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Air Transport Updates

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Air Canada's Québec City Ground Operations to be Airline's First Station with Fully Electric Main Ground Support Equipment



Source: Air Canada

To mark Earth Month, Air Canada announced on April 4, 2025 that its ground operations in Québec City will be the airline's first station in Canada to achieve 100% electrification of its GSE fleet across all main categories by the end of 2025. This milestone will represent a complete transition from fossil fuel-powered equipment to electric alternatives for all baggage and ramp tractors, belt loaders, power stows, container loaders and aircraft tractors. This transition will eliminate Air Canada's use of fossil fuel equipment in these key GSE categories at this station. This is a step forward toward achieving Air Canada's climate-related ambition that sets out mid-term targets in support of its long-term aspirational goal of net-zero GHG emissions by 2050. Those mid-term targets are 20% GHG net reductions from its air operations and 30% GHG net reductions from its ground operations, both compared to a 2019 baseline, by 2030.

Air Canada's Québec City Ground Operations to be Airline's First Station with Fully Electric Main Ground Support Equipment, April 4, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

ITA Airways Set to Start Integration into Star Alliance



Source: Air Canada

ITA Airways has officially received approval to start the integration process into Star Alliance following a verdict by the Star Alliance Chief Executive Board (CEB). ITA Airways is the Italian reference carrier. The Company is 59% owned by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and 41% by Deutsche Lufthansa AG. Building on its induction into the Lufthansa Group earlier this year, this decision paves the way for its much anticipated entry into the world's largest airline alliance. The onboarding process will now move at full throttle. Celebrating the milestone, Star Alliance Chief Executive Officer Theo Panagiotoulis stated: "In early 2026, ITA Airways is expected to officially join the Star Alliance network as a full member. The decision by our Chief Executive Board underscores the strong confidence our members have in ITA Airways. As a gateway for Italy, its addition strengthens our global network, offering seamless and connected journeys to more travellers worldwide."

ITA Airways Set to Start Integration into Star Alliance, April 4, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada to Offer Customers Increased Overhead Storage Room with New Airspace Cabin on Airbus A220 Fleet



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on April 8, 2025 announced that it will be the launch customer for the Airbus Airspace cabin on the A220 family of aircraft, giving customers more overhead storage space. The first aircraft to receive the new bins are scheduled to be delivered early in 2026. The A220 Airspace cabin features new XL bins, increasing the overhead capacity of bags by more than 15%, and will also include a new ceiling design and lighting. The introduction of the new Airspace cabin has been timed to coincide with additional Air Canada upgrades including an updated cabin interior and seat back entertainment.

Air Canada to Offer Customers Increased Overhead Storage Room with New Airspace Cabin on Airbus A220 Fleet, April, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ WestJet Cargo celebrates significant growth in belly cargo business and outlines strategic network shifts and digital initiatives



Source: AJOT

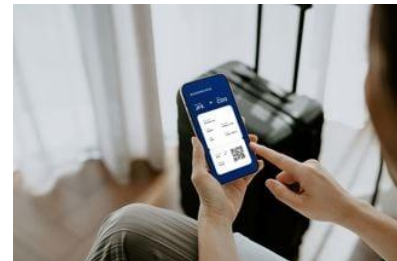
WestJet's cargo business celebrated a highly successful 2024, marked by growth across multiple fronts. The airline saw a surge in belly cargo demand, expanded its network with new routes and partnerships and

embraced digital innovation to enhance the customer experience. "WestJet's belly cargo business has emerged as a key driver of success for WestJet Cargo, with a 60 per cent year-over-year increase in revenue," said Kirsten de Bruijn, WestJet Executive Vice President, Cargo. "We've seen strong performance on key routes like Narita-Calgary Incheon-Calgary." While the airline recently confirmed it would eventually phase out its four dedicated freighters, it is committed to expanding belly cargo opportunities in markets where WestJet operates passenger service, as well as offering cargo on new routes. "As WestJet welcomes more aircraft to its passenger fleet, WestJet Cargo will grow alongside," said Julius Mooney, WestJet Director of Commercial Cargo. "Supported by a strong logistics and operations team, WestJet Cargo is poised to continue its successful growth in the competitive belly cargo sector."

