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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **Air Canada Expands Premium Airport Experience with New Café Openings in Montréal and Vancouver**

Air Canada on April 10, 2026 opened a new Air Canada Café at Vancouver International Airport (YVR), marking its second Café location for its Domestic customers, expanding its premium ground offering and continuing its investment in the customer experience. This follows the successful launch of a new Café at Montréal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL) in the Transborder sector. "With our first Vancouver Café, we celebrated the spirit of the city, and we're thrilled to deepen that connection with a second and larger Café space that adds more of the features our customers love," said Jacqueline Harkness, Managing Director, Product & Services at Air Canada. "The new Vancouver and Montréal Cafés are key parts of our commitment to keep investing in the customer journey. Each is designed to capture the unique spirit of its respective city, and we look forward to welcoming our customers to these new spaces."

*Air Canada Expands Premium Airport Experience with New Café Openings in Montréal and Vancouver, April 10, 2026, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

#### **Air Canada Unveils Next Generation Glowing Hearted Cabins**

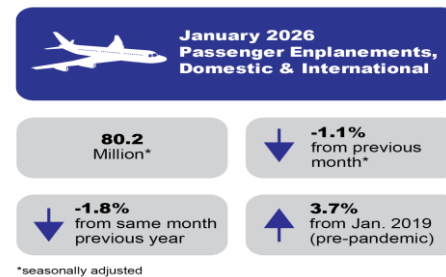
Air Canada on April 14, 2026 detailed its most significant cabin investment, unveiling new long-haul cabin designs at the Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg, Germany. The first major expression of its new Glowing Hearted standard, the design delivers a distinctly Canadian experience, emphasizing comfort, care, and connection for all customers on every flight, while signalling the airline's bold growth ambitions. "This investment is about fundamentally redefining the experience of flying with Air Canada. From the moment of stepping

on board, we're setting a new standard for how Canadians and the world connect with our brand," said Mark Nasr, Executive Vice President & Chief Operations Officer at Air Canada. "Details matter: we listened closely to feedback and challenged ourselves to create an experience defined by a strong Canadian sense of place, alongside a commitment to craftsmanship, functionality, and long-term durability. This investment in the care and comfort of our customers is a key element of our New Frontiers growth strategy to become one of the world's leading airlines."

*Air Canada Unveils Next Generation Glowing Hearted Cabins, April 14, 2026, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **January 2026 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Down 1.8% from the Same Month Last Year**



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 69.5 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in January 2026, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, January enplanements are down 1.1% from December 2025 and down 3.7% from the all-time high reached in June

2024. BTS reported 59.1 million domestic passengers and 10.4 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in January 2026, not adjusting for seasonality. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS.

*January 2026 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Down 1.8% from the Same Month Last Year, April 10, 2026, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## ✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and the Federal Aviation Administration Unveil New Campaign to Target Next Generation of Air Traffic Controllers**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced on April 10, 2026 that the Federal Aviation Administration will open its annual air traffic control (ATCS) hiring window at 12 am midnight on April 17, 2026. Candidates have the opportunity to step into one of the most dynamic jobs in the world. *"To reach the next generation of air traffic controllers, we need to adapt. This campaign's innovative communication style and focus on gaming taps into a growing demographic of young adults who have many of the hard skills it takes to be a successful controller,"* said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy. *"Thanks to President Trump — we've already made incredible progress with the highest controller staffing levels in six years. There's never been a more exciting time to become a controller and level up into a career with a strong purpose—keeping American families safe."*

*Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and the Federal Aviation Administration Unveil New Campaign to Target Next Generation of Air Traffic Controllers, April 10, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ **Weekly Air Cargo Trends #14 – March 30 to April 5, 2026**

