

Transportation's Top Stories

Air Transport Updates

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The winter travel season is here!

Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) has shared some helpful editorial on their website for media and passengers to learn about their winter readiness plan. Winter is on the horizon, which means a busy travel season at YVR. The airport is expecting to welcome approximately 3 million travellers between December 1, 2025, and January 12, 2026, representing a two per cent increase compared to 2019, which represents YVR's historical high.

With a record-breaking 3 million travellers from December 1 through January, it's going to be busy at YVR. From travel tips to live operations updates, get ready for your trip through the airport this holiday season: https://news.yvr.ca/winter-at-yvr/

Expanded air transport agreements with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to allow more passenger and cargo flights

On December 1, 2025, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, and the Honourable Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade, announced that Canada has expanded its air transport agreements with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). These expanded agreements come following successful negotiations at the International Civil Aviation Organization's 17th annual Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN 2025), hosted this year by the Dominican Republic. The expanded Canada—Saudi-Arabia Air Transport Agreement includes: 1. Up to 14 passenger flights per week per country, up from four. 2. Unlimited all-cargo flights, up from three

weekly per country. 3. Open fifth-freedom rights for all-cargo services, which allow an airline to carry passengers or cargo between two foreign countries on a flight that begins or ends in its home country. Building on the Prime Minister's recent visit to the UAE where more direct commercial flights between both countries were announced, the expanded Canada—United Arab Emirates Air Transport Agreement includes: 1. An additional 14 passenger flights per week per country, for a total of 35 per country; 2. Unlimited all-cargo flights, up from four weekly per country; and 3. Open fifth freedom rights for all-cargo services. Airlines can begin offering services under these expanded agreements immediately.

Expanded air transport agreements with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to allow more passenger and cargo flights, December 1, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, October 2025



Source: Statcan

In October 2025, 5.0 million passengers were recorded passing through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports. This is a 4.5% increase over

October 2024 and 9.9% higher than the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level from October 2019. It is worthwhile noting that International traffic rises sharply, while transborder traffic wanes.

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, October 2025, December 1, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Porter Airlines lands in lush Costa Rica with start of new service

Porter Airlines is taking off to Costa Rica with the start of roundtrip service between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Liberia, Costa Rica (LIR). This marks the airline's first route to Central America. The Toronto-Liberia route operates up to six times weekly. It is the fourth in a series of new southern routes that Porter is launching this winter, including Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Nassau. It also complements joint venture partner Air Transat's network, giving travellers even more options for reaching southern vacation destinations.

Porter Airlines lands in lush Costa Rica with start of new service, December 4, 2025, www.flyporter.com

WestJet and Air Transat passengers fight back after airlines falsely claim they can't film disputes



Source: CBC

Jason Huang says he and three older relatives were simply trying to get back to Toronto in August 2025, when a routine check-in at the WestJet counter at Edmonton International Airport escalated into a confrontation. "The manager suddenly grabbed my phone," said Huang. "I was shocked." The family was wrapping up a trip to Banff, Jasper and Calgary and had already checked in online and printed their boarding passes. But Huang says at the check-in counter, a WestJet agent issued new ones for a later flight — without explanation. Legal expert says passengers are within their rights to record airport disputes.

WestJet and Air Transat passengers fight back after airlines falsely claim they can't film disputes, December 1, 2025, www.cbc.ca

Air Transat pilots give union the power to declare a strike



Source: CBC

The union that represents Air Transat's pilots said on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 that its members have voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike. While the results give the pilot union's governing body the authority to declare a strike as soon as Dec. 10, 2025 it is not in itself an immediate strike notice, the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) said in a news release. Air Transat stressed that this is a "common step in the collective bargaining process" and that operations were continuing as normal.

Air Transat pilots give union the power to declare a strike, December 4, 2025, www.cbc.ca

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October Air Passenger Demand Growth Accelerates to 6.6%



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for October 2025 global passenger demand with the following highlights:

1. **Total demand,** measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 6.6% compared to October 2024. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 5.8% year-on-year. The October load factor was 84.6% (+0.7 ppt compared to October 2024).

2. **International demand** rose 8.5% compared to October 2024. Capacity was up 7.1% year-on-year, and the load factor was 84.6% (+1.1 ppt compared to October 2024).

3. **Domestic demand** increased 3.4% compared to October 2024. Capacity was up 3.6% year-on-year. The load factor was 84.6% (-0.1 ppt compared to October 2024). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "October was a strong month for air travel with demand up 6.6% on the previous year. Of particular note is the 4.5% international traffic growth for carriers based in North America which comes after several months of basically flat performance."