WestJet Cargo celebrates significant growth in belly cargo business and outlines strategic network shifts and digital initiatives, April 8, 2025, www.ajot.com

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✈️ IATA's Contactless Travel Directory Eases Airline Access to Biometric Services



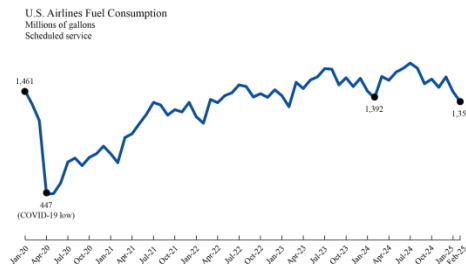
Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has released its Contactless Travel Directory to help quickly scale and increase adoption of contactless travel solutions. The Directory will power a matchmaking service to help airlines identify and offer contactless travel at specific airports, including with their partner airlines. Contactless travel uses interoperable biometric solutions to enable travelers to move through the travel process without relying on paper documentation such as passports or boarding passes. Parts of the travel process that could be made more efficient with contactless travel include bag drop, lounge access, security access, security screening and boarding. Key features of the Contactless Travel Directory include: 1. A *single reference point* for airlines to determine the availability of biometric travel touchpoints across their network. 2.

Traveler eligibility information by location, so airlines know which travelers (nationality, passport compatibility, and age) will be eligible for contactless services using biometric identification. 3. *Technical protocols* airlines need to connect with other airline or airport biometric touchpoints.

IATA's Contactless Travel Directory Eases Airline Access to Biometric Services, April 7, 2025, www.iata.org

✈️ U.S. Airlines' February 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 1.1% from January 2025; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 2.0% from Pre-Pandemic February 2020



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on April 7, 2025 released U.S. airlines' February 2025 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.356 billion gallons of fuel, 6.7% less fuel than in January 2025 (1.453 billion gallons) and 2.0% more than in pre-pandemic February 2020. The cost per gallon of fuel in February 2025 (\$2.45) was up 3 cents (1.1%) from January 2025 (\$2.42) and up \$0.64 (35.4%) from February 2020. Total February 2025 fuel expenditure (\$3.32B) was down 5.6% from January 2025 (\$3.52B) and up 38.1% from pre-pandemic February 2020. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for February 2025 includes a 2.1% decrease in domestic fuel consumption, an 16.2% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and a 14.4% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 4.7% from January 2025 to February 2025, while decreasing 1.4% from February 2020. The increase in fuel consumption reflects growth in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' February 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 1.1% from January 2025; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 2.0% from Pre-Pandemic February 2020, April 7, 2025, www.bts.gov

Innovation and Harmonization



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that IATA Aviation Day Middle East and North Africa (MENA) will focus on digitalization, airspace management, sustainability, modern airline retailing and future skills. The event will take place in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 6-7 May 2025, hosted by Saudia. "Aviation is a catalyst for economic and social development —boosting trade, driving tourism and creating jobs. Economies and societies across the MENA region are benefitting from the fast pace of growth which will see a doubling of passenger traffic by 2040. The region can maximize the impact of this potential growth by focusing efforts on the enablers of future success which are digitalization, airspace management, sustainability, modern airline retailing and future skills development. *IATA Aviation Day MENA to Focus on Collaboration, Innovation and Harmonization, April 9, 2025, www.iata.org*

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Rail Transport Updates

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CN Receives Arbitration Decision

CN announced on April 7, 2025 that it has received the arbitrator's decision regarding the terms of its new collective agreement with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC). After six days of mediation and a comprehensive arbitration process, arbitrator William Kaplan delivered his ruling, establishing the terms of a new collective agreement between CN and the TCRC. The TCRC represents approximately 6,000 of our conductors, conductor trainees, yard coordinators and locomotive engineers across CN's network in Canada. The new three-year agreement, effective from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, includes an annual wage increase of 3%. This agreement replaces the previous one and does not require ratification. Although CN remains disappointed that a negotiated agreement was not reached at the bargaining table, the Company is pleased to be moving forward. CN also remains committed to modernizing the collective agreement for the benefit of employees, customers, and the North American economy.