With the exception of the Middle East and South Asia (MESA), airfreight tonnage was in retreat across the globe during week 14 (March 30 to April 5), falling -4% from the previous week (WoW), which can be attributed at least in part to the Easter weekend. The latest weekly figures from WorldACD Market Data show volumes from the other origin regions contracted between -3% from Asia Pacific (APAC) and -9% from the Americas. Despite low single-digit percentage week-on-week rate decreases from Central & South America (CSA), Europe and MESA, pricing in week 14 rose +4% overall to US\$3.10, driven by increases from North America, APAC and Africa, to end up +21% higher year on year (YoY). Compared to a year ago, rates were up in double digits from all regions except CSA, led by a +59% jump in

pricing out of MESA. Air cargo exports from APAC declined -3% WoW to Europe and -1% to USA. The decline to Europe was driven by drops of -14% from Thailand, -13% from Singapore, -9% from Hong Kong and -3% from China, which resulted in a -8% decrease YoY to Europe. To the US, APAC tonnage dropped -6% WoW from Thailand, -4% from both China and Japan and -2% from Hong Kong, almost fully compensated by increases from Malaysia (+10%) and South Korea (+9%). Nevertheless, pricing from APAC to Europe was up +3% WoW, driven by increases out of China (+9% to \$5.29), Singapore (+7% to \$5.83), Taiwan (+6% to \$5.92) and Hong Kong (+5% to \$5.62). And APAC origin spot rates climbed +9% WoW to USA, rising from all origins except Japan and Singapore, with rates jumping +15% from Hong Kong to \$6.07, +10% from Vietnam to \$6.63 and +9% from China to \$6.22.

*Weekly Air Cargo Trends #14 – March 30 to April 5, 2026, April 13, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## ✈️ **Slot Relief During the Iran Crisis: Why Flexibility Matters Now**



Source: IATA

An airport slot is critical. And at many airports there are not enough slots to fulfill the demand for travel at all times of the day. That's why airlines, airports, and regulators worked together to create the Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG). WASG provides the rules by which slots are allocated. And, because nobody wants such a precious resource as airport capacity to go under-utilized, the WASG also provides the rules by which a slot can be reallocated. This is the famous 80-20 rule. Basically, a slot must be used 80% of the time for an airline to keep it. The 20% non-utilization provides flexibility for cancellations for things like weather events or mechanical issues. Of course, when all is normal, airlines use their slots to the fullest—that's how they do business. And the system, while not perfect, works well. There are times, however, when circumstances change so dramatically that extra flexibility is needed. Recall the COVID-19 pandemic when governments shut down their borders and prevented people from

flying. It would have been unfair to penalize airlines for not using their slots when they were literally unable to fly. The WASG has provisions for this called the Justified Non-Use of Slots (JNUS) exemption. Essentially the utilization calculation is frozen until the extraordinary situation normalizes, and airlines could reasonably be expected to operate their schedules. The war in the Middle East is another situation where JNUS needs to be applied.

*Slot Relief During the Iran Crisis: Why Flexibility Matters Now, April 14, 2026, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## IATA Statement on Potential Jet Fuel Shortages

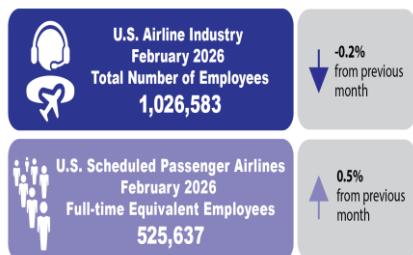


Source: IATA

Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General speaking on jet fuel shortages said "The IEA's [International Energy Agency] assessment of potential jet fuel shortages is sobering. We have also estimated that by the end of May we could start to see some cancellations in Europe for lack of jet fuel. This is already happening in parts of Asia. Along with doing everything possible to secure alternative supply lines, it's important that authorities have well-communicated and well-coordinated plans in place in case rationing becomes necessary, including for slot relief."

*IATA Statement on Potential Jet Fuel Shortages, April 17, 2026, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Lost 2,250 Jobs in February 2026



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment decreased to 1,026,583 workers in February 2026, 2,250 (0.22%) fewer workers than in January 2026 (1,028,833). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 525,637 workers in February 2026, or 51% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines gained 2,729 employees in February 2026. Delta Air Lines Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 745 employees; United Air Lines Inc. added 596, and American Airlines Inc. added 512. U.S. cargo airlines employed 466,965 workers in February 2026, or 46% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers lost 4,941 employees in February. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, decreased employment by 4,915 jobs.