October Air Passenger Demand Growth Accelerates to 6.6%, November 28, 2025, <u>www.iata.org</u>

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches New Initiative to Revitalize Dulles Airport into The International Gateway Our Nation's Capital Deserves

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on December 2, 2025 announced a new initiative to explore the revitalization of Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). The Secretary is inviting proposals and public-private partnership plans from the best and brightest developers, architects, and engineers to construct completely new terminals and concourses at IAD. These structures would replace or build on the existing main terminal and satellite concourses at IAD. Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches New Initiative to Revitalize Dulles Airport into The International Gateway Our Nation's Capital Deserves, December 2, 2025, www.dot.gov

Package travels: new rules on traveller protection

The European Union Parliament has struck a deal with Council on updating protection rules for package holidaymakers, based on lessons learned from the pandemic and high-profile bankruptcies. The draft law informally agreed by Parliament and Council negotiators clarifies the definition of a travel package, conditions for cancelling a trip, and travellers' rights to information, help and refund in various situations, including when their travel organiser goes bankrupt or extraordinary circumstances cause travel disruptions.

Package travels: new rules on traveller protection, December 3, 2025, www.europa.eu



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Rail Transport Updates

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Freight Rail Services Price Index, November 2025



Source: Statcan

Data for November for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on statcan webiste. The index for November 2025 was 131.3 compared to 126.7 for the same month a year ago and 130.2 in October 2025.

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

Building A Sustainable Future: CN Publishes Sustainability Report

CN on December 2, 2025 announced the release of its 2024 Delivering Responsibly Sustainability Report. The key highlights from the 2024 Delivering Responsibly Report are: 1. On **Environment CN** Achieved a 4% improvement in Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions intensity compared to 2023 and increased renewable fuel use to nearly 10% of locomotive fuel. CN maintained progress toward its science-based 2030 and 2050 ambitions. 2. On **Safety CN** recorded the second-best injury performance in CN's history and improved train accident

frequency by nearly 8% year over year and deployed enhanced behaviour-based safety training to identify and control workplace safety risks for frontline supervisors. 3. On **People CN** delivered more than 1 million hours of training, expanded accessibility upgrades across more than 30 facilities in Canada, and strengthened wellness programs for employees. 4. On **Community** CN contributed approximately \$20 million to community initiatives, managed more than 56,000 public line inquiries, and trained 97% of CN's Procurement and Supply Management team on sustainable procurement. 5. On **Governance CN was r**anked first among 215 companies on the S&P/TSX Composite Index for governance practices, reinforcing CN's commitment to integrity and transparency. As CN moves forward on its sustainability journey, the Company recognizes that collaboration is essential to success.

Building A Sustainable Future: CN Publishes Sustainability Report, December 2, 2025, www.cn.ca

Rail sector recognizes safety and environmental innovation with 2025 awards



Source: Inside Logistics

The Railway Association of Canada has announced the recipients of its annual Safety and Environment Awards, honouring companies and employees advancing safer and more sustainable rail operations. "Canada's railways are built on a foundation of innovation, discipline, and pride in the work we do every day," said Eric Harvey, president and CEO of the association. "This year's Safety and Environment award recipients demonstrate what is possible when we challenge ourselves to think differently and to lead with purpose. Their initiatives strengthen our industry, protect our communities and pave the way for a stronger future. I'm proud to congratulate each of them on their outstanding contributions." The Safety Awards recognized Cando Rail & Terminals for its Passing Knowledge initiative, a virtual, podcaststyle program designed to enhance safety culture and share best practices. Metrolinx was honoured for its Red Zone Green Zone Program, which improves planning and communication for construction and maintenance within rail corridors. On the environmental front, CN received an award for its redesigned B.C.

Rail sector recognizes safety and environmental innovation with 2025 awards, December 4, 2025, www.insidelogistics.ca

VIA rail marks the international day of persons with disabilities and unveils its new three-year accessibility plan

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) welcomed elected officials, partners, and members of its Accessibility Advisory Committee to its Ottawa Station today to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and to unveil its **2026–2029 Accessibility Plan**, recently submitted to the Government of Canada. "As Canada's national intercity passenger rail carrier, we have a responsibility to make transportation accessible to as many people as possible," said Mario Péloquin, President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Rail. "With unprecedented federal support and the guidance of our accessibility partners, we are delivering a travel experience that removes barriers and expands mobility for all Canadians."

VIA rail marks the international day of persons with disabilities and unveils its new three-year accessibility plan, December 3, 2025, www.viarail.ca

US/WORLD

Ports urge strict review of intermodal impacts from UP-NS merger



Source: JOC

The National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE) became the first group in ocean freight to weigh in on the proposed merger of Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern, arguing a combined railroad could mean less competition and further erosion in intermodal service reliability at US ports. In a Dec. 1, 2025 letter to the US Surface Transportation Board (STB), NAWE said its members are concerned that reducing the number of Class I railroads through UP's \$85 billion acquisition of NS will further degrade intermodal service at ports. Marine terminals need an intermodal rail service to handle increasing volumes of trade.