CN Receives Arbitration Decision, April 7, 2025, www.cn.ca

CPKC's Strategic Vision for Growth, Innovation and Sustainability



Source: CPKC

Two years ago, we created the first single-line railway connecting the United States, Canada and Mexico with what I believe is the most relevant rail network in North America. With our expanded footprint and team of 20,000 world-class railroaders, CPKC has delivered on its promise to bring new service products.

CPKC's Strategic Vision for Growth, Innovation and Sustainability, April 7, 2025, www.railwayage.com

Ontario Begins Tunnelling Final Segment of Eglinton Crosstown West Extension

The Ontario government has broken ground on the final tunnel segment of the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, marking another significant milestone in the province's plan to deliver a new transit line from Scarborough to Mississauga. Once complete, the nine-kilometre line will connect seven new stations to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, making travel faster and more convenient, while bringing more than 37,500 people within a 10-minute walk of world-class transit.

Ontario Begins Tunnelling Final Segment of Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, April 8, 2025, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Ontario Completes Construction on West Harbour GO Station

As part of its plan to deliver faster and more reliable GO service across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Ontario government has completed construction at West Harbour GO Station, including a recent upgrade that will save more than 250,000 commuters in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines roughly 15 minutes per roundtrip. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation said "As we work to expand GO

Service across the region, the completion of West Harbour Station means faster, more convenient and more frequent GO train options with four times as many trips for commuters travelling between Hamilton and Niagara Falls. Our government is making historic investments to expand transit and build for the future, while creating good paying jobs that protect Ontario workers during this time of economic uncertainty.”

Ontario Completes Construction on West Harbour GO Station, April 9, 2025, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Building for Growth: CN's Commitment to a Stronger, More Resilient Supply Chain



Source: RailwayAge

At **CN**, our purpose is clear according to CN's CEO, Tracy Robinson: We power the economy. As railroaders, this is what we do every day. We have the privilege of serving a wide range of industries and connecting supply chains across North America. We've had that honor for over a century. This gives us a unique perspective on the economy, its cycles and where it's headed. Like the businesses we serve, we are eager to grow. We believe the best way to do that is through reliable service, by listening to our customer's needs, and by leveraging our 20,000-mile network linking Canada's East and West Coast ports and extending south through the Midwest to the U.S. Gulf Coast. Through these actions we can provide the resilience and flexibility that our customers and supply chain partners are looking for. Growth remains a priority, even as geopolitical realities introduce economic uncertainty. We focus on what we can control—making strategic investments to strengthen our capacity, leveraging the strength of our unique network, and helping our customers get their products to existing and new markets. We focus on agility, ensuring our resources are aligned to demand and that we're well positioned to accommodate growth at low incremental cost.

Building for Growth: CN's Commitment to a Stronger, More Resilient Supply Chain, April 10, 2025, www.railwayage.com

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Fuchs: Efficient Surface Transportation Board will foster rail competition, growth

The chairman-designate of the Surface Transportation Board says he is transforming the regulatory agency into a more efficient body that will help support competition and growth for railroads. “We want to break down barriers to growth, encourage competition and elevate the role of markets instead of government,” STB Chairman Patrick Fuchs told a rail industry conference on April 8, 2025. “More broadly, I want the board to be more efficient and effective, to deliver for business, and the country.” The No. 1 priority is to increase the accountability of the board, which he pointed out issues about 400 decisions per year. “The board has been too slow and too inaccessible,” said Fuchs, who was first appointed to the board by Trump in 2019 and was his choice to lead the body in January. “A tank car case, for example, took 10 years to complete. We should complete statutorily required work in a timely manner. So far, we have increased decision-making in cases 28% this year since last year.

