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# Transportation's Top Stories Air Transport Updates

## CANADA

WestJet cancels new Austin route as U.S.-Canada travel demand slips



Source: Financial Post

<u>WestJet Airlines Ltd.</u> has cancelled its plans to launch new nonstop routes to some U.S. cities due to a drop in demand for travel between Canada and the United States. The airline announced earlier this week it was suspending its planned service to Austin, Texas, from Vancouver. The flights were scheduled to operate three times a week for the summer season, beginning May 11. "Due to a downward shift in demand for U.S. travel, WestJet has made the difficult decision to suspend scheduled direct service between Vancouver, BC and Austin, Texas," WestJet spokesperson Julia Kaiser said in an email statement. *WestJet cancels new Austin route as U.S.-Canada travel demand slips, May 2, 2025, www.financialpost.ca* 

Aeroplan Wins Big at the Prestigious 2025 Freddie Awards



Source: Air Canada

In the first week of May 2025, Air Canada's Aeroplan loyalty program was recognized with three prestigious Freddie Awards, including Best Program of the Year (Airline), Best Elite Program (Airline) and Best Promotion (Airline) for Aeroplan's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. "We're incredibly proud to be honoured among our peers at this year's Freddie Awards and this is especially meaningful as the culmination of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration," said Scott O'Leary, Vice President, Loyalty & Product at Air Canada. "A special thanks to our Aeroplan members for their support, and to our loyalty team, for bringing their full energy and commitment to the membership experience every day."

Aeroplan Wins Big at the Prestigious 2025 Freddie Awards, May 2, 2025, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

Air Canada Significantly Expands its Schedule to Latin America this Winter with Four New Destinations, 13 New Routes and 16% More Capacity



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on May 5, 2025 announced its winter sun schedule, reflecting its largest network expansion to Latin America to date with 16 per cent more seat capacity over last winter. Highlights of the carrier's exciting new services for the Winter 2025-26 season include new destinations to Rio de Janeiro, Cartagena, Guatemala City, and Guadalajara. As well, 13 new routes including to Santiago, Pointe-a-Pitre, Fort-de-France, Nassau, Montego Bay, and Huatulco are being introduced, along with additional frequencies to popular vacation destinations. In total, with over 55 daily flights and more than 80,000 seats weekly, Air Canada will offer the most comprehensive offering of any Canadian carrier flying to Latin America. All flights are now available for sale at aircanada.com, through Air Canada Contact Centres and via travel agents.

Air Canada Significantly Expands its Schedule to Latin America this Winter with Four New Destinations, 13 New Routes and 16% More Capacity, May 5, 2025, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

# Air Canada, Porter offer service to LaGuardia, JFK amid Newark airport troubles



Source: Financial Post

<u>Air Canada</u> and <u>Porter Airlines Inc.</u> are offering complimentary moves to New York airports for customers affected by ongoing <u>delays and</u> <u>cancellations</u> at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey. The disruptions at Newark peaked on May 3, 2025 as a shortage of air traffic controllers affected the airport's operations and those of its many carriers. The issue was exacerbated by ongoing runway construction and this week's bad weather. Air Canada said it had implemented "scheduling measures" ahead of time to mitigate the impact of the air traffic control delays. The airline said travel advisories are also in place for customers, which allow them to rebook flights to LaGuardia Airport and John F. Kennedy International Airport if they are travelling point to point. It recommends passengers contact Newark airport for more information. Similarly, Porter Airlines is offering complimentary booking changes allowing customers with flexibility the option of travelling between LaGuardia and <u>Toronto Pearson International Airport</u>, when space permits.

Air Canada, Porter offer service to LaGuardia, JFK amid Newark airport troubles, May 6, 2025, <u>www.financialpost.ca</u>

# WestJet suspends nine U.S. routes as Canadians avoid America



Source: National post

WestJet is suspending nine routes between Canada and the U.S. due to lower demand. The Canadian airline's service from Vancouver to Austin — a new route that was originally slated to start next week — is now on hold until October 2025. Other previously popular cross-border flights, including routes to Orlando, Los Angeles and Chicago, have been halted for various periods between June and August 2025, spokesperson Josh Yeats told Bloomberg News. The cancellations include routes for which WestJet is the only provider of nonstop flights. *WestJet suspends nine U.S. routes as Canadians avoid America, May* 6, 2025, <u>www.nationalpost.ca</u>

Air Canada Renews Agreement with The Landline Company for Luxury Motorcoach Land-Air

### **Connections in Southern Ontario**



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on May 7, 2025 said that after a year of successful operation it has extended its agreement with The Landline Company to continue providing seamless, luxury motorcoach land-air connections between Toronto Pearson and the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport and the Region of Waterloo International Airport. "Air Canada has been very pleased with the response to this innovative initiative that we launched as a pilot program a year ago. The results show our multimodal strategy is a popular and effective means to increase connectivity within our network while offering customers additional, convenient travel options....," said Ranbir Singh, Director, Regional Airlines and Markets at Air Canada.