Ports urge strict review of intermodal impacts from UP-NS merger, December 1, 2025, www.joc.com

Ahead of mega-merger, railroads say they steady economy, supply chain



Source: Freightwaves

As regulators prepare to evaluate a controversial railroad merger that would reverberate through the U.S. supply chain, the leading industry trade group sought to boost the chances of that deal's approval by

emphasizing rail's critical role in the economy. <u>Analysis</u> by the Washington-based Association of American Railroads (AAR)_says rail acts to steady the supply chain compared to other freight modes. "Freight rail is more than a transportation mode; it is a critical tool for controlling costs, mitigating inflation and keeping our economy moving," said Rand Ghayad, AAR senior vice president of policy and economics, in a release. "This analysis shows those same advantages act as a shock absorber for consumers – keeping goods moving and costs predictable even during turbulent times." The study comes as Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern prepare to file their formal merger application with the Surface Transportation Board. The deal, if approved, would create the first coast-to-coast freight-only railroad. Ahead of mega-merger, railroads say they steady economy, supply chain, December 4, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Continues Downward Trend



Source: Railway Age

Total U.S. carload and intermodal traffic for the week ending Nov. 29, 2025, dipped 1.8% from the same point last year, marking the eighth consecutive week of fall offs, according to the Association of American Railroads' latest report, released Dec. 3, 2025. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 4,818 carloads, to 56,972; nonmetallic minerals, up 2,858 carloads, to 23,353; and grain, up 2,424 carloads, to 21,019. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included miscellaneous carloads, down 1,046 carloads, to 6,769; forest products, down 849 carloads, to 6,848; and chemicals, down 679 carloads, to 29,583. For the first 48 weeks of 2025, U.S. railroads reported cumulative volume of 10,660,309 carloads, up 1.8 percent from the same point last year; and 12,997,055 intermodal units, up 1.9 percent from last year. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first 48 weeks of 2025 was 23,657,364 carloads and intermodal units, an increase of 1.9 percent compared to last year. Canadian railroads reported 90,821 carloads for the week, up 2.6 percent, and 71,365 intermodal units, up 2.1 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 48 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,781,352 carloads, containers and trailers, up 2.3 percent.

<u>AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Continues Downward Trend</u>, December 3, 2025, www.railwayage.com

New analysis supports freight rail's role in containing inflation and strengthening supply chains

A new analysis from the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Policy and Economics team underscores freight rail's critical role as a supply chain stabilizer—helping mitigate inflationary pressures and reduce price volatility compared to other freight modes. The research highlights how railroads' structural and operational advantages—such as predictable pricing, resilience following disruptions and unmatched fuel efficiency—power a transportation solution that keeps costs in check and goods moving. Representing nearly 40% of long-distance freight by ton-miles, rail's price stability delivers significant macroeconomic benefits - namely taming inflation. "Freight rail is more than a transportation mode; it is a critical tool for controlling costs, mitigating inflation and keeping our economy moving," said Rand Ghayad, AAR Senior Vice President of Policy and Economics. "This analysis shows those same advantages act as a shock absorber for consumers—keeping goods moving and costs predictable even during turbulent times."

New analysis supports freight rail's role in containing inflation and strengthening supply chains, December 3, 2025, www.ajot.com



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Marine Transport Updates

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Port-wide vessel scheduling now operational, giving Canada's largest port a powerful tool to keep trade flowing

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has completed the final phase of its centralized scheduling system implementation, bringing the Fraser River, Roberts Bank, and the English Bay anchorage area into the system and achieving a full port-wide coverage. This milestone marks a significant step forward for the port authority-led <u>Active Vessel Traffic Management Program</u> and comes at a pivotal time for Canada's supply chains as the country seeks to diversify markets and strengthen resilience amid shifting global trade dynamics. With full coverage now in place, the system will support efficient, safe ship movements for more than 3,000 annual port calls across 29 marine terminals, including approximately 800 deep-sea vessel calls in the Fraser River and at Roberts Bank—areas where over \$200 billion worth of trade flows each year.

Port-wide vessel scheduling now operational, giving Canada's largest port a powerful tool to keep trade flowing, November 25, 2025, www.portmetrovancouver.com

Port of Vancouver launches new dashboard to boost supply chain visibility



Source: Inside Logistics

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has launched an open-access, web-based dashboard designed to provide real-time insights into intermodal cargo movements, a move the port authority says will help strengthen supply chain resilience and day-to-day coordination at Canada's largest port. The port authority says the tool offers a dozen metrics related to train, vessel and container truck performance, updated daily with up to two years of historical data. The dashboard is intended to help users identify trends, allocate resources more efficiently and better anticipate delays or disruptions. The launch comes as Canada seeks to bolster economic resilience and diversify trade. The port authority says improved "actionable visibility" can help stakeholders optimize operations and make more effective use of infrastructure, supporting national objectives and maintaining the port's competitiveness.