Fuchs: Efficient Surface Transportation Board will foster rail competition, growth, April 8, 2025, www.freightwaves.com



Tax credits, truck limits top small railroads' DC agenda



Source: Freightwaves

Federal funding that serves as the lifeline of small U.S. railroads will continue to flow from Washington, experts say, but exactly when and how much is unclear at present. That funding to-do list is led by the 45G tax credit and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grants – critical issues during a legislative educational session at the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) conference here on April 7, 2025. A bipartisan House bill to update the vital 45G tax credit, which underpins capital spending at many shortline and regional railroads, was introduced in January by Reps. Mike Kelly, R-Pa., and Mike Thompson, D-Calif., the latter of whom is the chair and ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Tax. Technically known as a railroad maintenance credit that is part of the IRS Code of 1986, 45G was

created in 2005 and made permanent in 2021. It offers a tax credit of 40 cents per mile of track up to a maximum \$3,500 – a figure that hasn't changed in 25 years.

Tax credits, truck limits top small railroads' DC agenda, April 9, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 14



Source: Railway Age

For the first 14 weeks of 2025, ending April 5, North American carload and intermodal traffic was up 3.3% from the same point last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported April 9, 2025. The United States and Canada experienced gains, while Mexico saw a loss. North American rail volume for the week ending April 5, 2025, on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled 329,212 carloads, up 3.7 percent compared with the same week last year, and 355,864 intermodal units, up 10.3 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 685,076 carloads and intermodal units, up 7.0 percent. North American rail volume for the first 14 weeks of 2025 was 9,367,352 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.3 percent compared with 2024. Canadian railroads reported 92,356 carloads for the week, down 3.3 percent, and 72,096 intermodal units, down 0.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 14 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,221,406 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.1 percent.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 14, April 9, 2025, www.railwayage.com and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending April 05, 2025, April 9, 2025, www.ajot.com



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Seasonal safety escort requirement for Tier 1 vessels transiting through traffic control zones in Burrard Inlet

This notice informs port users and stakeholders of a new seasonal service requirement designed to ensure the safe and efficient transit of deep-sea vessels in Burrard Inlet. From May 1 to October 15, 2025, the port authority will provide safety escort services to Tier 1 vessels transiting TCZ-1 and TCZ-2 during peak days and times of recreational boating activity. Due to significant presence of recreational boaters in Burrard Inlet on weekends and holidays, the seasonal service requirement will be in effect on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday Mondays, between the hours of 10:00 and 18:00 (PDT). Tier 1 vessels transiting TCZ-1 and/or TCZ-2 on these days and times may receive a dedicated vessel safety escort, based on evaluation by the port authority, the volume of recreational marine traffic in Burrard Inlet, and any specific requests from the vessel's Master, pilot, or Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services (CCG MCTS). When a seasonal service is provided, the port authority charges the vessel owner as per the fees established in the 2025 Fee Document, under section 3.4 Operations and Security and sub-sections Labour and Equipment. This ensures that costs for specific services are recovered by individual service users, rather than shared across all port users.

Seasonal safety escort requirement for Tier 1 vessels transiting through traffic control zones in Burrard Inlet, April 10, 2025, www.portmetrovanancouver.com

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Ocean shipping carbon tax could gouge US consumers, say opponents



Source: Freightwaves

Government representatives are meeting this week to finalize the first-ever global carbon tax on ocean shipping emissions in a move that opponents say could disproportionately hit American consumers. The initiative is being driven by the International Maritime Organization, which regulates global shipping, following a 2023 agreement that sets a goal of net-zero shipping emissions by 2050. Members of the organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee are gathering this week in London where the IMO is headquartered. They'll try to work out emissions fees and a green protocol for shipping. The measures, if adopted, would become mandatory for participant countries' vessels in container shipping, crude oil and other cargo transport. The Biden administration supported the zero emissions goal in 2023. The Trump administration has made no public statement on the IMO proposal.

