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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

 **WestJet Cargo sells Virgin Atlantic's cargo capacity from Toronto–London and beyond**



Source: AJOT

2025 marks a commercial year-round collaboration that will significantly boost cargo capacity between the East Coast of Canada to London and beyond on Virgin Atlantic network. This commercial partnership strengthens trade links between Canada and key destinations across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, as Virgin Atlantic serves numerous strategic cities from London Heathrow, including DEL, BOM, BLR, JNB, CPT, DXB, RUH, LOS. In addition, it signifies the airline's return to the Canadian cargo market after more than two decades, leveraging WestJet Cargo's proven expertise to manage and sell this key route. Starting at the end of March 2025, WestJet Cargo will sell cargo capacity on Virgin Atlantic's wide-body flights from Toronto to London offering up to 20Tonnes of capacity per day. The commercial partnership will provide customers with reliable access to both WestJet Cargo's and Virgin Atlantic Cargo's full suite of services — areas in which both carriers have established a strong track record. All shipments from Toronto will be moved under a WestJet Cargo Air Waybill (AWB) starting 838.

*WestJet Cargo sells Virgin Atlantic's cargo capacity from Toronto–London and beyond, March 17, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

 **Air Canada Is Named One of Montreal's Top Employers for the 12th Consecutive Year**



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada has once again been recognized, for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, as one of **Montreal's** top employers for 2025 in the latest edition of the Montréal's Top Employers Awards. This award reflects the company's commitment to employees and its efforts to create a positive and inclusive work environment. "It is an honour to be recognized as one of **Montreal's** Top Employers for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year! This milestone is a moment of immense pride for all of us at Air Canada, and especially for the more than 10,000 Air Canada employees who live and work here in **Montreal** where our global headquarters are located," said Arielle Meloul-Wechsler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and Public Affairs.

*Air Canada Is Named One of Montreal's Top Employers for the 12th Consecutive Year, March 18, 2025, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

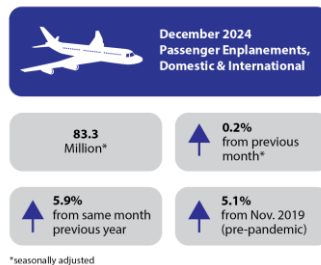
## ✈️ VIPorter members can now redeem points for flights with Air Transat and Alaska Airlines

Porter Airlines is expanding its VIPorter loyalty program, giving members even more ways to earn and redeem points for travel. For the first time, members can redeem VIPorter points for flights with partner airlines, starting with Air Transat and Alaska Airlines. Over 2,000 routes are now available for reward travel with this update. This marks the next phase of partnership in the joint venture of Porter and Air Transat, and a deepening of the commercial partnership launched with Alaska in December 2023.

*VIPorter members can now redeem points for flights with Air Transat and Alaska Airlines, March 19, 2025, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## US/WORLD

### ✈️ December 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 5.9% from December 2023



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 83.3 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in December 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, December enplanements are up 0.2% from November and reached a new all-time high in December 2024. BTS reported 72.1 million domestic passengers and 11.2 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in December, not adjusting for seasonality. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS.

*December 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 5.9% from December 2023, March 14, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## ✈️ Air Travel Consumer Report: December 2024, Full Year 2024 Numbers

For December 2024, DOT reported: *On-time arrival rate*: 78.0%, down from both 84.9% in November 2024 and from 83.9% in December 2023. *Flight Cancellations* : Marketing carriers cancelled 0.7% of their scheduled domestic flights, higher than both the rate of 0.5% in November 2024 and the rate of 0.4% in December 2023. *Tarmac Delays*: Airlines reported 46 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights, compared to eight tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights reported in November 2024. *Mishandled Baggage*: Marketing carriers handled 45.7 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.60%, higher than both the rate of 0.39% in November 2024 and the rate of 0.50% in December 2023. *Mishandled Wheelchairs and Scooters*: Carriers reported checking 76,630 wheelchairs and scooters and mishandling 925, for a rate of 1.21% mishandled wheelchairs and scooters, lower than both the rate of 1.22% mishandled in November 2024 and the rate of 1.39% mishandled in December 2023. *Bumping/Oversales*: This data, unlike other air carrier data, are reported quarterly rather than monthly. For the fourth quarter of 2024, the 10 U.S. reporting marketing carriers posted an involuntary denied boarding, or bumping, rate of 0.25 per 10,000 passengers, higher than the rate of 0.20 in the fourth quarter of 2023, but lower than the rate of 0.28 in the third quarter of 2024. **For the full year 2024**, 1.4% of flights were cancelled, higher than the 1.3% cancellation rate in 2023, and carriers reported a bumping / oversales rate of 0.28%, down from 0.30% in 2023.