Port of Vancouver launches new dashboard to boost supply chain visibility, December 3, 2025, www.insidelogistics.ca

Canada re-elected to the International Maritime Organization Council

On November 28, 2025, Canada was re-elected to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council for the 2026-27 term. This demonstrates Canada's record of leadership in the Organization, and its role in promoting a safe, secure, and environmentally sustainable global maritime sector.

Canada re-elected to the International Maritime Organization Council, November 288, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

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PortMiami announces banner year for growth in cargo TEU volumes



Source: AJOT

PortMiami announced results for Fiscal Year 2025, which started October 1, 2024 and ended September 30, 2025, in both cruise and cargo operations. The port welcomed an unprecedented 8,564,225 cruise passengers, up from 8,233,056 the previous fiscal year, a 4.02% increase and the highest annual passenger count in the seaport's history. PortMiami also achieved another significant accomplishment in cargo performance. The port recorded 1,115,058 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), up from 1,089,443 TEUs the previous fiscal year, a 2.35% growth and marking 11 consecutive years exceeding one million TEUs. Hydi Webb, PortMiami Director and CEO said "PortMiami's record performance across both cruise and cargo operations reflects the dedication of our entire team and the strength of our partnerships with the cruise industry, cargo carriers, and the business community. As we continue to expand and modernize our facilities, our focus remains on providing safe, efficient, and resilient operations that support Miami-Dade County's economic growth and strengthen our position as a global gateway for travel and trade."

PortMiami announces banner year for growth in cargo TEU volumes, December 2, 2025, www.ajot.com

Trans-Pacific carriers tweak pricing strategy to keep rates from collapsing



Source: JOC

Container lines over the past two months have been able to keep spot rates from crashing in the eastbound trans-Pacific despite US imports from Asia falling and while they deployed significantly more tonnage in the same period. But that high-wire act will become increasingly precarious over the next two months. Import volume declines are expected to accelerate over the next 60 days as forwarders bemoan a deep lull in new bookings due to shipper uncertainty. Yet carriers plan to keep capacity elevated, with tonnage from Asia to the US West Coast set to rise almost 13% year over year in 2026.

Trans-Pacific carriers tweak pricing strategy to keep rates from collapsing, December 3, 2025, www.joc.com

Hapag-Lloyd buyout offer for Zim unlikely to get far: report



Source: JOC

Israeli business newspaper *Globes* reported on December 3, 2025 that Zim received a buyout offer from Hapag-Lloyd as part of the strategic review its board of directors is undertaking. Zim's board is considering offers to sell the company, including one from its own Chief Executive Eli Glickman. Zim Integrated Shipping Services is reportedly fielding offers from other ocean carriers for a buyout, but the Israeli government's stake in Zim and the partial Arabic state ownership of one potential suitor are complicating a possible deal. The state of Israel has a special share in Zim that requires government approval for any merger or sales transaction.

Hapag-Lloyd buyout offer for Zim unlikely to get far: report, December 4, 2025, <u>www.joc.com</u>



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Road Transport Updates

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For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, third quarter 2025



Source: Statcan

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is now available for the third quarter on statcan website. The index was 121.2 for the third quarter of 2025 compared to 122.0 for the same quarter a year ago and 121.5 for the second quarter of 2025. Sub components of the sector are provided on the website.

For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, third quarter 2025, November 28, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, October 2025



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for October on statcan website. The index for October 2025 was 143.1 compared to 136.0 for the same month a year ago and 142.5 in September 2025.

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, October 2025, November 2, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Ontario Awards Contracts to Advance Work on Bradford Bypass

The Ontario government has awarded contracts for the detail design of the central and east sections of the Bradford Bypass, marking a significant milestone in the province's plan to build the four-lane, 16-kilometre highway that will relieve gridlock and cut travel times across York Region and Simcoe County by 35 minutes. The province has also awarded a program management consultant contract to oversee the full Bradford Bypass project, including design, quality assurance,

schedule and construction oversight. Construction of the highway will support more than 2,200 jobs per year and contribute \$286 million to Ontario's GDP.

Ontario Awards Contracts to Advance Work on Bradford Bypass, November 28, 2025, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Workhorse Group, Motiv merger approved



Source: Todays Trucking

Workhorse Group's shareholders have approved the company's planned merger with Motiv Electric Trucks, the companies announced Nov. 25, 2025. The merger is part of the companies' effort to accelerate the development and wider rollout of medium-duty electric trucks. The deal is expected to close in the coming weeks, subject to final conditions, including the entrance by Workhorse and Motiv's largest investor into a new debt financing facility and the receipt of approval from Nasdaq.