Ocean shipping carbon tax could gouge US consumers, say opponents, April 7, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

Zim fills out its post-Panamax tonnage with \$2.3 billion

charter deal



Source: JOC

Zim Integrated Shipping Services is filling in a gap in its fleet with a \$2.3 billion deal to charter 10 newbuilds. The ocean carrier's move comes amid still-healthy demand, for now, with rates on post-Panamax tonnage remaining strong into 2025. Zim said in a statement on April 7, 2025 that it will enter long-term charters for 10 ships of 11,500-TEU capacity that will be deployed across various global trades. The ships will be dual fuel, running on both regular bunkers and liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Zim fills out its post-Panamax tonnage with \$2.3 billion charter deal, April 7, 2025, www.joc.com

Trump signs order for US shipbuilding, but stays mute on port fees



Source: JOC

The Trump administration on April 9, 2025 took additional steps toward its plans to grow the US maritime industry with an executive order calling for an increase in domestic defense shipbuilding and attracting more US seafarers. Intermodal shippers will also face new charges for routing cargo through Canada and Mexico's ports as Trump targets what he alleges is cargo diversion to avoid such fees. The order, though, did not mention the administration's proposed port fees on Chinese ships that are also expected to underwrite those efforts. The

order signed by President Donald Trump, called a "Maritime Action Plan."

Trump signs order for US shipbuilding, but stays mute on port fees, April 9, 2025, www.joc.com

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Applauds President Trump's Plan to Restore American Maritime Dominance

Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on April 9, 2025 applauded President Trump's Executive Order to restore America's Maritime dominance. As part of the Executive Order, the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) will coordinate with various stakeholders to create a Maritime Action Plan (MAP). The MAP will include key initiatives like revitalizing the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), incentivizing domestic shipbuilding, enhancing infrastructure and capacity, growing demand for U.S. shipping, investing in maritime technology, enhancing workforce development, and strengthening maritime security. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) looks forward to supporting the President's maritime mission as a matter of national security and economic prosperity.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Applauds President Trump's Plan to Restore American Maritime Dominance, April 9, 2025, www.dot.gov

Is trade fraud about to surge?



Source: JOC

As the Trump administration's tariff battle against China heats up, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is gearing up for a major enforcement operation. While the political drama surrounding tariff hikes captures the public's attention, fears of fraudsters exploiting the tariff system are emerging. The surge in tariffs, particularly on Chinese goods, has created an opportune environment for customs fraud. Importers facing steep duties are resorting to creative, and sometimes illegal, methods to avoid paying the required fees. Mislabeling goods, undervaluing shipments and falsely declaring the country of origin are just a few tactics being employed to bypass customs inspections. These actions

can cost the U.S. government billions in lost revenue, creating a headache for both enforcement agencies and compliant businesses.
Is trade fraud about to surge?, April 10, 2025, www.freightwaves.com



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Police make another arrest in \$5-million cargo theft case, more charges laid

Peel Regional Police have arrested another individual and laid further charges in connection to an ongoing investigation that is estimated to include more than \$5 million in stolen cargo. Between December 2024 and January 2025, several victims reported that their trailers loaded with freight were stolen by a transportation company known as All Days Trucking. Through an extensive investigation, it was determined that Manjinder Singh Bura, a 41-year-old man from Brampton and owner of Bura Limited, was complicit in these crimes, according to a news release. As a result, Bura was arrested and charged on Feb. 19, 2025.

Police make another arrest in \$5-million cargo theft case, more charges laid, April 4, 2025, www.todyastrucking.com

Ontario Announces Cash Flow Relief for Industry



Source: Ontruck

The Ontario government is providing about \$11 billion in financial relief for workers and businesses to help protect the province's economy

from the impact of U.S. tariffs. The measures allow trucking fleets and businesses in other sectors the ability to defer tax payments in certain areas for six months, between April 1 – October 1. Premier Ford also highlighted the province will be placing a strong emphasis on removing internal trade barriers to make Ontario's business community more effective. Ontario is granting relief to businesses remitting taxes under Ontario's 10 business-focused tax programs, including the Employer Health Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, Gasoline Tax, Fuel Tax, Mining Tax, Tobacco Tax, International Fuel Tax Agreement, Beer, Wine & Spirits Tax, the Retail Sales Tax on Insurance Contracts and Benefit Plans and the Racetracks Tax.

