier Truck Group joins Rizon dealer network, February 7, 2025, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## Transport Canada makes vehicle safety recall information more accessible to Canadians

On February 10, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced that the Government of Canada amended the safety regulations under the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*, requiring all vehicle and vehicle equipment manufacturers to publish safety recall information on their websites. Previously, manufacturers were only required to mail recall information to affected owners. While some manufacturers already made recall information available online, the amended regulations now make it mandatory for all of them to do so. In addition, designated vehicle manufacturers will be required to provide a new Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) lookup tool that allows Canadians to quickly check which recalls apply to their vehicle by looking up their 17-digit VIN on their manufacturer's website. *Transport Canada makes vehicle safety recall information more accessible to Canadians, February 10, 2025, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## More than \$1 million worth of olive oil stolen from transport company in Montreal



Source: Today's Trucking

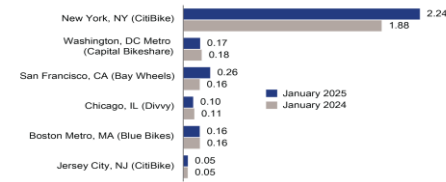
Montreal police say more than \$1 million worth of olive oil was stolen after a delivery involving two transport companies in the city never arrived at its destination in Ontario. Police say Transport Q-Trans had a contract to deliver more than 100 pallets of olive oil to an Ontario client, which did not receive the shipment as expected earlier this week. Police say Transport Q-Trans had transferred the product to a second company in Montreal it hired to complete the delivery because it had special heated trailers to store the olive oil. Transport Q-Trans reported the theft and police say the second company is being investigated for possibly stealing the oil. Montreal police spokesperson Jean-Pierre Brabant says police are reviewing security camera footage, but they have not found the missing oil or made any arrests so far. The investigation is ongoing.

*More than \$1 million worth of olive oil stolen from transport company in Montreal, February 10, 2025, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## US/WORLD

### Docked Bikeshare Trips – January 2025

Docked bikeshare ridership in January on Six of the Largest Systems (millions of trips)



For comparability across systems, includes only trips starting and ending at a docking station. For information on excluded trips, additional systems, visualizations, and data available at <https://data.bts.gov/stories/Summary-of-Docked-Bikeshare-Trips-by-System-and-City-22K/>; see [https://data.bts.gov/Research-and-Statistics/Docked-Bikeshare-Ridership-by-System-Year-Month-avg3h6-334/about\\_data](https://data.bts.gov/Research-and-Statistics/Docked-Bikeshare-Ridership-by-System-Year-Month-avg3h6-334/about_data)

Source: BTS

On February 11, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released docked bikeshare trips for January 2025. From January 2024 to January 2025, docked bikeshare trips starting and ending at a docking station on six of the largest systems grew 17.1%.

*Docked Bikeshare Trips – January 2025, February 11, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

 **Borderlands Mexico: Diverse supply chain can limit tariffs' impact, expert says**



Source: Freightwaves

With tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico a possibility in less than 30 days, supply chain operators should focus on strategies to reduce the impact of increased duties, said Vinny Licata, head of logistics at Fictiv. Licata said supply chain diversification — which includes everything from relocating entire manufacturing operations to embracing multicountry assembly strategies — is key to mitigating the effect of tariffs or other types of disruptions. “We’ve had a lot of things happen in the last five years or so. We have had the pandemic, we have a lot of geopolitical issues, we’ve had a lot of weather events that have caused a lot of havoc all over the world,” Licata told FreightWaves in an interview. “I think these supply chains need to be diversified, whether it’s globally or even domestically. You need to have that.”

*Borderlands Mexico: Diverse supply chain can limit tariffs' impact, expert says, February 9, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

 **Regulatory burdens drag down Canadian economic growth**



Source: Financial Post

The Statistics Canada study comes as federal and provincial governments mull strategies to bolster the country’s economic prospects in light of U.S. threats to levy tariffs on imports of Canadian products. The rising number of rules and regulations shaved almost two percentage points off the growth in output from Canada’s business sector over a 15-year period, the country’s central statistics agency said. Statistics Canada offered an estimate of how much economic activity is lost because of regulatory burden, as policymakers across the country examine ways to boost growth in the face of threats from the United States, Canada’s top trading partner.