Workhorse Group, Motiv merger approved, November 28, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com



Ontario Extending One Fare to Keep Transit Costs Down for Riders

Building on the success of One Fare, which is saving transit users in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) up to \$1,600 per year, the Ontario government is extending the program for an additional two years to continue keeping transit costs down for riders. Since launching in 2024, One Fare has saved Ontarians nearly \$200 million and enabled nearly 62 million free transfers across participating transit agencies. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation said that "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is delivering on our promise to protect the hardworking people of Ontario in the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty. We're extending the elimination of double fares through One Fare to make transit more affordable and convenient, saving commuters up to \$1,600 each year."

Ontario Extending One Fare to Keep Transit Costs Down for Riders
December 1, 2025, www.mto.on.gc.ca

CTA Welcomes Federal Enforcement Blitz to Crack Down on Driver Inc. Misclassification



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) applauds the Government of Canada's newly announced enforcement blitz targeting worker misclassification in the federally regulated trucking sector. This decisive action is an important step toward ensuring fairness, safety, and long-term stability across Canada's transportation industry. The enforcement blitz in Hamilton and the Greater Toronto Area will focus on identifying and addressing cases of misclassification under the Driver Inc. model. This practice improperly treats employees as independent contractors, denying them basic employment protections, fueling labour abuse, and creating an uneven playing field for compliant carriers.

CTA Welcomes Federal Enforcement Blitz to Crack Down on Driver Inc. Misclassification, December 1, 2025, www.ontruck.ca

Ontario Completes Construction of Grand River Bridges

The Ontario government has completed construction of the Grand River bridges on Highway 401 in Kitchener and the rehabilitation of the King Street overpass between Kitchener and Cambridge, shortening travel times through this corridor and laying the groundwork for future widening of the highway from six to 10 lanes. The project is part of the government's nearly \$30 billion plan to build, expand and repair highways, roads and bridges across the province, helping to protect Ontario's economy and keep thousands of workers on the job in the face of U.S. tariffs and economic uncertainty.

Ontario Completes Construction of Grand River Bridges, December 3, 2025, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Quebec's Eco-Trucking program back in business



Source: Todays Trucking

Quebec's Eco-Trucking program has been officially reopened with \$145.4 million in funding now available for fleets looking to improve their sustainability. The program was suspended last fall when funds were depleted. Several industry players — including the Quebec Trucking Association (QTA), Propulsion Québec and many carriers had called for its relaunch in a joint statement. "It is essential to support the road freight transport industry in its transition to green technologies. I am aware that the renewal of the Eco-Trucking program was expected by the industry, and it has now been done," said Jonatan Julien, minister of transport and sustainable mobility, "I encourage companies in the sector to submit their funding applications and embrace sustainable mobility." The program is funded through March 2028.

Quebec's Eco-Trucking program back in business, December 3, 2025. www.todaystrucking.com

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Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Exposes Illegally Issued Non-Domiciled CDLs in Minnesota

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on December 1, 2025 exposed that one third of Minnesota's non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) reviewed by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) were issued illegally. Minnesota has 30 days to come into compliance and revoke the illegally issued licenses-or risk losing up to \$30.4 million in federal highway funding. After months of deadly crashes caused by illegal foreign drivers, the Department is cracking down on states that have failed to follow the law.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Exposes Illegally Issued Non-Domiciled CDLs in Minnesota, December 1, 2025, www.dot.gov

Motor Fuel Prices – November 2025

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Monthly Sales Price of Transportation Fuel to End-Users:

Source: BTS

On December 2, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released monthly motor fuels prices for November 2025. In November 2025, the average price for regular motor gasoline was \$3.05 per gallon; down 0.3% from October 2025 and down 0.1% from November 2024. By region, the average price for regular motor gasoline in November 2025 was and year-over-year change was as follows: 1. West Coast: \$4.12 (up 5.4%); 2. Central Atlantic: \$3.10 (down 0.7%); 3. New England: \$2.97 (down 0.9%); 4. Rocky Mountain: \$2.92 (down 2.1%); 5. Midwest: \$2.88 (down 0.4%); 6. Lower Atlantic: \$2.83 (down 3.1%); 7. Gulf Coast: \$2.59 (down 1.5%). The average price for diesel no. 2 was \$3.82 in November 2025, up 3.9% from October 2025, and up 8.5% from November 2024.