Ontario Announces Cash Flow Relief for Industry, April 7, 2025, www.ontruck.ca

THRC names 108 fleets as 2025 Top Fleet Employers



Source: Today's Trucking

Trucking HR Canada (THRC) has announced the largest-ever group of Top Fleet Employers (TFE) for 2025, recognizing 108 fleets from across the country for their commitment to human resources excellence. "A bedrock of the TFE program is to encourage the rise of exceptional HR best practices across the country and showcase top

performers,” said Angela Splinter, CEO of Trucking HR Canada, in a news release. “We’re definitely seeing the outcome of that work as more fleets with HR excellence seek this prestigious, national recognition. While we celebrate their accomplishments — these fleets enjoy the significant return that excellent HR practices and policies have on their business.” The TFE program is a national initiative that evaluates fleets against rigorous criteria such as employee engagement, workplace culture, skills development, compensation, recruitment and retention, sustainability, and community involvement. Fleets are also assessed based on feedback from their employees.

THRC names 108 fleets as 2025 Top Fleet Employers, April 7, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Fleet Advantage program to help fleets navigate tariff-related cost increases



Source: Today's Trucking

Fleet Advantage has launched a tariff readiness program to help fleets navigate the complex tariff landscape and its impact on truck procurement. It claims its new program can save a 100-truck fleet more than US\$4 million. Fleet Advantage notes nearly half of Class 8 heavy trucks sold are produced in Mexico, and that proposed 25% tariffs on those trucks will impact imports and exports, as well as manufacturing and pricing. A recent survey indicated 41% of trucking industry professionals expect these tariffs to go into effect this year. Fleet Advantage's tariff-readiness program was created to help fleets protect themselves from tariff-related fees, take advantage of optimal ordering periods, and provides consulting services. “Each of the major truck OEMs have announced slightly varying schedules imposing a cascade of levelled or tiered price increases between May and July. Ordering trucks in these time periods could greatly impact the per-truck price,” Fleet Advantage warned in a release.

Fleet Advantage program to help fleets navigate tariff-related cost increases, April 10, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

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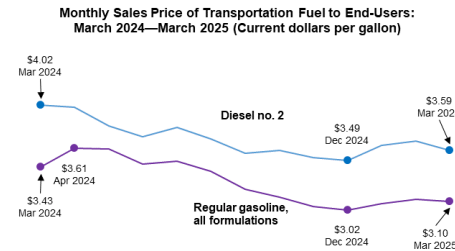
Trump tariff chaos restrains US truckload, LTL markets

Expectations that the domestic truckload market would turn upward by mid- or even late 2025 are fading as US tariffs rattle freight markets. After an uptick in the 2025 first quarter, truckload pricing is returning to depressed levels close to the bottom it first struck in 2023, third-party logistics provider AFS Logistics said on April 8, 2025 in its second-quarter TD Cowen/AFS Freight Index Forecast. AFS Logistics and investment bank TD Cowen said they expect truckload rates to decline in the second quarter, with their truckload index dropping from a reading of 5.9% to 5.5%.

Trump tariff chaos restrains US truckload, LTL markets, April 8, 2025, www.joc.com



Motor Fuel Prices – March 2025



Notes: Regular motor gasoline (all formulations) and diesel no. 2 (on-highway diesel) fuel prices are retail prices and include taxes paid by the end-user. On-highway diesel does not include bio-diesel or other alternative fuels.
Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, available at https://www.eia.gov/opendata/qb.php?seriesid=EOMM_EPMBR_PTE_NUS_DPG,EMD_EP02D_PTE_NUS_DPG,EMA_EPK_PTG_NUS_DPG,EMA_EPRV_PTG_NUS_DPG as of 04/01/2025.

Source: BTS

On April 8, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released monthly motor fuels prices for March 2025. In March 2025, the average price for regular motor gasoline was \$3.10; down 0.8% from February 2025. The March 2025 price for regular motor gasoline was down 9.6% from March 2024. **By region, the average price for regular motor gasoline in March 2025 was:** 1. West Coast: \$4.11 (down 5.4% from March 2024); 2. Central Atlantic: \$3.08 (down 8.8% from March 2024); 3. Rocky Mountain: \$3.02 (down 3.9% from March 2024); 4. Midwest: \$2.95 (down 11.0% from March 2024); 5. New England: \$2.95 (down 8.7% from March 2024); 6. Lower Atlantic: \$2.89 (down 11.8% from March 2024).