*U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Lost 2,250 Jobs in February 2026, April 16, 2026, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA



#### Pulse of the Continent - CPKC

Join CPKC on a once-in-a-lifetime journey celebrating their one-year anniversary, the historic union of Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KCS), with the first-ever cross-continent steam tour. Beginning in April 2024, the legendary 2816 “The Empress” traveled across North America, bridging generations and connecting communities from Canada, through the United States, to Mexico. Pulse of the Continent is the short film that captures the excitement, nostalgia, and pride as the 2816 steam tour brought the story of our uniquely North American railway’s rich history and dynamic future to life. Experience the magic alongside communities, rail fans and railroaders from across our expansive network.

Restoring and operating the 2816 was more than a labor of love, it became a living link to our shared past and a testament to the passion that fuels railroading. For the dedicated team behind this project, reaching into the heart of this locomotive was like touching history itself, creating new memories while honouring old traditions.

Watch the video here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0SUPeQc\\_dl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0SUPeQc_dl)



#### AAR reports Canadian rail traffic for the week ending April 11, 2026

Canadian railroads reported 96,295 carloads for the week ending April 11, 2026, up 3.3 percent, and 73,502 intermodal units, down 3.2 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first 14 weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of

2,264,302 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.7 percent. North American rail volume for the week ending April 11, 2026, on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled 338,866 carloads, up 5.3 percent compared with the same week last year, and 358,578 intermodal units, down 0.7 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 697,444 carloads and intermodal units, up 2.1 percent. North American rail volume for the first 14 weeks of 2026 was 9,631,857 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.8 percent compared with 2025.

*AAR reports Canadian rail traffic for the week ending April 11, 2026, April 15, 2026, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



#### CN Announces \$500,000 to Support Homelessness Prevention in Winnipeg

CN on April 16, 2026 announced that it will donate \$500,000 to support two organizations in Winnipeg near the Company’s Campus. The funding will advance programs that help individuals, families as well as Indigenous youth in the Winnipeg area who are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness. At CN, safety is a core value, and that commitment extends beyond the railway to the communities where CN railroaders live and work. These donations are part of CN’s broader commitment, through its Railroaders for Change initiative, to support the safety and well-being of its neighbours, particularly those at risk of homelessness.

*CN Announces \$500,000 to Support Homelessness Prevention in Winnipeg, April 16, 2026, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### Revised UP-NS merger application will address deficiencies, critics concerns



Source: JOC

Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) say an updated merger application they plan to file with US regulators on April 30, 2026 will include revised forecasts on truck-to-rail conversions, clearer explanations of key proposals, and specific changes aimed at addressing critics of the deal. Executives from the two railroads, speaking Thursday, April 9, 2026 at the North East Association of Rail Shippers (NEARS) Conference, said they've received traffic data from competitors BNSF Railway, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific Kansas City and CSX Transportation through a reciprocal discovery process. The data was not included in the original merger application filed.

*Revised UP-NS merger application will address deficiencies, critics concerns, April 10, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

### AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending April 11, 2026



Source: AJOT

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending April 11, 2026. For this week, total U.S. weekly

rail traffic was 500,040 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.7 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending April 11 were 228,666 carloads, up 5.1 percent compared with the same week in 2025, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 271,374 containers and trailers, down 1.1 percent compared to 2025. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2025. They included coal, up 6,728 carloads, to 58,309; chemicals, up 2,417 carloads, to 34,647; and farm products excl. grain, and food, up 1,027 carloads, to 17,633. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2025 were motor vehicles and parts, down 1,050 carloads, to 15,199; grain, down 494 carloads, to 23,651; and miscellaneous carloads, down 432 carloads, to 9,065.

*AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending April 11, 2026, April 15, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### Commodities outrun intermodal in latest rail freight data



Source: Freightwaves

Grain, petroleum and chemicals led a strong second week in April 2026 for U.S. rail freight while intermodal traffic continues to limp through early 2026. Total weekly traffic reached 500,040 carloads and intermodal units for the week ending April 11, better by 1.7% from the same week a year ago, according to data from the Association of American Railroads. Carloads came to 228,666 units, up 5.1%, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume of 271,374 containers and trailers edged down 1.1% y/y.

*Commodities outrun intermodal in latest rail freight data, April 17, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Cruise ship tourism in Canada 2025

Canada's cruise industry remained on an even keel in 2025, after recovering from pandemic lows in 2023 and surging in 2024. The Canadian ports where passengers arrived were Victoria, Vancouver, Halifax/ Dartmouth and Saint John/Halifax. Four in five of the passengers were from the US (80%), Overseas (11.9%) and Canada (8.1%). Cruise ships are warming up to Arctic ports.