Motor Fuel Prices – November 2025, December 2, 2025, www.bts.gov



President Trump & Transportation Secretary Sean P. **Duffy Unveil New "Freedom Means Affordable Cars" Initiative to Reset Fuel Economy Standards**

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy alongside President Donald J. Trump in the Oval Office on December 3, 2025 unveiled the Administration's new "Freedom Means Affordable Cars" proposal to reset the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)'s corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards. The Biden-Buttigieg administration broke the law by setting standards that went far beyond the requirements mandated by Congress - all to artificially juice supply for electric vehicles that American consumers didn't ask for. The Trump Administration's new standards will save American families from bearing a hidden cost-of-living increase in auto prices because of the Biden-Buttigieg illegal rule. They will also revive the beating heart of American manufacturing and unshackle the nation's automotive industry to produce safer, more affordable cars that American families want to buy. The "Freedom Means Affordable Cars" proposal is projected to save the American people \$109 billion over the next five years and save families \$1,000 on the average cost of a new vehicle. By helping more Americans buy newer, safer vehicles, NHTSA also estimates more than 1,500 lives would be saved and almost a quarter-of-a-million serious injuries would be prevented through 2050.

President Trump & Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveil New "Freedom Means Affordable Cars" Initiative to Reset Fuel Economy Standards, December 3, 2025, www.dot.gov



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Canada's economy grows 2.6%, beating expectations and avoiding recession



Source: Financial Post

The <u>Canadian economy</u> grew at an annualized rate of 2.6 per cent in the 2025 third quarter, blowing well past the expectations of the <u>Bank of Canada</u> and economists. Forecasters had predicted <u>gross domestic product (GDP)</u> would expand by a much more modest 0.5 per cent. The momentum was driven by Canada's strengthening trade balance, with a decrease in imports and an increase in exports during the quarter, <u>Statistics Canada said on Friday, November 28, 2025.</u> It was also helped by increased capital spending by governments, with business investment remaining flat.

Canada's economy grows 2.6%, beating expectations and avoiding recession, November 28, 2025, <u>www.financialpost.ca</u>

National Travel Survey and Visitor Travel Survey, second quarter 2025



Source: Statcan

During the second quarter of 2025, Canadian residents took 99.3 million trips within Canada and abroad, up 8.5% from the same quarter in 2024. From April to June 2025, visitors from the United States and overseas countries made 8.0 million trips to Canada, a 3.1% year-over-year decrease. The observed trends were as follows: 1. Domestic tourism: Canadian-resident visits within Canada increase; 2. Outbound tourism: Canadian-resident visits to the United States decrease, while visits to overseas countries increase; and 3. Inbound tourism: US visitors to Canada decrease, while overseas visitors increase.

National Travel Survey and Visitor Travel Survey, second quarter 2025 December 2, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca



Premier Eby hints at being open to second oil pipeline to Vancouver



Source: Financial Post

Premier David Eby would be less hostile to the prospect of a new pipeline from Alberta to the B.C. coast if it were to a port that didn't require lifting Canada's moratorium on oil tanker traffic off the North Coast, he said on November 30, 2025. Shifting destinations to the South Coast, however, wouldn't overcome questions about long-term demand for a new oil pipeline or how well it would fit in the already busy Port of Vancouver, according to resource industry expert Tom Gunton. "That's a question that would require a fairly detailed feasibility assessment, whether (the port) could handle it or not," said Gunton, director of the resource and environmental management planning program at Simon Fraser University. Resource industry expert questions long-term demand for a new oil pipeline and how well it would fit in the already busy Port of Vancouver.

Premier Eby hints at being open to second oil pipeline to Vancouver, December 2, 2025, www.financialpost.ca

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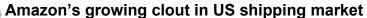
World economy shows surprising tariff resilience, OECD says



Source: Financial Post

The global economy is weathering Donald Trump's trade tariffs better than expected as activity gets a boost from strong investment in artificial intelligence and supportive fiscal and monetary policies, the OECD said. It continues to predict global growth will slow to 2.9% in 2026 from 3.2% in 2025. The Paris-based organization raised its U.S. and euro-area growth forecasts for this year and next, and made small upward adjustments for other major economies in its latest outlook. Still, it continues to predict global growth will slow to 2.9 per cent in 2026 from 3.2 per cent in 2025 as the full effects of levies on trade have yet to be felt.