Motor Fuel Prices – March 2025, April 9, 2025, www.bts.gov

FedEx, UPS lose parcel market share to big retailers, smaller couriers



Source: Freightwaves

FedEx and UPS are losing market share to private fleets operated by online retailers and regional couriers, many of which have sprouted in recent years to meet e-commerce demand for last-mile delivery. That's the conclusion of a report on Thursday, April 10, 2025 from *ShipMatrix Inc.*, a parcel management, consulting and analytics firm with a strong history assessing industry trends.

FedEx, UPS lose parcel market share to big retailers, smaller couriers, April 10, 2025, www.freightwaves.com



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 Trump's trade war is driving U.S. into recession, Carney says



Source: Financial Post

Liberal Leader Mark Carney said Donald Trump's tariff policy is an act of economic self-sabotage that's pushing the United States into a downturn. Carney, the former governor of the Bank of Canada and Bank of England, said on April 7, 2025, the U.S. president's trade war is "self-harming to the American economy and therefore the global economy." "The U.S. is driving itself into a recession," Carney said at an election campaign stop in Victoria, B.C. "I think the core message to Canadians is something I've said over and over again, but I want to really emphasize — we can give ourselves far more than the U.S. can take away."

Trump's trade war is driving U.S. into recession, Carney says, April 8, 2025, www.financialpost.ca

 Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, March 2025



Source: Statcan

In March 2025, the preliminary number of international arrivals (returning Canadian residents and non-residents combined) to Canada by air and automobile was 4.9 million, down 14.0% from March 2024. This was the second consecutive month of year-over-year decline and the second decline observed since March 2021.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, March 2025, April 10, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

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March 2025 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.6%) Falls Below the March 2024 Level (5.4%) But Rises Above the Pre-Pandemic March 2019 Level (3.9%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) March 2025 4.2%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) March 2025 4.6%
▲ 0.3 change from same month last year	▼ -0.8 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.6% (not seasonally adjusted) in March 2025, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In March 2025, the transportation sector's unemployment rate fell 0.8 percentage points from 5.4% in March 2024 but was above the pre-pandemic March 2019 level of 3.9%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in March 2025 was 4.2% or 0.4 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in March 2025 was 4.2%.

March 2025 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.6%) Falls Below the March 2024 Level (5.4%) But Rises Above the Pre-Pandemic March 2019 Level (3.9%), April 4, 2025, www.bts.gov

EU carbon market emissions drop 5% in 2024, on track for 2030 target



Source: AJOT

Carbon dioxide emissions regulated under the European Union's emissions trading system (ETS) fell by 5% in 2024, driven by cuts in the power sector, the European Commission said on April 4, 2025. Around 45% of the European Union's output of greenhouse gases is regulated by the EU ETS, which is the 27-nation bloc's flagship

scheme to tackle global warming by charging for the right to emit carbon dioxide (CO₂). It forces manufacturers, power companies and airlines to pay for the CO₂ they emit by surrendering carbon allowances. "ETS emissions are now around 50% below 2005 levels and on track to achieve the 2030 target of -62%," the EU Commission said in a statement. The largest fall was in the power sector, which saw a 12% drop in emissions compared with 2023 levels. "This reduction is due to an increase in electricity production from renewables by 8% and nuclear by 5%, coupled with a decrease in gas by 8% and coal by 15%," the Commission said. Emissions from industry were stable, with a 5% cut in emissions from the cement sector offset by a 7% rise in the fertilizer sector. Aviation sector emissions rose around 15%, which the Commission said was due to a broadening of geographical coverage with non-domestic flights included. The ETS was expanded to include some maritime emissions last year, with 72 million tons of CO₂ reported for 2024.

EU carbon market emissions drop 5% in 2024, on track for 2030 target, April 4, 2025, www.ajot.com

Foreign Affairs Council (Trade), 7 April 2025

Ministers held a discussion on the EU's trade relations with the US, providing guidance for the forthcoming work. In light of the recent developments, particularly the (partial) imposition of US tariffs, the ministers took this opportunity to assess the impact of these new tariffs and explore the potential for negotiating mutually acceptable solutions, which remains the EU's preferred approach. Further to the EU's response in relation to the US tariffs on steel and aluminium, which is currently under preparation, ministers also addressed the possibility of further proportionate countermeasures if needed.