*Air Travel Consumer Report: December 2024, Full Year 2024 Numbers, March 14, 2025, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ IATA CO2 Connect Enhanced with SAF Accounting



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has enhanced its IATA CO2 Connect emissions calculator to account for carbon emissions reductions related to the usage of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

(SAF). This follows the recent publication of the IATA SAF Accounting & Reporting Methodology which includes specific accounting rules and practices on how to include SAF in per-passenger CO2 data. Initially, CO2 Connect will apply equal per-passenger emission reductions across an airline's network, meaning that all flights will benefit from an equal (percentage) reduction based on total SAF purchases. In future enhancements, the ability to allocate per-passenger SAF emission reductions to specific routes will be added. "Corporations and individual travelers want to clearly understand how sustainable their flying is. And, particularly if they have invested in SAF, they want to know what impact it is having. By enhancing CO2 Connect with the IATA SAF Accounting and Reporting Methodology we are providing the transparency and accuracy that individuals and corporates demand," said Frederic Leger, IATA's Senior Vice President Commercial Products and Services. *IATA CO2 Connect Enhanced with SAF Accounting, March 18, 2025, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈ U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Lost 5,188 Jobs in January 2025



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment decreased to 1,009,141 workers in January 2025, 5,188 (0.51%) less workers than in December 2024 (1,014,329). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 543,887 workers in January 2025, or 54% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines lost 411 employees in January 2025. United Air Lines, Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 791 employees; Southwest Airlines Co. added 194, and Envoy Air added 098. U.S. cargo airlines employed 461,029 workers in January 2025, or 46% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers lost 5,018 employees in January. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, decreased employment by 4,966 jobs. *U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Lost 5,188 Jobs in January 2025, March 18, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## ✈ Trans-Atlantic air cargo demand surges ahead of US tariffs



Source: JOC

Forwarders are scrambling to support an unseasonal surge in air freight frontloading on westbound trans-Atlantic routes ahead of new US tariffs on the European Union set to be implemented on April 2, 2025. The rising demand is starting to push up air cargo rates that jumped 8% this week to almost \$5 per kilogram, a price last seen during the peak shipping period ahead of Lunar New Year in late January. Niall van de Wouw, chief air freight officer at rate benchmarking platform Xeneta, said volume from Western Europe to the US was up 11% year over year in the first few months of 2025. Airline summer schedules on the trans-Atlantic will add belly capacity to the trade lane, easing the current tight space on westbound routes. *Trans-Atlantic air cargo demand surges ahead of US tariffs, March 18, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## ✈ Aviation Security Leaders Call for Digital Identity



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is calling for the rapid adoption of digital identity technologies to enhance aviation security and operational efficiency. Leading government and industry stakeholders in aviation security participating in the Sydney Leaders Week Conference supported this position, emphasizing the need for collaboration in implementing Verifiable Credentials (VC) and

Decentralized Identifiers (DIDs). Sydney Leaders Week, hosted by Qantas, is being attended by industry experts and government representatives from Australia, Canada, China, New Zealand, the UK, and the US. It is widely accepted that digital identity can bring the following benefits to aviation security: 1. **Stronger Document Integrity:** Reducing fraud and unauthorized access. 2. **Global Trust:** Enabling secure, cross-border, interoperable identity verification. 3. **Operational Efficiency:** Streamlining document verification for a smoother passenger experience, strengthening regulatory oversight, and optimizing resource allocation.

*Aviation Security Leaders Call for Digital Identity, March 19, 2025, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **USW ratifies new collective bargaining agreement with CPKC**

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on March 17, 2025 said that United Steelworkers (USW), representing approximately 600 clerical and intermodal employees in Canada, has ratified a new four-year collective agreement. “We are pleased to have received strong support for another collective agreement, the third in Canada reached this year at the bargaining table providing long-term labor stability, increased wages and improved benefits for thousands of CPKC employees across the country,” said CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer Keith Creel. “With this agreement and ratification, made possible through collaboration with the United Steelworkers, our railroaders remain focused on continuing to safely and efficiently serve our customers, moving Canada’s supply chain and supporting the North American economy.” This is the third new collective agreement ratified this year by CPKC employees in Canada. Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Employees Division representing approximately 2,300 engineering services employees in Canada and Unifor representing approximately 1,200 mechanical employees both ratified new four-year collective agreements in February 2025.

*USW ratifies new collective bargaining agreement with CPKC, March 17, 2025, [www.cpkc.ca](http://www.cpkc.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **STB to NS: Proposed NPBL Acquisition Is ‘Significant’ Transaction**



Source: Railway Age

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) on March 14, 2025 reported that it will review Norfolk Southern’s (NS) proposal to acquire Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company (NPBL), a Virginia S&T (switching and terminal) railroad, as a “significant” transaction. NPBL operates approximately 36 miles of rail line from Portsmouth to Norfolk and approximately 27 miles of trackage rights over NS track from Chesapeake to Norfolk. These trackage rights facilitate NPBL’s access to the Norfolk International Terminals (NIT), which is one of two primary container terminals at the Port of Virginia; the other is Virginia International Gateway. The NPBL Line connects with CSX Transportation (CSXT) at Portsmouth, with NS and Genesee & Wyoming’s Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad at Chesapeake, and with the Buckingham Branch Railroad at Norfolk.