Air Canada Renews Agreement with The Landline Company for Luxury Motorcoach Land-Air Connections in Southern Ontario, May 7, 2025, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

# Air Canada Reports First Quarter 2025 Financial Results

Air Canada on May 8, 2025 reported its first quarter 2025 financial results. The highlights were as follows: 1. Operating revenues of \$5.196 billion for the first quarter of 2025, 1% lower year over year. 2. Operating loss of \$108 million and adjusted EBITDA of \$387 million with adjusted EBITDA margin of 7.4%. 3. Cash flow from operating activities of \$1.526 billion and free cash flow of \$831 million, a year-over-year decrease of \$66 million and \$225 million respectively. 4. Leverage ratio of 1.3 at March 31, 2025, compared to 1.4 at end of 2024. 5. Completed purchase and cancellation of over 15 million shares in the quarter, completing the normal course issuer bid announced in November 2024. 6. Intention to launch substantial issuer bid (SIB) to purchase and cancel up to \$500 million of shares. Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada said "Our first quarter 2025 results show Air Canada is effectively managing through a turbulent period. Total operating

revenues of nearly \$5.2 billion were stable year-over-year on similar capacity. Our revenue diversification strategy remains sound; sixth freedom revenues grew, and Air Canada Cargo and Air Canada Vacations delivered solid results in the period. We recorded adjusted EBITDA of \$387 million. Winter is always a challenging test, yet in the quarter we made progress in on-time performance, baggage delivery and customer satisfaction. Most importantly, we carried our nearly 10.8 million passengers safely and I thank all employees for their hard work taking care of our customers."

Air Canada Reports First Quarter 2025 Financial Results, May 8, 2025, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

# Conex selling minority stakes in WestJet to Delta and Korean Air



Source: CBC

In a deal announced on May 9, 2025, Delta will acquire a 15 per cent stake in the Calgary-based WestJet for \$330 million US, while Korean Air will buy a 10 per cent stake for \$220 million US. Onex Corp. is selling minority stakes in WestJet to Delta Air Lines and Korean Air for a total of \$550 million US. Under the deals announced on May 9, 2025, Delta will acquire a 15 per cent stake in the Calgary-based airline for \$330 million US, while Korean Air will buy a 10 per cent stake for \$220 million US. After the deal closes, Delta plans to sell a 2.3 per cent stake in WestJet to its joint venture partner Air France-KLM for \$50 million US. Onex acquired WestJet in 2019. "Delta, Korean and Air France-KLM are among the world's most prominent and best-managed airlines," Tawfiq Popatia, co-head of Onex Partners, said in a statement. WestJet also signs deal with Lufthansa Technik for maintenance facility at Calgary airport "Onex is delighted to welcome them as shareholders in WestJet."

Onex selling minority stakes in WestJet to Delta and Korean Air, May 9, 2025, <u>www.cbc.ca</u>

### Porter Airlines penalized for violations of the ATPDR

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued administrative monetary penalties totaling \$120,000 against Porter Airlines for violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations (ATDPR). On September 8, 2024, Porter Airlines refused to transport a person with a disability and their service dog on a flight departing Toronto Pearson International Airport. These contraventions relate to subsections 51(1) (4) and 60(1) of the ATPDR. Porter Airlines has 30 days to request reviews before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

Porter Airlines penalized for violations of the ATPDR, May 8, 2025, <u>www.cta-otc.gc.ca</u>

### **US/WORLD**

"How bad will it get?' – Air cargo market awaits impact of tariffs and de minimis changes



#### Source: AJOT

Global air cargo volumes grew +4% year-on-year in April 2025 but with today's removal of the de minimis threshold for shipments from China into the United States expected to dramatically disrupt e-commerce volumes in the coming weeks and massive uncertainty hanging over the macroeconomic outlook, the question for the air cargo market in 2025 has become 'how bad will it be?', according to industry analysts Xeneta. Over the past 10 years, US consumers have paid no duty on shipments valued at \$800 or less, causing the volume of cross-border packages into the US to soar to some 1.35bn annually. Similar (but lower) exemptions exist in other countries. From today (May 2), however, low-value products sourced from China and Hong Kong into the US will now be subject to 145% new tariffs, with products sourced from postal services paying a different 120% duty on the value of the goods or a \$100 flat fee, rising to \$200 on June 1, 2025.

'How bad will it get?' – Air cargo market awaits impact of tariffs and de minimis changes, May 2, 2025, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

## **U.S. Airlines' March 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon down** 0.5% and Aviation Fuel Consumption up 18.4% from February 2025

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on May 5, 2025 released U.S. airlines' March 2025 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.609 billion gallons of fuel, 18.4% more fuel than in February 2025 (1.359 billion gallons) and 5.4% more than in pre-pandemic March 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in March 2025 (\$2.43) was down 1.3 cents (0.5%) from February 2025 (\$2.45). Total March 2025 fuel expenditure (\$3.92B) was up 17.8% from February 2025 (\$3.33B). Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for March 2025 includes a 0.5% increase in domestic fuel consumption, a 12.2% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and a 12.7% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption increased 17.8% from February 2025 to March 2025, while increasing 4.4% from March 2019. The increase in fuel consumption reflects growth in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' March 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 0.5% and Aviation Fuel Consumption up 18.4% from February 2025, May 5, 2025, <u>www.bts.gov</u>