*Regulatory burdens drag down Canadian economic growth, February 10, 2025, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)*

## **Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, January 2025**



Source: Statcan

In January 2025, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile reached 4.6 million, up 1.9% from January 2024. In January 2025, non-resident arrivals in Canada by air totalled 450,100, up 4.3% year over year; Canadian-resident return trips by air stood at 1.9 million, down 2.8% from the same month one year earlier; the number of US-resident trips to Canada by automobile was 707,000, up 23.3% from the same month in 2024; and the number of Canadian-resident return trips by automobile from visits to the United States totalled 1.5 million, a decline of 0.9% compared with the same month one year earlier

*Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, January 2025, February 11, 2025, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## **CTA: Incoming Steel Tariffs Pose Threat to Members Serving the Sector**



Source: Ontruck

US President Donald Trump on February 11, 2025 issued an Executive Order entitled “Adjusting Imports of Steel into the United States,” which outlined that a 25 percent tariff on steel articles would be applied on March 12, 2025. The president believes these steel products are being imported into the United States in quantities and

under circumstances that threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

*CTA: Incoming Steel Tariffs Pose Threat to Members Serving the Sector, February 11, 2025, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday Ottawa will work to convince U.S. President Donald Trump that his “unacceptable” steel and aluminum tariffs will hurt both countries.**



Source: Today's Trucking

Trump signed an executive order Monday to implement 25% tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports into the U.S., beginning March 12. A senior government official said that Trudeau spoke with U.S. Vice-President JD Vance about the impact steel tariffs would have in Ohio. Trudeau and Vance are both in Paris for a global summit on AI. Trudeau briefly spoke to reporters before a plenary at which Vance spoke and Trudeau attended. Trudeau said his government would “be working with the American administration over the coming weeks to highlight the negative impacts on Americans and Canadians of these unacceptable tariffs.” Trudeau added he will also be working with “international partners and friends and if it comes to that, our response, of course, will be firm and clear.” Asked whether his government would impose dollar-for-dollar reciprocal tariffs, Trudeau responded “we hope it will not come to that.”

*Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday Ottawa will work to convince U.S. President Donald Trump that his “unacceptable” steel and aluminum tariffs will hurt both countries, February 11, 2025, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## **Government of Canada invests in infrastructure projects in British Columbia and Alberta to connect communities and regions across the country**

On February 12, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced an investment of up to \$33.1

million for six projects in Alberta and British Columbia under the National Trade Corridors Fund. These projects will promote economic growth and better connect communities and regions across Canada. The Government of Canada is contributing up to: 1. \$10 million to *Canadian National Railway*; 2. 6.2 million to *NSD Development Corporation*; 3. \$5.7 million to *Battle River Railway NGC Inc.*; 4. \$5 million to *Richardson International Ltd.* 5. \$3.5 million to *Quasar Platform Inc.* and 6. \$2.7 million to *IntermodeX Logistics Ltd.*

*Government of Canada invests in infrastructure projects in British Columbia and Alberta to connect communities and regions across the country, February 12, 2025, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## Tourism Investment Module, 2023



Source: Statcan

In 2023, tourism industries invested \$28.8 billion in non-residential capital assets, accounting for 6.6% of all non-residential capital investment in Canada. Half of capital investment by tourism industries in 2023 originated in the private sector. The private sector's share of investment by tourism industries increased for the second consecutive year, after previously declining in each year since 2016.

*Tourism Investment Module, 2023, February 13, 2025, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## January 2025 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (3.6%) Falls Below the January 2024 Level (4.7%) And the Pre-Pandemic January 2019 Level (4.0%)



Source BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 3.6% (not seasonally adjusted) in January 2025 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 January 2025, the transportation sector unemployment rate fell 1.1 percentage points from 4.7% in January 2024 and was below the pre-pandemic January 2019 level of 4.0%. 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 lower than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in January 2025 was 4.4% or 0.8 percentage points above the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in January 2025 was 4.0%.

*January 2025 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (3.6%) Falls Below the January 2024 Level (4.7%) And the Pre-Pandemic January 2019 Level (4.0%), February 7, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## EU says it would react to U.S. steel tariffs, awaits details



Source: AJOT

The European Commission said on February 10, 2025 that it would react to protect EU interests after U.S. President Donald Trump's

announcement of impending metals tariffs, but will not respond until it has clarification of the measure.

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## Transportation Consumer Price Index – January 2025

The CPI for all transportation goods and services rose 3.2% from January 2024 to January 2025. Transportation contributed 16.9% to the 3.0% increase in the price of all goods and services, per the CPI. Motor vehicle insurance contributed the most to inflation, rising 11.8% year-over-year and contributing 10.9% to the annual change in the price of all goods and services.