*STB to NS: Proposed NPBL Acquisition Is ‘Significant’ Transaction, March 14, 2025, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



## **U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to NYC: Clean up Metro Transit**

On March 18, 2025, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy pushed the nation's largest transit agency to clean up its subways and buses so passengers and workers can enjoy a safer, crime-free commute. As noted in the letter, the MTA should act promptly to ensure compliance and avoid additional Federal Transit Administration (FTA) enforcement actions, such as the redirecting or withholding of federal funding. *"Violent crime, homelessness, and other threats to public safety...are unacceptable"*

*U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to NYC: Clean up Metro Transit, March 18, 2025, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## **UP, NCFO Reach Tentative Agreement**



Source: Railwayage

Union Pacific (UP) and the National Conference of Firemen & Oilers (NCFO) on March 19 announced a tentative agreement that covers a five-year term and includes wage increases, additional vacation time, health and welfare benefits, and minor work rule changes.

*UP, NCFO Reach Tentative Agreement, March 19, 2025, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## **AAR: U.S. Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 11**



Source: Railwayage

U.S. rail traffic for the week ending March 15, 2025 (Week 11), came in at 503,473 carloads and intermodal units, rising 6.2% from the same week last year, based on 226,027 carloads—up 3.1% from 2024—and intermodal volume of 277,446 containers and trailers—up 8.8%, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported March 19, 2025. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 5,956 carloads, to 61,459; metallic ores and metals, up 932 carloads, to 19,585; and nonmetallic minerals, up 380 carloads, to 29,705. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included petroleum and petroleum products, down 352 carloads, to 9,599; farm products excl. grain, and food, down 148 carloads, to 17,240; and motor vehicles and parts, down 144 carloads, to 16,501. Canadian railroads reported 92,864 carloads for the week, down 3.3 percent, and 73,247 intermodal units, up 3.2 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 11 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,712,557 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.6 percent.

*AAR: U.S. Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 11, March 19, 2025, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## **Nearly 9,000 rail teamsters ratify contract**



Source: AJOT

Over 8,700 workers represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division (BMWED) of the Teamsters Rail Conference have voted to ratify a new contract with the National Carriers' Conference Committee (NCCC). BMWED workers from more than 20 railroads bargained together as part of the NCCC. These workers include welders, track inspectors, electricians, and more who ensure trains operate effectively and efficiently. "Our members come from railroads of all classes from Los Angeles to Pennsylvania and everywhere in between," said Tony Cardwell, President of the BMWED. "By coming together, they were able to secure a great contract that will provide them with security and stability for years to

come.” Workers from these railroads are now guaranteed raises of 17.5 percent over the life of the new contract. They also secured stronger benefits — including more paid vacation time and improved health care.

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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **Canada ports facing container delays due to weather, rail issues**



Source: Freightwaves

Delays are hampering intermodal operations at several container ports in North America as weather and rail woes hit gateways on both coasts, according to a DHL port update for March 2025. On the east coast, Canada's Port of Halifax is seeing significant vessel delays due to harsh North Atlantic weather conditions. Compounding this issue is an exceptionally high rail dwell time, averaging 18 days. This combination is creating a bottleneck that requires careful planning for shipments routing through this port. Vessels continue to arrive in Halifax off proforma, or deviating significantly from schedule, primarily due to weather over the North Atlantic, the forwarder said in the update. Import rail dwell has marginally improved and is currently 18 days as PSA Atlantic Hub is struggling with high ground counts and a shortage of labor. Some containers are experiencing dwells as high as 30 days. PSA and CN are working together to further maximize daily rail productivity.

*Canada ports facing container delays due to weather, rail issues, March 18, 2025, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

#### **Montreal seeking longshore deal ahead of capacity expansions**



Source: JOC

The Port of Montreal's chief says a new contract with the port's longshore union will help restore shipper trust in sending cargoes through Canada's main eastern gateway. That labor peace will be critical as Montreal expects to play a larger role in the country's international trade due to the ongoing tensions between the Trump administration and Ottawa. One year into her new role, Montreal Port Authority Chief Executive Julie Gascon told the *Journal of Commerce* last week that after the port's last labor disruption in 2024 — its third in as many years — shippers began diverting cargo.

*Montreal seeking longshore deal ahead of capacity expansions, March 19, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

### US/WORLD



## **FMC probes ocean chokepoints as Trump looks to rule the waves**



Source: JOC

The US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is asking shipping interests to weigh in on the biggest global maritime chokepoints they face as part of US waterborne commerce. The probe, part of the FMC's regular work under US shipping law, comes amid the Trump administration's moves to assert US power across the global maritime sector and to develop a US-based shipping industry. The FMC said on March 13, 2024 it is investigating "transit constraints at international maritime chokepoints" as part of its regular annual report to Congress about practices in the ocean shipping industry. The maritime chokepoints being investigated by the FMC include spots along Canada, Greenland and Panama, locations where Donald Trump has asserted the role of the US.

*FMC probes ocean chokepoints as Trump looks to rule the waves, March 14, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## **Amid ocean container liner gains, Zim earnings shine**



Source: Freightwaves

Zim Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. results saw a significant turnaround as strategic operational expansions and increased market penetration yielded substantial gains in 2024. The world's 10th-largest carrier said full-year revenues soared to \$8.43 billion, up 63% year

over year as net income of \$2.15 billion improved a loss of \$2.69 billion in 2023. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization reached \$3.69 billion, up 252% y/y. Fourth-quarter revenues climbed to \$2.17 billion, an 80% increase from the same period in 2023. Net income stood at \$563 million, from a loss of \$147 million.