# DHL cuts ties with cargo airlines as efficiency initiative ramps up



Source: Freightwaves

DHL's recent cancellation of transport partnerships with third-party airlines supporting its courier and freight forwarding networks is part of a new cost improvement campaign that helped the Express division achieve first-quarter operating profit despite lower shipment volume and rising trade volatility. DHL Express' operating profit increased 4.8% year over year to \$754 million as efficiency measures ramped up, while better pricing and product mix boosted revenue 2%, according to DHL Group financial results released on April 30, 2025. Management said improved capacity utilization, seasonal network adjustments and higher yields countered the drop in volume. Demand for time-definite international parcels, the Express division's core product, fell 7.1% to

975,000 items per day, while aviation supply costs for DHL's own fleet and purchased transportation declined 7% year over year. Operating costs at Express air hubs decreased 1%.

DHL cuts ties with cargo airlines as efficiency initiative ramps up, April 2, 2025, <u>www.frieghtwaves.com</u>

ensures hard-working air traffic controllers have a system they can rely on and one they deserve.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveils Plan to Build Brand New State-of-the-Art Air Traffic Control System, May 8, 2025, <u>www.dot.gov</u>

# Airline Service Quality Performance Data – January 2025

U.S. Airlines Operated Domestic Flights: January 2023–January 2025 Operated = Scheduled - Canceled

Marketing Network Carriers and their Branded Code-Share Partners



#### Source: BTS

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) on May 8, 2025 released its Airline Service Quality Performance (ASQP) data compiled for the month of January 2025. For additional information and interactive charts on transportation's role in aviation, please visit BTS' Aviation Facts and Figures. BTS regularly updates <u>TranStats</u>, with both Marketing Carrier On-Time Performance (Beginning January 2018) and the <u>Reporting Carrier On-Time Performance (1987-present)</u>. *Airline Service Quality Performance Data – January 2025, May 8, 2025, www.bts.gov* 

#### U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveils Plan to Build Brand New State-of-the-Art Air Traffic Control System

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May, 2025 unveiled a plan to build a brand new, state-of-the-art air traffic control system that will be the envy of the world. By replacing the current, antiquated system, the FAA will enhance safety in the sky, reduce delays, and unlock the future of air travel. This plan also



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## CANADA

## **CN Declares Second-Quarter 2025 Dividend**

CN announced on May 2, 2025 that its Board of Directors has approved a second-quarter 2025 dividend on the Company's common shares outstanding. A quarterly dividend of eighty-eight and threequarter cents (C\$0.8875) per common share will be paid on June 30, 2025, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 9, 2025.

CN Declares Second-Quarter 2025 Dividend, May 2, 2025, www.cn.ca

# CN Presents the 2024 Safe Handling Award to 213 Rail Shippers

CN on May 7, 2025 announced the winners of its 2024 Safe Handling Award. CN's Safe Handling Award recognizes customers who load freight cars with dangerous goods and meet rigorous safety standards in the handling and transportation of regulated products. Recipients must meet established criteria based on the total number of shipments of dangerous goods across all facilities. This award aligns with CN's ambition to be the safest railway in North America.

CN Presents the 2024 Safe Handling Award to 213 Rail Shippers, May 7, 2025, <u>www.cn.ca</u>

## US/WORLD

Union Pacific: Working with customers to reduce our collective carbon footprint



Source: AJOT

When Union Pacific Railroad opened an intermodal terminal in Phoenix last year, thousands of trucks that once traveled between ocean ports in Southern California and key markets in Arizona were replaced by trains. The shift reduced highway traffic but, perhaps more important, it also helped shippers and businesses who switched to rail reduce their collective carbon footprint. Railroads and their rolling, low-friction steel-on-steel operations are simply the most fuel-efficient way to transport goods and material over land, with one train able to move one ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a single gallon of gas. However, Union Pacific isn't sitting on its laurels. The railroad is continuously exploring new technologies and new ways of doing business to reduce fuel consumption and GHG emissions.

Union Pacific: Working with customers to reduce our collective carbon footprint, May 2, 2025, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

## BNSF 1Q25: Revenue Up, OR Down



Source: Railway Age

BNSF on May 5 released first-quarter 2025 results, including operating income of \$1.8 billion, a 6% increase from the prior-year period's \$1.720 billion, and an operating ratio (OR) of 67.9%, a 1.6% decrease compared to 2024's 69.5%. Total revenues for the first quarter 2025 increased 1% to \$ 5,693 million compared to 2024. Net income increase 6% to \$ 1,214 million in the first quarter compared to the same quarter a year ago.