*Cruise ship tourism in Canada 2025, April 16, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### Trump Announces U.S. Blockade of the Strait of Hormuz



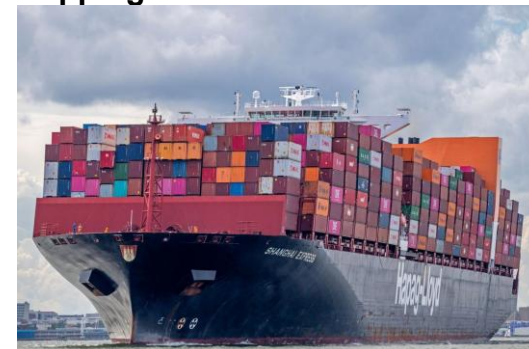
Source: Maritime-Executive

On Sunday, April 12, 2026, President Donald Trump said in a statement that the U.S. Navy would blockade the Strait of Hormuz, doubling the impact of the current Iranian closure. On his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump accused Iran of "world extortion" for its

previous efforts to close the strait, and accused it of violating "every law in the book." He pledged to follow suit with similar measures, and in addition, he threatened to track down and interdict any neutral vessels whose owners may have paid a toll to pass through the Iranian side of the strait. "Effective immediately, the United States Navy, the finest in the world, will begin the process of blockading any and all ships trying to enter, or leave, the Strait of Hormuz," he said. "No one who pays an illegal toll will have safe passage on the high seas."

*Trump Announces U.S. Blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, April 12, 2026, [www.maritime-executive.com](http://www.maritime-executive.com)*

#### Hapag-Zim deal could ignite another merger wave in container shipping



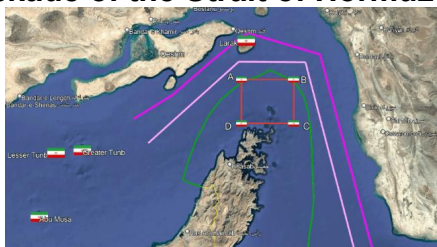
Source: JOC

The fact Hapag-Lloyd was able to overcome national security and other obstacles in signing the Zim merger agreement shows that deals some might have regarded as impossible may in fact be within reach. Could another round of container shipping consolidation be

approaching? Hapag-Lloyd's planned \$4.2 billion acquisition of Zim Integrated Shipping Services, announced in February, shows a growing appetite among carriers for scale, including through consolidation, despite the lack of financial hardship that drove earlier rounds of industry mergers and acquisitions. The risk of falling behind is acute. No. 1 carrier Mediterranean Shipping Co., at 21.6% of the global fleet by capacity following a massive expansion since the pandemic, is now more than three times the size of No. 5 Hapag-Lloyd and No. 6 Ocean Network Express (ONE), according to Alphaliner rankings.

*Hapag-Zim deal could ignite another merger wave in container shipping, April 13, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## The U.S. Blockade of the Strait of Hormuz Begins



Source: Maritime-Executive

The U.S. blockade of the Strait of Hormuz took effect at 1800 hours local time in the Gulf (1000 hours Eastern) on Monday, April 13. More than 15 U.S. Navy warships are in place in the region to implement the naval cordon, officials told the Wall Street Journal. The blockade is to be enforced “impartially against vessels of all nations entering or departing Iranian ports and coastal areas,” and covers ports and areas both within the Gulf and in the Gulf of Oman. Ships proceeding to or from non-Iranian ports will not be interdicted. This means that Omani domestic traffic between the Musandam and the rest of Oman will not be affected. Nor will non-Iranian vessels that decide they now wish to risk moving through the Gulf to and from non-Iranian ports, once they have confidence that it is safe to do so.