*Amid ocean container liner gains, Zim earnings shine, March 14, 2025, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## **Container Shipping Sector Fourth Quarter Results**



Source: AJOT

The container shipping industry had total net income of \$15.8 billion in 4Q24, an \$11.0 billion and 41.0% decrease sequentially from the \$26.8 billion earnings reported in 3Q24. Compared to last year's fourth quarter, net income in this quarter represented an increase of \$16.5 billion from the \$0.7 billion loss in the year ago quarter. This quarter was a reversal after three straight quarters of exponential bottom line increases following the year ago net loss that itself was the nadir of six straight quarters of earnings decline. Driven by the capacity tightening resulting from the Red Sea situation and augmented by robust volume, the sector moved to a \$5.4 billion 1Q24 profit that was doubled in 2Q24 and then more than doubled again in 3Q24. Prior to this reversal, the industry experienced a downward earnings trend for six quarters from the earnings peak of \$63.1 billion in 2Q22.

*Container Shipping Sector Fourth Quarter Results, March 14, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Australian shippers back competition probe into DP World's deal for Silk Logistics



Source: JOC

Australia's competition watchdog is weighing whether a combined DP World and Silk could leverage its stevedoring dominance to increase charges or degrade service quality for competing transport providers' ports such as Brisbane. Shippers in Australia are backing a probe by the country's competition authority into DP World's planned US\$110 million acquisition of leading forwarder Silk Logistics, saying the deal could lead to higher charges and anti-competitive behavior. "[The deal] has major implications for competition in Australia's container freight sector, with potential impacts on supply chain costs for importers, exporters and transport operators," said Paul Zalai, director of the shippers group Freight & Trade Alliance (FTA). Zalai said the FTA has urged the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) "to oppose the acquisition due to the significant risk of market concentration, potential discrimination; etc.

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## IMO to develop global strategy for maritime digitalization

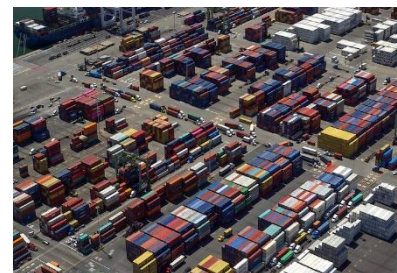


Source: AJOT

During its 49th session in London from 10 to 14 March, IMO's Facilitation Committee (FAL) outlined a work plan for developing the IMO Strategy on Maritime Digitalization, which is set to be adopted by the Organization's highest governing body – the IMO Assembly – by the end of 2027. The cross-cutting strategy will span different areas of IMO's work, fostering a fully interconnected, harmonized and automated global maritime sector. To guide this process, the Facilitation Committee established a Correspondence Group to define the strategy's scope, key objectives and implementation framework. The Group will work over the coming year to identify existing and emerging technologies, standards and methodologies that can support maritime digitalization, while ensuring alignment across IMO's various committees.

*IMO to develop global strategy for maritime digitalization, March 18, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Port of Oakland container volume starts new year with 8.5% increase



Source: AJOT

The Port of Oakland starts 2025 with growth in both imports and exports. Loaded container volume recorded 146,187 TEUs (twenty-foot containers) in January 2025. This is an 8.5% increase over January 2024, when 144,405 TEUs passed through the Port. "Strong import growth reflects the resilience of Northern California's economy and the confidence cargo owners have in our gateway," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. "Export volumes remain steady, highlighting the continued global demand for U.S. agricultural and manufactured goods. This growth is a testament to the hard work and collaboration of our labor force, terminal operators, and supply chain partners. We appreciate their commitment and will continue working together to maintain efficiency and expand capacity to support our customers." Loaded imports experienced a 13% increase this year. The Port processed 81,453 TEUs in January 2025, compared to 72,081 TEUs in January 2024. Loaded exports registered more modest growth, rising 3.4%, with 64,735 TEUs passing through Port facilities in January 2025, in contrast to 62,596 TEUs in January 2024.

*Port of Oakland container volume starts new year with 8.5% increase, March 19, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **New capacity coming to Asia-Mexico trade despite recent rate pressure**



Source: JOC

A consortium of seven regional Asia-based carriers will expand into the long-haul trans-Pacific trade in April 2025 with a joint North Asia-Mexico weekly express service, bringing at least 15,000 TEUs of new capacity to the growing trade. But forwarders say spot rates may already be under pressure due to overcapacity. Each of the seven carriers will provide one vessel with a nominal capacity of between 2,200 to 2,800 TEUs, Dubai's Emirates Shipping said this week. Other carriers in the service group include Hong Kong-listed TS Lines, Singapore-headquartered SeaLead, Thailand's Regional Container Lines, Sinotrans Container Line from China, and South Korean carriers.

*New capacity coming to Asia-Mexico trade despite recent rate pressure, March 20, 2025, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## **Port of Long Beach posts ninth straight monthly cargo gain**



Source: Freightwaves

In February 2025, trade passing through the Port of Long Beach, California, experienced significant growth, marking the ninth consecutive month of increased cargo movement, and corresponding with retailers' strategic efforts to move goods in advance of anticipated tariffs. Volume totalled 765,385 twenty-foot equivalent units, reflecting a 13.4% increase from February of the previous year. Imports surged by 11.8% to 368,669 TEUs, while exports saw a 2.9% rise to 90,026 TEUs. Meanwhile, the movement of empty containers jumped by 19.1%, to 306,690 TEUs.