<u>BNSF 1Q25: Revenue Up, OR Down</u>, May 5, 2025, <u>www.railwayage.com</u>

# Tariffs threaten model railroading as industry group seeks relief



Source: Freightwaves

The model railroad industry, along with other hobby sectors, faces an existential crisis as Trump administration tariffs of up to 145% on Chinese imports dramatically increase costs for manufacturers, retailers and consumers. In response, <u>the Hobby Industry Coalition</u> launched a national campaign May 5, 2025 seeking targeted tariff relief to protect American small businesses and the creative industries they support. The coalition, which represents a broad spectrum of the U.S. toy and hobby industry, highlights the potentially severe unintended consequences of current trade policies on low-risk consumer products that pose no national security concerns. Model railroading, a hobby enjoyed by millions of Americans, is particularly vulnerable as

manufacturers rely heavily on overseas production for components and finished products.

Tariffs threaten model railroading as industry group seeks relief, May 6, 2025, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

## USDOT Approves \$3.2B for 180 Infrastructure Grants



Source: Railway Age

Grants to be administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will support 24 projects for freight and passenger rail/transit, valued at a total of \$282.4 million. These projects were from the list of 180 projects that he U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on May 6, 2025 reported signing off as infrastructure grants, totaling more than \$3.2 billion.

<u>USDOT Approves \$3.2B for 180 Infrastructure Grants</u>, May 6, 2025, <u>www.railwayage.com</u>

## Railroads want feds to scrap 2-person train crew rule



Source: Freightwaves

The biggest U.S. railroads are asking the Trump administration to repeal a federal rule requiring two-person crews on freight trains. The trade group representing six Class I railroads in the U.S. and Canada termed the Biden-era rule "an unsubstantiated mandate that conflicts with the Trump administration's policy goals of regulatory reform, technological advancement, and data-driven rule-making." The filing marks a resumption of the railroads' campaign for single-person crews they say have been successfully implemented by hundreds of smaller railroads. Comments on the rule, which was finalized by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2024, were filed by the Association of American Railroads after an April 3 request for information by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Railroads want feds to scrap 2-person train crew rule, May 7, 2025, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

# AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week



Source: Railway Age

North American carload and intermodal traffic for the first 18 weeks of 2025 (ending May 3) was up 3.4% from the prior-year period, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported May 7. The United States and Canada saw gains, while Mexico experienced a loss. Total carloads for the week ending May 3 were 225,641 carloads, up 5.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 273,052 containers and trailers, up 9.4 percent compared to 2024. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 11,602 carloads, to 58,614; chemicals, up 1,965 carloads, to 34,376; and farm products excl. grain, and food, up 1,386 carloads, to 16,772. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included nonmetallic minerals, down 1,999 carloads, to 30,919; metallic ores and metals, down 1,085 carloads, to 19,231; and petroleum and petroleum products, down 1,032 carloads, to 9,607. Canadian railroads reported 94,256 carloads for the week, down 0.7 percent, and 78,395 intermodal units, up 3.3 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 18 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2.903.028 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.2 percent.

<u>AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 18, May 7, 2025,</u> <u>www.railwayage.com</u>



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# CANADA

Port of Montreal Releases 2024 Operating Results



Source: Railway Age

The Port of Montreal Authority (MPA) on May 7 released the Port of Montreal's 2024 operating results, showing "stable volumes" compared to 2023, \$143 million in operating results, and \$22.6 million in net earnings. The year was characterized by "several major port infrastructure projects, milestones in the energy transition, and many high points in community engagement."

Port of Montreal Releases 2024 Operating Results, May 8, 2025, www.railwayage.com

Press Release: First cruise ship refuels with LNG in Vancouver



Source: Seaspan ULC

On May 9, 2025, Seaspan Energy provided LNG bunkering services to Silversea's Silver Nova, marking the first time a cruise ship has refueled with LNG at the Port of Vancouver. The adoption of LNG bunkering at the port marks an important milestone as the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority supports industry efforts to enhance sustainability and reduce emissions.

Please read them full press release for full details: <u>https://ciltna.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Press-Release\_-First-cruise-ship-refuels-with-LNG-in-Vancouver.pdf</u>

## **US/WORLD**

West Coast politicians, port executives protest 'reckless' tariffs



Source: Freightwaves

A coalition of West Coast politicians and ports are warning that the Trump administration's tariffs are precipitating significant supply chain disruptions that will have far-reaching consequences for both regional and national economies. The officials from Washington, Oregon and California in a virtual press conference on May 1, 2025 said that the window to minimize economic damage is rapidly closing, with small businesses already facing dire consequences comparable to those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., the Trump administration inherited a "remarkably strong and resilient American economy" but is now "single-handedly pushing this nation towards a painful Republican recession while forcing a tax increase on everyone."