*The U.S. Blockade of the Strait of Hormuz Begins, April 13, 2026, [www.maritime-executive.com](http://www.maritime-executive.com)*

## Port of Los Angeles solid first quarter performance

The Port of Los Angeles processed 752,520 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in March 2026, a slight 3% decrease compared to last year when shippers front-loaded cargo to avoid increasing tariffs. Closing out the first quarter, the Port handled 2,388,843 TEUs, equal to its first-quarter average over the last five years. “Even with the seasonal slowdown tied to Lunar New Year, cargo flow in March was

solid and our first quarter performance was consistent with our five-year trend,” said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka. “In today’s uncertain environment, consistency matters – and we’re staying ahead of things so our waterfront workers and partners can continue to deliver reliable, efficient operations for our customers.” Seroka noted that unsettled tariff policy and rising inflation coupled with the broad economic impacts of the conflict in the Middle East, particularly fuel prices, are weighing on consumers and companies alike. March 2026 loaded imports totaled 380,733 TEUs, just 1% lower than last year. Loaded exports reached 132,129, an increase of 7% over 2025 and the highest number of outbound containers moved since May of 2024. The Port processed 239,658 empty container units, 11% less than last year.

*Port of Los Angeles solid first quarter performance, April 14, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Average March volume was actually good news for the Port of Los Angeles

March 2026 imports were weaker year-on-year but the busiest U.S. container port still managed to play up to the back of its baseball card. The Port of Los Angeles handled 752,520 twenty foot equivalent units (TEUs) in March, off 3% from the same month a year ago as geopolitics and economic uncertainty overshadowed the beginning of the months-long run-up to the peak shipping season. Compared to 2025, when shippers rushed to bring in goods ahead of sharply increased tariffs to close out the first quarter, Los Angeles processed a respectable 2,388,843 TEUs.

*Average March volume was actually good news for the Port of Los Angeles, April 14, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## Port of Long Beach is busiest US port in March

Speaking at the Port’s media briefing on April 15th, Hacegaba said: “The Port of Long Beach led the nation as the busiest container port for the month of March. While not our strongest March on record, we handled nearly 775,000 TEUs, making us the busiest gateway in North America. Now that is a 5.2% dip from the same month last year, thanks to tariffs. Global supply chain pressures are indeed mounting due to the Mideast conflict, but March’s figures locally were not affected.” Hacegaba said the volume breakdown was as follows: “Imports were flat, down 1.5% to nearly 375,000 TEUs. Exports ticked up a half percent to more than 100,000 TEUs, and empty containers declined 11% to 296,000 TEUs.” Long Beach was also the busiest port for the first quarter of 2026: “For the first quarter through the first three months of 2026, the Port of Long Beach is number one for Q1, leading all other

U.S. ports with nearly 2.5 million TEUs. Yes, we are down 8.6% from Q1 of 2025, but we are still the busiest port in North America. And as I said, these levels of cargo are due to the (Iran) war and the disruption that it brings.” Hacegaba noted that because of the Iran War, major ocean carriers, “including MSC, CMA/ CGM, Ocean Network Express, Maersk, and others are implementing fuel surcharges and higher rates across key trade lines. At the same time, shippers are adjusting how they move cargo to manage costs and avoid congestion.”

*Port of Long Beach is busiest US port in March, April 15, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **Port of Corpus Christi customers close 2026 with record first quarter**



Source: AJOT

Port of Corpus Christi customers moved 54.5 million tons of commodities through the Corpus Christi Ship Channel in the first quarter of 2026, marking the strongest first-quarter performance in the Port’s history, surpassing the prior high-water mark of 54.0 million tons in Q4 2024. The current quarter results exceeded Q1 2025 by 3.2 million tons, or 6.1%. The growth in first-quarter volumes compared to the prior year were primarily supported by continued growth in liquefied natural gas (LNG), driven by ongoing commissioning activities at Cheniere Corpus Christi Stage 3, including Train 5 reaching substantial completion in March 2026. LNG shipments were up 1.5 million tons in total, a growth of 33% over the prior year first quarter. In addition, agricultural exports increased by 1.4 million tons, and refined products and other bulk liquids increased 1.4 million tons or 12.5%. Dry bulk volumes also increased by almost 0.5 million tons, an increase of 21%, driven by higher imports of iron ore, barite and cement. Those gains were partially offset by a quarterly decline in crude oil shipments of 1.5 million tons, or a decline of 5% from the same period in the prior year. That decline in crude oil shipments was more pronounced prior to the conflict in Iran due to a higher level of domestic refinery usage and high export freight rates but has since rebounded significantly.

*Port of Corpus Christi customers close 2026 with record first quarter, April 15, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Canada's Labour Ministers Agree to Deal with Driver Inc.