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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### CTA Lauds Carbon Tax Removal; Urges Practical Enviro Measures



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance applauds Prime Minister Mark Carney's announcement on March 14, 2025 that the federal government will cancel the carbon tax. In his first action after being sworn in, Carney announced the removal of the tax for consumers, effective April 1, 2025 through what's known as an order-in-council. CTA has been calling on the federal government to scrap the tax for years and recently raised the volume in asking for removal of the tax as a measure to provide relief to the trucking industry grappling with skyrocketing costs, an already depressed freight market and the spectre of tariffs disrupting the supply chain.

*CTA Lauds Carbon Tax Removal; Urges Practical Enviro Measures, March 14, 2025, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

#### Urban public transit, January 2025



Source: Statcan

In January 2025, Canada's urban transit ridership totalled 132.2 million trips, up 7.0% from the same month in 2024 and 82.2% of January's 2019 ridership, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were about 28.7 million fewer rides in January 2025 compared with the same month in 2019, as volumes continue to lag pre-pandemic levels. In January 2025, transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) amounted to \$317.5 million. This was an increase of 6.6%, or \$19.7 million, from the same month a year ago, albeit \$32.3 million below the pre-pandemic level recorded in January 2019.

*Urban public transit, January 2025, March 18, 2025, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Doecker buys Peerless and Scona brands from Manac



Source: Today's Trucking

Saskatchewan-based trailer manufacturer Doecker Group of Companies has acquired the Peerless and Scona brands from Manac. The acquisitions expand Doecker's presence in the oil and gas, mining, forestry, logging and construction segments. Andy McEachern joins Doecker as senior vice-president, with production of both trailer lines moving to Saskatchewan. The current Peerless sales team will continue to support the brand and engineering, retail parts, and truck rigout operations will remain in Penticton, B.C.

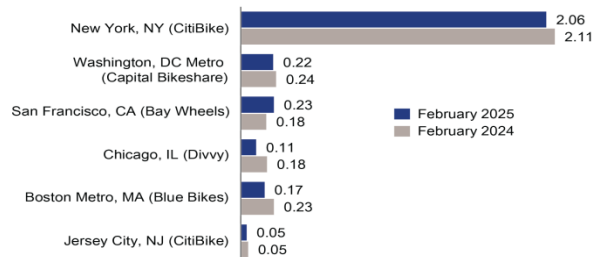
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## US/WORLD

### Docked Bikeshare Trips – February 2025

On March 17, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released docked bikeshare trips for February 2025. From February 2024 to February 2025, docked bikeshare trips starting and ending at a docking station on six of the largest systems fell 5.7%.

**Docked bikeshare ridership in February 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, see [https://data.bts.gov/Research-and-Statistics/Docked-Bikeshare-Ridership-by-System-Year-Month-avg3h6-334u/about\\_data](https://data.bts.gov/Research-and-Statistics/Docked-Bikeshare-Ridership-by-System-Year-Month-avg3h6-334u/about_data). Additional systems, visualizations, and data available at <https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/Summary-of-Docked-Bikeshare-Trips-by-System-and-Of71gy-22zk/>.

Source: BTS

By area served and system (six largest), the number of docked bikeshare trips in February 2025 and the percentage change from February 2024 were as follows: 1. New York, NY (CitiBike), 2.06 million (down 2.7%); 2. Washington, DC Metro (Capital Bikeshare), 0.22 million (down 8.0%); 3. San Francisco, CA (Bay Wheels), 0.23 million (up 29.3%); 4. Chicago, IL (Divvy), 0.11 million (down 40.1%); 5. Boston Metro, MA (Blue Bikes), 0.17 million (down 27.5%); 6. Jersey City, NJ (CitiBike), 0.05 million (down 16.8%)

*Docked Bikeshare Trips – February 2025, March 17, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



## Carriers big and small at TCA wait for signs of freight market turnaround



Source: Freightwaves

If there was a freight market bull at the annual meeting of the Truckload Carriers Association, that person was keeping pretty quiet. Conversations from the stage, at receptions and at meals had a consistent theme: Can you believe we're still talking about this freight recession? In 2025? Didn't we say at this meeting last year that things would be better by the end of 2024? At the Large Carrier panel, Dave Williams, senior vice president of equipment and government relations at Knight Swift, summed up the sentiment heard so often at the conference. "We had expected to see a recovery," Williams said. "We had expected things to turn by now. In fact, some of our businesses saw the signs of a meaningful recovery in December and January, and then things kind of turned after that."

*Carriers big and small at TCA wait for signs of freight market turnaround, March 19, 2025, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



## **FedEx says economic uncertainty slowing parcel and freight demand**



Source: Freight waves

FedEx Corp. shares fell more than 5% in aftermarket trading Thursday after the integrated parcel giant reduced its full-year guidance for the third consecutive quarter because of intensifying macroeconomic headwinds and uncertainty in the U.S. industrial economy, which are crimping higher margin B2B shipping services. FedEx said it expects revenue to be flat to slightly down year over year from the previous outlook of flat revenue. The estimated range of earnings per share, excluding certain costs, is \$18 to \$18.60 compared to the prior forecast of \$19 to \$20 per share. FedEx is merging its Express and Ground networks to improve efficiency and profitability.