West Coast politicians, port executives protest 'reckless' tariffs, May 2, 2025, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

McCown: U.S. ports may see an unprecedented 25% drop in volume by July



Source: AJOT

Based on current projections, U.S. ports could see an unprecedented year over year reduction in container volumes of 25% by July 2025, according to John McCown, publisher the *John McCown Container Report.* In an interview with *AJOT*, McCown said that based on the current impact of the Trump administration tariffs on U.S. imports,

container volumes at U.S. ports will be "if nothing else changes, I see the year over year reduction ... in volume ... potentially printing in at the 25% range." McCown said he expected the 25% drop to impact U.S. ports by July: "I would speculate probably by July ...is going to be the first time that we start to see an impact. In May ... more on the West Coast. June is going to be kind of more on the East Coast but ... June will probably start to be pretty meaningful. But July would seem to have the effect of everything that is in place now." He noted that "40% of the inbound containers the U.S. come from, come from China and imposing a 145% tariff pretty much knocks the stuffing out of that." *McCown: U.S. ports may see an unprecedented 25% drop in volume by July, May 5, 2025, www.ajot.com* 

AAPA praises Trump budget for continuing port infrastructure grants but vows to fight \$1 billion cut in HMTF



Source: AJOT

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) praised the proposed Trump Administration Fiscal Year 2026 budget for "significant increases "in the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) but opposed proposed "deep cuts" to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) that will undermine "deep harbors that are properly maintained." On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, AAPA President and CEO, Cary Davis explained: "With robust proposed funding for competitive grants like PIDP and INFRA in President Trump's FY26 Budget, this Administration deserves tremendous credit for prioritizing the interests and needs of our nation's maritime industry. Regrettably, the billion-dollar proposed cuts to the self-sustaining HMTF are incompatible with the Administration's desire and aims to revitalize our nation's maritime industry and power. A strong maritime industry requires deep harbors that are properly maintained. We call on Congress to continue releasing the unspent balance accumulated in the HMTF."

AAPA praises Trump budget for continuing port infrastructure grants but vows to fight \$1 billion cut in HMTF, May 7, 2025, <u>www.aot.com</u>



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## CANADA



Source: Cantruck

At his first post-election press conference, Prime Minister Mark Carney announced his government's plan to cap the number of international students and temporary foreign workers. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is advising the Government of Canada and the future cabinet that immigration reform policy shouldn't just be based on the number of immigrants, but also how newcomers are brought to Canada, which sectors they work for and, most importantly, scrutinizing the employers that employ these workers and ensuring all labour standards are laws are upheld.

CTA Responds to Proposed Immigration Reforms, May 6, 2025, <u>www.cantruck.ca</u>

Lion Electric likely to be liquidated, court-appointed monitor says



Source: Todays Trucking

Lion Electric will very likely be liquidated following the Quebec government's refusal to invest more public funds in the company, says the court-appointed monitor for the electric-vehicle maker. Jean-François Nadon, a restructuring specialist with Deloitte, said in a Superior Court hearing on April 5, 2025 that government aid would have been a condition of any sale of the struggling company. With that possibility off the table, he said, it's unlikely any buyer will step forward with a plan to relaunch the St-Jérôme, Que.-based manufacturer, which sought protection from its creditors in December. "The likelihood of a liquidation of assets is very high," he said. Nadon said the government's recent announcement that it would not inject any more public money into Lion Electric was a "shock wave" for the company. *Lion Electric likely to be liquidated, court-appointed monitor says, May 5, 2025, <u>www.todaystrucking.com</u>* 

OTA marks progress in fight against driver misclassification, labor abuse



Source: Todays trucking

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) says it is making headway in its fight against the misclassification of drivers, under a scheme it refers to as Driver Inc. Three key provincial and federal agencies — Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) and Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) – gathered at the Whitby, Ont., inspection station in March to explore the issue and raise awareness. In addition to inspecting trucks for their weights and safety fitness, the organizations also checked drivers to ensure their carriers are obeying labor laws. The OTA says that, beyond enforcement conducting dozens of Level 3 inspections, ESDC handed out information about drivers' labor rights, while identifying companies deserving of a potential audit.

OTA marks progress in fight against driver misclassification, labor abuse, May 7, 2025, <u>www.todaystrucking.com</u>

CTA Writes Carney About Fixing Rampant Underground Economy and other Trucking Issues



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance formally congratulated Mark Carney on being elected the 24th Prime Minister of Canada, while also urging him to implement reforms to boost Canadian productivity and strongly

consider the longstanding core issues and concerns of compliant, responsible Canadian trucking businesses when selecting his cabinet. In its first letter to the new Prime Minister, CTA told Carney that he is presiding over a pivotal time in Canada's history as we face a trade war with our largest trading partner, while our own economy has sputtered and inflation has skyrocketed. "The tariff threat from the US is exacerbated by severe domestic economic headwinds and a stagnant, unproductive economy," wrote CTA president Stephen Laskowski. "It is evident there is much work to do to reshape and redirect the path towards achieving a brighter economic future." This negative economic outlook is further compounded by an "absolute state of lawlessness and a rampant underground economy," in the trucking sector, which "is fueled by the lack of federal government enforcement of labour law violations, human trafficking and tax evasion," Laskowski explained. Although the Government of Canada has been aware of this issue for a decade, there has not enough political motivation by any party, at all political levels, to seriously address the problem.