Foreign Affairs Council (Trade), 7 April 2025, April 7, 2025, www.europa.eu

Trump's tariffs cause trepidations in Asia

President Donald Trump's April 2 "tariff bombshell", as one Indian TV commentator called it, has caused trepidations among Asian nations, some of which face steep tariff increases and depend on the U.S. as their major market. Trump has not spared Asian nations deemed to be allies or friends. Taiwan, for instance, was handed down a 32% tariff imposition on its exports to the U.S. Taiwan's former Premier Cho Jung-tai said that the island would make "serious representations" to Washington. South Korea's acting President Han Duck-soo, reacting to the 25% tariff for his country, said that the global trade war had "become a reality"; his government would look for possibilities to overcome the "trade crisis". Japan described its 24% tariff rate as

“extremely regrettable”, adding that the U.S. was violating not only the World Trade Organization (WTO) but also bilateral US-Japan agreements. Other Asian nations facing tariffs include Vietnam (46%), Cambodia (49%), Thailand (36%), Indonesia (32%), Malaysia (24%), the Philippines (17%), Singapore (10%), etc. Indian shippers, on the other hand, were saying that things could have been “far worse” for India’s exports which face a flat 26% rate, though many businesses, dependent on exports to the U.S. market, feel that the tariff rate would particularly hit “labor-intensive exports”. India, whose initial reaction was subdued, wants a bilateral trade deal with the U.S. and is cautious to avoid any public criticism so as not to jeopardize the negotiations. India’s pharmaceutical industry, which is the largest supplier of generic medicines to the U.S. and accounts for exports totaling \$13 billion annually, was spared of Trump’s reciprocal tariffs.

Trump’s tariffs cause trepidations in Asia, April 7, 2025, www.ajot.com

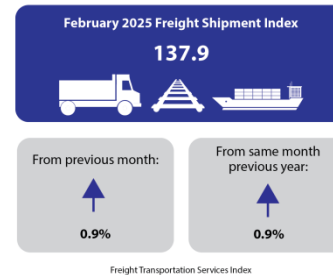
Commission sets course for Europe's AI leadership with an ambitious AI Continent Action Plan

To become a global leader in artificial intelligence (AI) is the objective of the AI Continent Action Plan launched on April 9, 2025. As set out by President von der Leyen at the AI Action Summit in February 2025 in Paris, this ambitious initiative is set to transform Europe’s strong traditional industries and its exceptional talent pool into powerful engines of AI innovation and acceleration. The race for leadership in AI is far from over. From cutting-edge foundation models to specialised AI applications, the AI landscape in the EU is dynamic. It is driven by research, emerging technologies and a thriving ecosystem of startups and scaleups. The AI Continent Action Plan will boost the European Union’s AI innovation capabilities through actions and policies around five key pillars

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February 2025 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 0.9% from the Previous Month and Up 0.9% from the Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, rose 0.9% in February 2025 from January 2025, rising after a one-month decline, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). A year ago, from February 2024 to February 2025 the index rose 0.9%.

February 2025 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 0.9% from the Previous Month and Up 0.9% from the Same Month Last Year, April 10, 2025, www.bts.gov



Transportation Consumer Price Index – March 2025

On April 10, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released the change in the costs faced by consumers for transportation goods and services, from March 2024 to March 2025, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The annual change in CPI is a measure of inflation. The CPI for all transportation goods and services fell 0.9% from March 2024 to March 2025. Transportation dampened 5.7% to the 2.4% increase in the price of all goods and services, per the CPI. Motor vehicle insurance contributed the most to inflation, rising 7.5% year-over-year and contributing 8.9% to the annual change in the price of all goods and services. By item, the top three contributors to inflation in March 2025 were: 1. Used cars and trucks: +0.7%; 2. Motor vehicle maintenance and repair: +2.3%; and 3. Motor vehicle insurance: +8.9%

Transportation Consumer Price Index – March 2025, April 10, 2025, www.bts.gov



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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.

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