*FedEx says economic uncertainty slowing parcel and freight demand, March 20, 2025, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## **NTSB recommends 68 bridges in US be evaluated for risk of collapse from vessel strike**

The National Transportation Safety Board recommended on March 20, 2025 that 30 owners of 68 bridges across 19 states conduct a vulnerability assessment to determine the risk of bridge collapse from a vessel collision, part of the ongoing investigation into the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. The NTSB found that the Key Bridge, which collapsed after being struck by the containership Dali on March 26, 2024, was almost 30 times above the acceptable risk threshold for critical or essential bridges, according to guidance established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, or AASHTO. Over the last year, the NTSB identified 68 bridges that were designed before the AASHTO guidance was established — like the Key Bridge — that do not have a current vulnerability assessment. The recommendations are issued to bridge owners to calculate the annual frequency of collapse for their bridges using AASHTO's Method II calculation.

*NTSB recommends 68 bridges in US be evaluated for risk of collapse from vessel strike, March 20, 2025, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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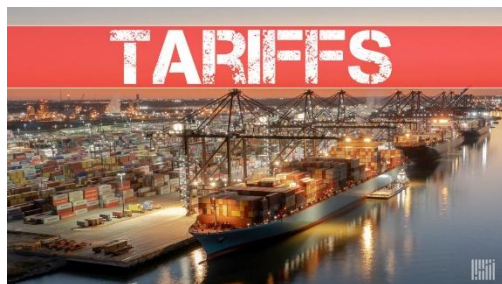
### CANADA

#### Government of Canada Appoints New Minister of Transport

The Right Honourable Mark Carney and his Cabinet were sworn in as the 30th Ministry in a ceremony earlier on March 14, 2025. The accompanying announcement noted that, “this team reflects the ambition that makes Canada strong, and it will work each day to protect workers, families, and businesses. It will take action to unite Canadians, defend Canada’s sovereignty in the face of unjustified trade actions by the United States, make Canada an energy superpower in both conventional and clean energy, create new trade corridors with reliable partners, and build one Canadian economy – the strongest economy in the G7.” Hon. Chrystia Freeland was appointed Minister of Transport and Internal Trade.

*Government of Canada Appoints New Minister of Transport, March 14, 2025, [www.westac.ca](http://www.westac.ca)*

#### Steel, aluminum tariffs may hurt auto industry, supply chain risk expert says



Source: Freightwaves

President Donald Trump said on Sunday, March 16, 2025 that there won't be exemptions on steel and aluminum tariffs and reaffirmed that additional import duties on everything from autos to lumber to appliances will go into effect in April. “It's going to be reciprocal — in other words, whatever they're charging, we're charging,” Trump told reporters on Air Force One on Sunday, [CNN](https://www.cnn.com) reported. “Then in addition to that, on autos, on steel, on aluminum, we're going to have some additional tariffs.” Trump was asked by a reporter if he would consider any exemptions on those tariffs, and he replied: “I have no intention of it.” Trump's 25% tariffs on all aluminum and steel imported into the U.S. went into effect on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, prompting Canada and the European Union to immediately retaliate by imposing duties on about \$49 billion worth of U.S. goods.

*Steel, aluminum tariffs may hurt auto industry, supply chain risk expert says, March 17, 2025, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

#### Interprovincial trade flows and frictions



Source: Statcan

Canada has a longstanding reputation as a trading nation, with its economy being heavily reliant on global trade. However, the vital role of internal trade in Canada is often overlooked. Internal trade is a key part of the Canadian economy, contributing to economic competitiveness by generating jobs, enabling business growth,

broadening consumer options and fostering overall economic development. Approximately \$532 billion worth of goods and services were traded across provincial and territorial borders in 2023, accounting for 18.1% of Canada's gross domestic product (GDP). Of this total, \$301 billion (56.6%) was for services, while the remainder was for merchandise trade. The contribution of internal trade to Canada's GDP has seen a notable decline over the last four decades, falling from 26.7% in 1981 to 18.1% in 2023. While internal exports and imports grew by 440.8% during this period, international trade (both exports and imports) expanded at a much faster rate, exceeding 900% growth. This long-term trend highlights a structural shift in Canada's economy, potentially reflecting factors such as increased international trade agreements, changes in domestic consumption patterns, or shifts in the economic importance of internal trade relative to other economic activities.

*Interprovincial trade flows and frictions, March 19, 2025, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

### **Canadian Transportation Agency recognized as one of the National Capital Region's top employers for a second year in a row**

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has been named as one of the National Capital Region's Top Employers for 2025. This special designation recognizes employers in the Ottawa-Gatineau area that are leaders in providing exceptional places to work. It identifies the CTA as an organization that offers competitive benefits, professional development opportunities, and a supportive workplace culture.