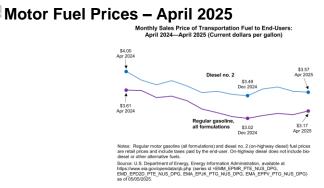
CTA Writes Carney About Fixing Rampant Underground Economy and other Trucking Issues, May 8, 2025, <u>www.ontruck.ca</u>

#### **US/WORLD**

#### Freight fraud losses surpass \$455M in 2024

Freight fraud surged last year, with more than US\$455 million in reported losses tied to theft, double brokering, and impersonation scams, according to Truckstop's 2024 Freight Fraud Report. The report reveals that 65,000 thefts recorded last year last year, representing a 40% increase from 2023. Nearly half (46%) of all thefts occurred in three states: California, Texas, and Illinois. Though, in an email to TruckNews.com, Truckstop said that there is no geographical discernment since fraud comes from all over the world trying to access the U.S. freight market. The scams are becoming more sophisticated, with online impersonation tactics and fake carrier schemes increasingly targeting small fleets. Double brokering activity has soared by as much as 400% in certain regions, the report says, worsening operational challenges for both brokers and carriers.

Freight fraud losses surpass \$455M in 2024, May 2, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com



On May 6, 2025, the <u>Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)</u> released <u>monthly motor fuels prices</u> for April 2025. In April 2025, the average price for regular motor gasoline was \$3.17; up 2.4% from March 2025. The April 2025 price for regular motor gasoline was down 12.2% from April 2024. There were minor differences between regional prices.

Motor Fuel Prices – April 2025, May 6, 2025, www.bts.gov



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## CANADA

Canada's Big Bank economists predict zero growth to come as first quarter sputters



Source: Financial Post

Canada's gross domestic product likely rebounded slightly in March 2025 after contracting more than expected in February 2025, leading some economists to signal that first-quarter growth will fall short of the Bank of Canada's estimate and be followed by a no-growth second quarter or worse. A flash estimate for March released by <u>Statistics Canada</u> on April 30, 2025 said the economy grew 0.1 per cent month over month, but growth contracted 0.2 per cent in February 2025 compared with economists' estimate for no change. The agency said poor weather in February contributed to some of the pullback in February, but economists said Canada's economy has been slowing since posting monthly growth of 0.4 per cent in January.

Canada's Big Bank economists predict zero growth to come as first quarter sputters, April 30, 2025, <u>www.financialpost.ca</u>

Canadian international merchandise trade, March 2025



Source: Statcan

In March 2025, Canada's merchandise exports decreased 0.2%, while imports were down 1.5%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$1.4 billion in February 2025 to \$506 million in March 2025. The March deficit is within the typical bounds for monthly revisions applied to imports and exports in subsequent months.

Canadian international merchandise trade, March 2025, May 6, 2025, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

## Canadian international trade in services, March 2025



Source: Statcan

Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit narrowed from \$0.6 billion in February 2025 to \$0.4 billion in March 2025. Overall, imports of services declined 0.9% to \$18.1 billion, while exports of services edged up 0.3% to \$17.7 billion. Imports of transportation services fell 5.3% to \$3.1 billion in March 2025, as services related to the transportation of goods declined alongside lower imports of goods. Imports of travel services declined 2.9% to \$4.7 billion in March 2025, due to lower spending by Canadian-resident travellers in the United States. Imports of commercial services increased 1.5% to \$10.2 billion in March 2025, led by higher imports of financial services. Exports of transportation services were up 3.6% to \$2.0 billion in March 2025, while exports of commercial services edged down 0.2% to \$10.2 billion.

Canadian international trade in services, March 2025, March 2025, May 6, 2025, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

#### **US/WORLD**

# April 2025 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (3.6%) Falls Below the April 2024 Level (4.7%) And the Pre-Pandemic April 2019 Level (3.7%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) April 2025 3.9%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) April 2025 3.6%
▲ 0.4	▼ -1.1
change from same month last year	change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 3.6% (not seasonally adjusted) in April 2025, according to the Bureau of

Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) <u>Unemployment in Transportation</u> dashboard. In April 2025, the transportation sector unemployment rate fell 1.1 percentage points from 4.7% in April 2024 and was just below the pre-pandemic April 2019 level of 3.7%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was lower than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in April 2025 was 3.9% or 0.3 percentage points above the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in April 2025 was 4.2%.

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### U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Approves Another 180 Grants to Get America Building Again



Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 6, 2025 announced the Department has approved another 180 infrastructure grants to get America building again. The latest grants, which total more than \$3.2 billion, are part of the unprecedented backlog of more than 3,200 projects the previous administration announced but did not execute. Since assuming office, Secretary Duffy and the Department of Transportation have approved a total of 329 grants, or roughly 10% of the Biden–Buttigieg backlog.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Approves Another 180 Grants to Get America Building Again, May 6, 2025, <u>www.dot.gov</u>

# The EESC demands immediate action to remove single market barriers and cut soaring living costs



Source: Europa

Despite steadily decreasing inflation in Europe, cost of living remains a concern, as millions of Europeans — especially the 94.6 million people at risk of poverty or social exclusion — continue to struggle with elevated prices. In its opinion *How single market dysfunctionalities contribute to the rising cost of living*, adopted at its plenary session on 29 April, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) identified single market fragmentation as a major driver of persistently high costs and called for swift measures to strengthen competition, lower prices and boost investment. 'The cost of living in Europe is fuelled by dysfunctionalities in the single market. We call for urgent action to tackle barriers that affect the costs of products (such as territorial supply constraints), and to speed up proceedings against national rules that infringe EU law,' said **Emilie Prouzet**, rapporteur of the opinion.