World economy shows surprising tariff resilience, OECD says, December 2, 2025, www.financialpost.ca





Source: AJOT

Amazon's investments in new fulfillment centers and delivery stations have gradually cemented the online giant's position as a key player in the nearly \$193 billion U.S. parcel industry, long dominated by UPS, FedEx, and the U.S. Postal Service. The company said on Thursday. December 4, 2025 that it was in discussions with the U.S. Postal Service about the relationship and was considering its options before the current contract expires next year. Here's a snapshot of the U.S. delivery market: 1. The U.S. courier and parcel market is expected to grow to \$239.38 billion by 2030, data from Mordor Intelligence shows. 2. Amazon surpassed UPS and FedEx in delivery volumes last year, according to Pitney Bowes' parcel shipping index report. 3. Americans shipped 22.37 billion parcels in 2024, with Amazon delivering 6.3 billion of them, narrowly trailing USPS' 6.9 billion, the report showed. 4. Amazon is on track to exceed USPS volumes by 2028 with 8.4 billion parcels, Pitney Bowes forecast in 2024. 5. Amazon accounted for a 15.3% market share by revenue in 2024, marginally behind USPS' 15.8%. 6. UPS and Amazon are already scaling back their partnership, with UPS planning to cut the volume it handles for the retailer by more than 50% by 2026. 7. US President Donald Trump said in February he was considering merging USPS -- which posted a \$9.5 billion loss last year -- with the Commerce Department, a move Democrats said would violate federal law. 8. Amazon pledged more than \$4 billion in April to expand its U.S. rural delivery network by the end of next year. Amazon.com said on Thursday the e-commerce giant is in discussions with the U.S. Postal Service about its future relationship and considering its options before its current contract expires next year. The Washington Post reported Thursday new Postmaster General David Steiner plans to hold a reverse auction in early 2026 that might create more competition within the Post Office for Amazon's business by offering access to postal facilities to the highest bidder, rather than directly to Amazon. It would make the company compete with national retail brands and regional shipping firms.

Amazon's growing clout in US shipping market, December 4, 2025, www.ajot.com



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The GRG is a new professional practice network connecting rail experts worldwide, spanning high-speed rail, light rail, metro and urban systems, regional and intercity rail, and rail freight.

Founded and led by Andrew Young FCILT (Chair) and Darren King FCILT (Vice Chair), the Group will provide a platform for sharing knowledge, developing thought leadership and advancing sustainable, efficient rail systems across the globe.

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Job Postings

* Logistics Manager, Alstom, Toronto, ON, Canada

The Logistics Manager will be responsible for the development and implementation of the Project's logistics strategy. The ideal candidate will have the following:

- Able to demonstrate significant expertise in site logistics, traffic management, site coordination, material and equipment delivery, and other applicable technical fields.
- Demonstrated experience in managing teams to deliver integrated logistics solutions on complex projects and programs.
- Strong technical capability in all project phases, including design, planning, construction, operations, and maintenance preferably large program/projects.
- Demonstrable experience in managing senior stakeholder relationships and providing strategic level reporting to enable effective decision making.
- Excellent stakeholder engagement and communication skills including the ability to facilitate meeting / workshops with large groups of stakeholders.
- Drive and optimize all logistics operations to support all installation activities.
- Experience with Third-Party Logistics (3PL) subcontractors and contracts.
- Experience with international logistics including supply chain, freight, customs, duties, import and export.
- Provide strong leadership to the logistics team.
- Responsible for the budgets based on schedule and project needs for all program logistics

Mandatory:

- A recognized university degree;
- 7-10 years experience in a logistics-related leadership role;
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in large railway projects or equivalent infrastructure programs;
- A working understanding of the requirements from the Ontario Health and Safety Act;
- Proven track record of managing logistics programs including warehousing, logistics management, and transportation management;
- Fluent in English;
- Knowledge of the typical logistics, supply chain and warehousing processes supporting major projects.

Competencies and Skills:

- Relevant industry software to support logistics, supply chain and administrative duties.
- Ability to make critical decisions based on evidence
- Exceptional communication and collaboration skills

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* Trade Compliance Specialist (Logistics), Ottawa, ON, Canada

Job Description Reporting to the Senior Manager Global Logistics & Customs, the Trade Compliance Specialist (Logistics) primary function is to ensure adherence to import and export regulations while promoting collaboration across various departments to enable efficient international trade operations. The role focuses on mitigating risks, maintaining compliance with relevant laws, company policies and facilitating the smooth functioning of our global supply chain.

Key Responsibilities

- Multitask and prioritize tasks in a fast-paced environment while maintaining accuracy and attention to detail.
- Act as a point of contact for trade compliance inquiries within the organization.

- Work with Procurement to maintain all foreign trade data for purchased raw and finished materials and sold goods, including classification for EAR.
- Partner with Engineering and Logistics to classify products and technologies under the appropriate Harmonized System (HS) codes and retain proper records.
- Coordinate with Logistics to manage customs clearance and shipping documentation.
- Liaise with Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) and Nordion Security to address embargoes, sanctions, and other trade restrictions.
- Proactively identify and resolve import and export issues, develop risk mitigation strategies, and monitor changes in global trade regulations (i.e. Dual-Use Items (Export Control) Regulations.
- Collaborate with the Senior Manager of Global Logistics and Customs to design and implement processes and procedures that ensure full compliance with import and export regulations across Canada, the U.S. the UK, and other EU countries.
- Build exceptional relationships with internal & external stakeholders, achieving compliance, operational excellence, and strategic alignment.
- Collect and report data for KPI measurement.