*Transportation Consumer Price Index – January 2025, February 12, 2025, [www.bts.gov](#)*

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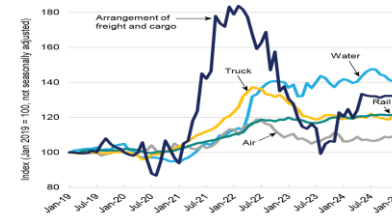
Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.1% in December 2024 from November 2024, falling for the second consecutive month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). From December 2023 to December 2024 the index fell 1.0%

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## Transportation Producer Price Index – January 2025

Producer Price Index for Freight Transportation Services  
January 2019–January 2025



Source: BTS

On February 13, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released the change in the costs faced by producers purchasing transportation services and industries producing them, from January 2024 to January 2025, as measured by the Producer Price Index (PPI). The PPI measures inflation from the perspective of costs to industry or producers of products. Transportation equipment PPI indicate the changes in transportation equipment prices faced by transportation providers, and any increase, increases providers costs. The PPI shows that prices increased for freight transportation and equipment 1.5% in January 2025 from January 2024. Increases in transportation services PPI indicate increases in production costs faced by industries purchasing the services. From January 2024 to January 2025, the transportation services PPI changed, by mode are: Air: +3.6%; Rail: +1.6%; Truck: +3.1%; Water: -0.9%; Arrangement of freight and cargo: +9.8%

*Transportation Producer Price Index – January 2025, February 13, 2025, [www.bts.gov](#)*



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## Events



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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-9r5Nr81EdZHwUXQEA1yh0r0kyu7ZiEJqbJir8acyXPzb7aKt5oVIGO3SUOgGQByRLFJtQ3s1heraTc9kcg9UDNIBqq&\\_hsmi=343907066&utm\\_content=343907066&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](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-9r5Nr81EdZHwUXQEA1yh0r0kyu7ZiEJqbJir8acyXPzb7aKt5oVIGO3SUOgGQByRLFJtQ3s1heraTc9kcg9UDNIBqq&_hsmi=343907066&utm_content=343907066&utm_source=hs_email)



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February 19, 2025 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$25 - Members/Guests/Affiliates

\$20 - Students

\*Beverage/appies included

The Terminal Pub  
115 12th Street  
New Westminster, BC



Please [RSVP here](#) by Monday, Feb 17, 2025



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## 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.

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

**\* 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

To apply for this job, please visit:

<https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/4103516403>

**\* Shipping Coordinator, TC Transcontinental, Aurora, ON****About This Opportunity**

Reporting to the Logistics Supervisor, the Shipping Coordinator will be responsible for the seamless processing of outgoing shipments, perform any and all tasks deemed necessary including but not limited to operating a variety of hand and power tools, equipment and machinery. The incumbent must understand the impact of this position to other business functions that depend on the accuracy and efficiency of outgoing items. Inventory management and vendor relations with shipping companies are essential functions for this position.

**What you will do**

- Provide shipping status and order visibility information as required to both internal and external clients, monitor shipping information, close shipped orders, provide order status, etc.;
- Schedule outgoing shipments to successfully meet ship dates;
- Conduct analysis on shipping quality incidents as required;
- Prepare accurate bills of lading and packing slips;
- Coordinate ship schedule report daily;
- Attend daily Production meeting;

- Complete Customs paperwork for shipments destined for USA;
- Maintain regular and on-going communication with CSR's and production to ensure and verify priorities and timing;
- Extensive knowledge required of courier systems, such as, FedEx, Purolator, UPS and Canpar/Loomis;
- Strong telephone etiquette when calling external trucking companies or internal clients to set up shipments or book delivery appointments;
- Complete an end of day report for production team to indicate what shipments have been shipped based on the Kitting schedule;
- Coordinate with material handlers to get shipments prepared and/or shipped accordingly;
- Special attention required to jobs that have breakdowns, distribution lists or special labeling or shipping info;
- Ensure that Proof of Deliveries are filed daily and readily accessible if inquiries occur, at the end of the month all POD's should be scanned and kept electronically;
- Receive stock and check it against inventory records and prepare stock for delivery;
- Ensure different products can move between businesses, on time and in the correct quantities;
- Provide transit times and shipment quotes to CSR's and estimating by using our local carriers or Third Party carriers;
- Assist in coordinating the transportation of finished products to the customers;
- Work overtime as required and perform other duties as requested to support the team;
- Support and contribute to a healthy and safe work environment by following all workplace regulations, policies, and initiatives, including reporting all first aid injuries, accidents, and workplace hazards.

**What You Have To Offer**

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent, with previous relevant experience;
- Good understanding of shipping and receiving processes within a manufacturing environment;
- Good understanding of Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel;
- Strong capability to work within the organization and harmoniously within a team environment is required;
- Fast paced environment, must be able to handle stress and deal with issues in a timely fashion;
- Sound interpretation and analysis skills;
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail;

- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written;
- Must be extremely self-motivated and able to work under minimal supervision.

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