The EESC demands immediate action to remove single market barriers and cut soaring living costs, May 6, 2025, <u>www.europa.eu</u>

to lower its tariffs to 1.8% from 5.1% and provide greater access to U.S. goods. The agreement announced by Trump from the Oval Office marked the first since Trump triggered a global trade war with a barrage of levies on trading partners following his return to the White House in January. "It opens up a tremendous market for us," Trump said. "This is a really fantastic, historic day," Starmer said by teleconference. With the British economy struggling to grow, the tariffs had added to the pressure on his government. Jaguar Land Rover paused its shipments to the U.S. for a month and the government was forced to seize control of British Steel to keep it operating. The deal will reduce U.S. tariffs on British auto imports to 10% from the current 27.5% according to a UK statement. The lower rate will apply to a quota of 100,000 British vehicles, almost the total exported to the U.S. last year. U.S. tariffs on imports from the struggling UK steel industry will fall to zero from 25%, while British tariffs on U.S. ethanol will fall to zero from 19%. Both sides have agreed new reciprocal market access on beef - with UK farmers given a tariff-free quota for 13,000 metric tonnes. There will be no weakening of UK food standards on imports. Trump heralds 'breakthrough' deal with UK, May 8, 2025, www.ajot.com

#### Trump heralds 'breakthrough' deal with UK



Source: AJOT

President Donald Trump and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday announced a "breakthrough deal" on trade that leaves in place a 10% tariff on goods imported from the UK while Britain agreed



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## **EVENTS & WORKSHOPS**



Synergenics Consulting presents "Electronic Trade Documentation" virtual workshop on Friday, May 30 at 3 pm PT.

\*Note this is a paid event and will be in Canadian dollars noting it says American on the introduction of the workshop but on the registration form it is in Canadian currency.\*

Materials Included: E-workbook for full course to cover course sections outlined on this page, legal decisions found under UK, New York case law, including arbitration awards.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 by 5pm PDT.

#### OVERVIEW

This workshop is titled, 'Electronic Trade Documentation.'

This month, we are offering a workshop titled 'Electronic Trade Documentation', with a focus on the E-Ocean Bill of Lading as a Trade Document, under the Carriage of Goods Act by Sea, normally a paper document versus a digital copy.

We cover the UK Electronic Trade Documentation Act 2023. Chapter 38, to establish if UK legislation compromises state, nation legislation and its sovereign principles including the best interests of industry, companies, and the end consumer/public. Comparisons are brought forward between the US, Canadian and UK jurisdictions in terms of its adoption of the Act, if it is acceptable under each nation's sovereign laws, and if not, can bills still be converted from digital to hard copy without loss or delay of cargo delivery?

We discuss the topic of legal efficacy and integrity of the original bill of lading used as evidentiary documentation in litigated disputes, if they should arise.

We examine the impacts to Industry and companies having to exchange bills of lading in terms of added capital, human resources and training, cost of software and its implementation across all regions.

#### TAKE AWAY

The workshop will provide strategies, and identify tools to adopt in your organization, to navigate successfully through proposed new regulations in the Canadian and US jurisdictions, assuring choices, and the best interest of your operations, are not compromised.

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

Click here to view the agenda: <u>https://ciltna.com/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2025/05/BCAC25-Agenda-Outline-Single-Page-May-</u> <u>7.pdf</u>

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#### The 36th Annual Conference on Transportation Innovation and Cost Savings – September 25, 2025

This year's conference will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at The Toronto Hunt Club, 1355 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON, M1N 1R1.

In addition to a full day of engaging content, the conference includes a continental breakfast, lunch and many opportunities for networking. The Conference will also feature a number of industry leaders delivering their perspectives on transportation issues, including transport law and automotive logistics.

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# **Job Postings**

# \* Logistics Coordinator, IMT Group, Ingersoll, ON

#### Location:

Ingersoll, ON

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Provide support in all areas of freight scheduling.
- Inbound from globally sourced vendors.
- Outbound to internal and external customers and third-party storage facilities.
- Customs and Regulatory document control.
- Ensure compliance with import & export documentation prepared by IMT and our vendors and customers.
- Determine shipping requirements by coordinating with relevant functional areas, i.e. Quality, Engineering, Sales, Production, and Shipping
- Coordinate and collect any special receiving instructions/equipment requirements for inbound/outbound shipments.