Education And Experience

3–5 years of experience in import/export regulations, trade compliance policies and customs procedures.

Previous experience in trade compliance, logistics, supply chain, or international business.

Experience with customs declarations, shipping documentation, global customs operations and trade agreements such as CUSMA/USMCA or WTO policies.

Proficient with Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes classifications.

Ability to identify trade compliance risks and recommend corrective actions.

Strong skills in coordinating with customs brokers, freight forwarders, and government agencies.

Analytical and problem-solving abilities.

Excellent communication and collaboration skills.

Education

Diploma or associate degree from a recognized community college in one of the following disciplines:

International Business

Supply Chain Management

Logistics and Transportation

Customs and Border Services

Business Administration

Skills and Experience

Equivalent combination of education and 3–5 years of relevant experience in trade compliance, import/export operations, customs brokerage, or global logistics will also be considered.

Demonstrated experience in customs declarations, shipping documentation, global customs procedures, and trade agreements such as CUSMA/USMCA and WTO policies

Proficient in classifying goods using Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes

Skilled at identifying trade compliance risks and implementing effective corrective measures

Strong coordination abilities with customs brokers, freight forwarders, and regulatory agencies

Excellent analytical thinking and problem-solving capabilities

Solid technical understanding of company products, including hand tools, mechanical and computer components, and electronic systems

Certificates

Current or working towards a certification, such as Canadian Society of Customs Broker (CSCB), Certified Customs Specialist (CCS) or Certified Export Specialist (CES) is highly desirable.

A customs broker license is an asset.

Additional Requirements

Flexibility to work occasional overtime to support project deadlines

Willingness to travel occasionally for training, meetings, or projectrelated activities

Training Required

Must complete all required training and certification as a Nuclear Energy Worker.

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* Director, Intermodal Optimization, Halifax Port Authority, Halifax, NS, Canada

With a core mandate to facilitate the movement of goods and people in support of economic development, and a commitment to safe, efficient, and sustainable operations, the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) plays a vital role as a strategic gateway to global markets. As a strategic port operator, HPA creates value for customers, partners, visitors, and the broader community through its three pillars of business: cargo, cruise, and real estate. The port is a hub of international connectivity, with the world's largest shipping lines calling here and linking Halifax to over 150 countries.

To advance its commitment to innovation and operational excellence, the Halifax Port Authority is seeking a Director, Intermodal Optimization. This is a strategic leadership role designed to optimize the efficiency and transparency of Halifax's supply chain performance through collaboration with the port's principal operators while analyzing and aligning with market demands and financial objectives. Reporting to the Senior Vice President, the Director ensures service level commitments are developed and met through data-driven planning, execution, and continuous improvement. The role involves managing a structured improvement cycle (Plan, Execute, Measure, Adjust), collaborating with key stakeholders, and delivering insights that support operational fluidity. With a focus on facilitation, the Director helps maintain the Port's competitiveness by aligning with national mandates, responding to market needs, and contributing to throughput growth, revenue generation, and long-term sustainability.

HPA is seeking a seasoned professional in supply chain with analytics experience working in container terminal and/or intermodal operations. The successful candidate brings strategic thinking, broad business acumen, and a proven ability to lead analytics or data-driven teams in client-facing environments. With the credibility to serve as an effective facilitator, strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential,

along with fluency in performance reporting and metrics. The ability to work independently, manage competing priorities, and maintain composure under pressure is critical. A second international language is considered an asset. This position demands analytical rigor, discretion, and adaptability, as well as the capacity to build and sustain effective relationships across a wide range of stakeholders.

To Apply

To fill this position, Halifax Port Authority has partnered with leadership advisory firm Odgers. Applications are encouraged immediately and should be submitted online ideally at https://careers.odgers.com/enca/30704

We thank all those who express an interest, however only those chosen for further development will be contacted.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Halifax Port Authority (HPA) embraces a culture of belonging. No matter who you are, where you're from, how you think, what you believe in, or whom you love, HPA welcomes your application. HPA is made up of diverse backgrounds with unique perspectives and experiences. They encourage applications from 2SLGBTQ+, Black, Indigenous, and people of colour, women, newcomers to Canada, and people with disabilities. If you require any accommodation in the application and interview process, please get in touch.

Odgers is deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all the work that we do. As part of our efforts to better understand our ability to reach as broad a pool of candidates as possible for our searches, our DEI team would like to encourage you to take a moment and access our Self-Declaration Form.



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