*Canadian Transportation Agency recognized as one of the National Capital Region's top employers for a second year in a row, March 20, 2025, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

### **Monthly Energy Transportation and Storage Survey, January 2025**



Source: Statcan

Data for January 2025 on the transportation and storage of crude oil and other liquid petroleum products are now available on the Statistics Canada website.

*Monthly Energy Transportation and Storage Survey, January 2025, March 20, 2025, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**



### **TransBorder Freight Annual Report 2024**

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) compiled the dollar value of commodities that moved across the United States' land borders with Canada and Mexico by mode of transportation in 2024. Manufacturing and logistics sectors across North America are linked and interdependent. America's land borders with Canada and Mexico are economically vital conduits for North American supply chains, with nearly \$3.5 billion in daily cross-border freight shipments. Besides oil and energy products, automobiles, and electronics, Canada and Mexico are also America's largest trade partners in agricultural goods. U.S. land borders with Canada and Mexico consistently facilitate over \$1 trillion in cross-border trade annually. To put things in perspective, in 2024 the value of total U.S.-international trade was \$5.3 trillion, of which U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico comprised 30.0 percent. In 2024, U.S. freight flows with Canada and Mexico equalled \$1.6 trillion dollars, a 1.8% increase over 2023. Surface modes of transportation (truck + rail) lead North American commerce, together accounting for 77.1% of all freight flows by dollar value in 2024. Trucking continues to be the dominant form of freight transportation in North America, accounting for 55.5% of total flows with Canada

*TransBorder Freight Annual Report 2024, March 20, 2025, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Events

**Trump Tariffs and CUSMA**

**\*NEW DATE AND TIME\***  
Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am ET/ 7 am PT/ 2 pm UK

Free 60-Minute Webinar

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/webinar-trump-tariffs-and-cusma/>

Moderated by: Joy Nott  
Partner, Trade & Customs, KPMG Canada

Welcoming remarks by: Bob Sacco  
CILTNA Chair

Tim Webb  
Partner, Supply Chain & Procurement,  
KPMG Canada

Flavio Volpe  
President, APMA - Automotive Parts  
Manufacturers' Association

Turbulent trade times and Trump Tariff Wars have created global uncertainty and existential risk for all companies. You don't have to be an importer or an exporter to be affected as foreign competitors can use predatory pricing to take away market share. Do your homework. We have been here before.

**\*NEW DATE AND TIME\*** Join us on Wednesday, March 26 at 10 am ET/ 7 am PT/ 2 pm UK for 60-minute webinar: "Trump Tariffs and CUSMA".

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With guest speakers Tim Webb, Partner, Supply Chain & Procurement, KPMG Canada and Flavio Volpe, President, – Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association, APMA. Moderated by Joy Nott, Partner, Trade & Customs, KPMG Canada with welcoming remarks by CILTNA Chair, Bob Sacco.

All are welcome. Please feel free to share this with anyone you feel would be interested in attending.

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We hope to see you there!

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**A CONVERSATION WITH TAMARA VROOMAN**

We invite you to join us for a reception and presentation by a distinguished guest speaker, Tamara Vrooman, President & CEO, Vancouver International Airport (YVR), Chair of the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council and Chair of the Canadian Policy Council for Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA). Ms. Vrooman has just been named "Canadian Business Leader of the Year" 2025 by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Vrooman holds many positions in Canadian, US, international aviation organizations. She will be talking about the recent launch of YVR's 2025-2027 Strategy which will guide the airport's continued contributions to the local, regional and national economies. Ms. Vrooman will discuss YVR's plans to diversify its markets and expand air cargo facilities. She will also speak to YVR's exploration of becoming an intermodal hub - a move that could lead to greater integration between modes of transportation, greater efficiency of movement of goods and people, and reduction in carbon emissions. Ms. Vrooman is also able to comment on the potential impacts of the evolving Trump trade war on YVR's bottom line.

**SPEAKER:**  
TAMARA VROOMAN  
PRESIDENT & CEO  
VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT (YVR)

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**April 15, 2025**  
4:30 pm – Registration

**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Reception / Presentation**  
Terminal City Club - 837 West Hastings St. Vancouver

The Pacific Chapter of CILTNA invites you to join them for a reception and presentation by a distinguished guest speaker, Tamara Vrooman, President & CEO, Vancouver International Airport (YVR), Chair of the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council and Chair of the Canadian Policy Council for Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA). Moderated by: Martin Crilly, Executive Member, Pacific Chapter

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**British Columbia Aviation Council (BCAC) Conference 2025**  
**Kamloops (YKA): Innovation – Eyes on the Horizon**

Starts: 02 Jun 2025 @ 12:00pm PDT  
Ends: 04 Jun 2025 @ 5:00pm PDT  
Where: Delta by Marriott Hotel, 540 Victoria Street, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, V2C 2B2

To register, please visit:  
<https://bcaviationcouncil.silkstart.com/events/bcac-2025-june-2-4-conference>

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## Job Postings

### **\* Vice President, Business Development, Prince Rupert Port Authority, Vancouver, BC**

PRPA is looking for a trailblazer to step into the role of Vice President, Business Development. Reporting to the President and CEO and a member of the Executive Team, you will be the strategic architect behind PRPA's growth and market expansion. The Vice President will be responsible for leading the development and execution of innovative trade and real estate strategies; spearheading initiatives to boost cargo, passenger, and carrier traffic, making the Port a preferred destination in global trade; guiding the development of mixed-use, community-focused projects while enhancing commercial real estate opportunities; and building and maintaining high-level global partnerships with trade, logistics, and real estate leaders. Advocating at the local, provincial, and national levels to influence policies that support PRPA's growth and competitiveness and leading and developing a high-performance team, fostering collaboration, innovation, and exceptional results are also part of the VP's mandate.