- Collect, organize, and retain historical bid/actual data for all freight quoted and shipped for customers.
- Responsible for request for quote process and selecting carrier(s). Coordinate with multiple carriers, as appropriate.
- Analyze and validate freight invoices are complete and accurate.
- Measure functional metrics to evaluate and improve the overall process.
- Ensure IMT has, and maintains, visibility of all freight charges (i.e. freight, permits, detention, etc)
- Negotiate freight rates.
- Manage any claims that result from damage, delays or charges related to the transportation of shipments.
- Develop and maintain a good working relationship with all departments, suppliers, subcontractors and freight forwarders.
- Participate in proactive team efforts to achieve departmental and company goals.
- Protect confidential information by not communicating, disclosing to, or using for benefit of third parties.
- Ensure Tariff codes are updated in MRP/ERP and used for all cross-border shipping.
- Prepare monthly reports to submit to management and identify cost saving opportunities

#### **Requirements:**

- Post Secondary Degree/Diploma in Supply Chain Management, Logistics or equivalent. CCS preferred
- Minimum of 3-5 years of related logistics experience with cross border shipments and 3+ year's experience in a manufacturing environment
- Working knowledge of cross border shipments and experience working to directly resolve challenges presented during border crossings.
- Working knowledge of ACE and CERS portals.
- Strong proficiency with ERP/MRP systems and Microsoft Office.
- Advanced MS Excel skills are essential, with a requirement to create detailed spreadsheets for presentation to management.
- Strong understanding of inventory, and warehousing processes.
- Excellent organizational, planning and prioritization skills.
- High-level attention to detail and accuracy oriented.
- Excellent communication, problem solving and decisionmaking skills.

- Exceptional task management abilities.
- Growth mindset, goal oriented and focused on continuous improvement and cost savings
- High level of interpersonal skills to work effectively in a team environment.
- Proactive, with the ability to work with limited guidance.
- Flexibility to work extended hours as required, based on business needs.
- Knowledge of tariff classification(s)
- Knowledge of CUSMA and certification of goods
- Knowledge of freight code/NMFC and class for LTL(s)
- Knowledge of Defense industry considered an asset.

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### \* Warehouse Order Coordinator, BFG Enterprise Services, Markham, ON

About the job WAREHOUSE ORDER COORDINATOR

**Role:** Coordinates the timely movement of products to meet contractual commitments and client needs. Performs systems and carrier tracking, customs coordination, confirmations, and related activities for the movement of products. Daily activities include file creation, in-transit report creating, disbursements and usage, etc.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Manage priorities to meet shipping volumes
- Ensure that customer orders are delivered on time and in full as per service level agreements.
- Provide shipping department with schedules and documentation for next day loading.
- Verify completion of applicable delivery documentation.
- Confirm deliveries have been made and resolve discrepancies.
- Act as liaison between logistics and program management.
- Communicate daily with carriers, freight forwarders and clients in coordinating pick-up and delivery of shipments when required.
- Coordinate the activities of product flow from receiving, warehouse, assembly, and shipping on a timely and accurate basis. Report on issues, gaps and take corrective action where required.
- Comply with the organizations environmental, health & safety, recycling, sustainability efforts and quality assurance policies and standards.
- Prepare reports, metrics and analysis with the use of functions on MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access and Outlook) for distribution within the organization
- File maintenance, including but not limited to, invoices, waybills, international shipment, storage, daily shipment, inventory and monthly shipping lists.
- Expedites, traces and obtains verification of shipment delivery, audits inbound and outbound freight bills, files carrier damage claims and updates carrier contract information
- Perform any other duties as required

#### **Qualifications:**

- Completion of college courses in Logistics or Distribution an asset
- Experience with Microsoft GP is an asset
- Minimum two years of experience in Logistics/Warehousing
- Strong knowledge of Logistics and transportation
- Have strong attention to detail and the ability to prioritize and organize work
- Have excellent customer service and communication skills, and the ability to build collaborative relationships with clients and internal BFG staff
- Proficient with Microsoft Office

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## \* Logistics Coordinator, Forte Village Resort, North Tonawanda, NY

#### Job Summary:

Buffalo Pumps is seeking a detail-oriented and proactive Logistics Coordinator to support and enhance our shipping and order fulfillment processes. This role plays a critical part in ensuring that all pumps and parts are accurately documented, labeled, and shipped according to customer and regulatory requirements. As a member of the Production Planning Department, the Logistics Coordinator will collaborate closely with manufacturing, sales, and shipping teams to manage outbound logistics, maintain accurate records, and deliver exceptional service to our global customer base.

#### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Receive and record weights and dimensions for all outgoing parts and pumps.
- Utilize our ERP system to reserve parts for shipment, ensuring proper handling and packaging.
- Create and print packing lists and commercial invoices for shipments.
- Enter tracking information from daily shipping reports into ERP.
- Facilitate the photographing of marine and commercial pump orders prior to shipment.
- Monitor carrier performance, track open shipments, and ensure on-time delivery and freight compliance.
- Work with sales to resolve shipping discrepancies or urgent order requests.
- Collaborate with freight providers to schedule pickups, secure quotes, and confirm bookings.
- Help maintain inventory of shipping materials and coordinate restocking needs.
- Support internal process improvements related to shipping accuracy, customer documentation, and freight cost controls.
- Ensure compliance with DOT, ITAR, and international export regulations.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Technical Operations Manager.

#### **Requirements:**

#### EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- Previous experience working with an MRP based production planning and scheduling system.
- Experience with preparation of freight/traffic paperwork, including export shipping papers.
- 1-3 years of experience in a shipping or logistics role is desired.

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