This is a rare opportunity to make your mark on one of the most dynamic ports in North America, while shaping the future of global trade, real estate development, and sustainable growth. As the ideal candidate, you bring a proven track record in senior leadership roles within trade, real estate, or commercial development (maritime, logistics, or similar industries preferred); strong knowledge of international trade, port operations, and the regulatory landscape, including sustainability best practices; strategic insight with a demonstrated ability to drive growth, innovation, and operational excellence; and exceptional leadership skills that inspire teams to deliver results and collaborate with stakeholders at all levels. In short, you thrive on strategic thinking, know how to inspire, engage, and negotiate with people from all walks of life, and are excited by finding creative approaches to solving complex problems. A relevant degree (Business Administration, Real Estate, International Trade, Engineering, or related fields) rounds out your qualifications; an advanced degree or MBA is an asset.

This position is located in Vancouver; monthly travel to Prince Rupert is required.

<https://careers.odgersberndtson.com/en-ca/job/30286/>

**Apply before April 19th, 2025.**



## \* 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, Traffic Tech, Hamilton, ON

### What the Job Entails:

- Creating and maintaining Strong Vendor Relationships
- Negotiating with Shippers and Carriers
- Entering Data into System to create load sheets
- Shipment tracking – monitor pickup and delivery
- Preparing required shipping documentation
- Effective and professional communication with clients and carriers
- Minor Accounting Functions and data entry

### What We Are Looking For:

- Must have 3+ years of previous logistics/transportation experience, in a 3PL environment preferred
- Must have Knowledge of Cross-border US/Mexico/Canada Transportation, OTR truckload, including dry van, flatbed, reefer, etc.
- Strong organization and time management skills, must be able to prioritize
- High School Diploma
- Participate in continuous changes to Customer Data procedures and insure new changes are maintained
- Problem resolution skills, detail-oriented, high level of multi-tasking skills are a must
- Possess professional phone mannerisms
- Outgoing personality; high energy; flexible
- Great attitude and desire to work hard while having fun

### What We Offer:

- Robust industry with training and mentorship
- Compensation package that include Medical and Dental benefits
- Life Insurance/AD&D Insurance
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- Paid vacation after probationary period

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This is a full-time permanent position from Monday to Friday

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### \* **Senior Logistics Coordinator - Customer Service, Montreal, QC**

If you are a proactive logistics professional with 3PL expertise and thrive in a fast-paced environment where challenges become opportunities, we want to hear from you.

Your Role: Senior Logistics Coordinator (Customer Service)

As a Senior Logistics Coordinator, you will be the key link between sales, operations, and customer success. You will ensure seamless shipment execution, manage customer relationships, and resolve logistics challenges with confidence and efficiency.



This position is ideal for someone who:

- ✓ Has successfully worked as a Senior Logistics Coordinator in a 3PL company.
- ✓ Thrives under pressure and enjoys problem-solving in real-time.
- ✓ Is a strong communicator who can handle escalations with professionalism.
- ✓ Can manage multiple clients and juggle shipments without missing a detail.

#### Key Responsibilities

- ♦ Customer Relationship Management – Act as the primary point of contact for key clients, providing outstanding service and proactive solutions.
- ♦ Problem-Solving & Escalations – Handle shipment delays, customs issues, and other logistical challenges with quick decision-making.
- ♦ Shipment Execution & Coordination – Work closely with carriers, brokers, and internal teams to ensure on-time and compliant deliveries.
- ♦ Import/Export Documentation – Process paperwork with accuracy, ensuring customs and regulatory compliance.

- ♦ Continuous Improvement – Identify inefficiencies and propose solutions to optimize logistics workflows.

#### What We're Looking For

- ✓ Proven Experience – 3–5 years as a Senior Logistics Coordinator in a 3PL company (this is a must!).
- ✓ Bilingual – Strong written and verbal communication skills in French and English.
- ✓ Industry Knowledge – Strong understanding of freight, transportation, and customs regulations.
- ✓ Multi-Tasking & Detail-Oriented – Ability to manage multiple shipments while maintaining high accuracy.
- ✓ Tech-Savvy – Comfortable with logistics software and data entry.

#### Why Join Us?

- ✦ Competitive Compensation – Base salary + uncapped commission.
- ✦ Career Growth – Work with industry experts and get hands-on training.
- ✦ Performance-Based Recognition – Regular feedback and reward programs.
- ✦ Supportive Culture – We invest in our people, offering mentorship and a collaborative team environment.

#### Perks & Benefits

- ✓ In-Person Work Environment – Collaborative office setting for effective teamwork.
- ✓ Flexible Work Schedule & Casual Dress
- ✓ Health & Dental Insurance
- ✓ Paid Time Off & Company Events
- ✓ Life & Disability Insurance
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