Source: Ontruck

The Government of Canada continues to act on promises made in Budget 2025 to tackle the Driver Inc. misclassification scheme in trucking. Federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for labour announced they have tasked officials to form a national, multi-level government working group to jointly develop a plan on addressing misclassification in the trucking industry, and to report back on progress in the fall of 2026.

*Canada's Labour Ministers Agree to Deal with Driver Inc. April 10, 2026, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

#### From the Road We've Travelled to the Road Ahead: The Fight Against Driver Inc.



Source: Ontruck

There is a timeless axiom that states “If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.” For over a decade, as President of both the Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) and the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA), I have observed how both of our Boards internalize this guiding principle and consistently apply it in their work. Fighting escalating lawlessness in our industry has been a long and gruelling journey. We have faced periods where the scale of Driver Inc. and the political cover afforded by certain caucus members felt like progress would never come. Still, I have always reminded our teams of the old Napoleon saying: “Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools.” Our boards recognized that while we had not yet identified the right levers or the right timing, both would emerge through sustained commitment to our mission and a willingness to outwork the opposition. Today, those pressures are beginning to yield results. The winds are shifting, and we are moving in the right direction, but our collective vigilance has never been more important. We did not arrive here by luck or happenstance – though both have their place – but through sustained resolve and the

collective Board's foresight, set in motion years ago, to confront a complex web of noncompliance.

*From the Road We've Travelled to the Road Ahead: The Fight Against Driver Inc.*, April 15, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)

## US/WORLD

### **Combating Supply Chain Threats**

Cross-border logistics is entering a phase where digital infrastructure and security are becoming critical. The result: cybersecurity is no longer an IT function—it's an existential risk to business continuity and trust. Ten things to combat supply chain threats are: 1. Assess your risk exposure. 2. Assume you will be breached. 3. Treat data as a critical asset. 4. Control data access. 5. Ensure Customer Data Security. 6. Understand the increased risk of AI. 7. Be aware of phishing scams. 8. Train frontline teams to recognize threats. 9. Manage third-party risk. 10. Understand the reputational damage of data breaches.

*Combating Supply Chain Threats*, April 2026, [www.inboundlogistics.com](http://www.inboundlogistics.com)

### **Middle East war accelerates regional cross-border cooperation**



Source: JOC

The huge volume of diverted Middle East-bound ocean cargo that overwhelmed land transport systems in the region has accelerated collaboration between countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) that will outlast the war, regional industry leaders say. Decisions involving cross-border trade that before the conflict would have taken months are now being decided in days, speeding up road transits, freeing urgently needed capacity and easing customs procedures, a webinar organized by global road transport association IRU heard Wednesday. "What we have witnessed so far is that it's not six countries in the region responding independently to a crisis," said

Achraf Ellili, CEO of Flow Progressive Logistics in Saudi Arabia. "It's a coordinated effort and the entire logistics ecosystem is working together." Ellili noted that cooperation between regional port authorities and customs regimes was happening "in real time across borders."

*Middle East war accelerates regional cross-border cooperation*, April 15, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)

### **Broad increase in US truck pricing seen gaining steam**



Source: JOC

The cost of trucking in the US is rising, no matter who's doing the math. Shipper-paid spot rates tracked by the Journal of Commerce jumped 17 cents per mile in March 2026, as the average retail diesel price rose 32% in one month. Data from industry and government indexes such as the Cass Freight Index, the TD Cowen/AFS Freight Index and the US Producer Price Index (PPI) all show higher trucking costs gained traction in the 2026 quarter, particularly as fuel costs soared in March 2026. The three-year decline in freight demand may still be with us, but not the accompanying "rate recession." Price increases are most evident in the truckload spot market but are being felt in contract rates and less-than-truckload (LTL) and intermodal rail rates, too.

*Broad increase in US truck pricing seen gaining steam*, April 15, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)

## Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Withholds \$73 Million from New York for Failure to Revoke Illegally Issued Trucking Licenses



Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on April 16, 2026 announced that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is withholding over \$73 million from the State of New York for failing to revoke illegally issued non-domiciled commercial learner's permits (CLPs) and commercial driver's licenses (CDLs). *"I promised the American people I would hold any state leader accountable for failing to keep them safe from unvetted, unqualified foreign drivers. I'm delivering on that promise today by refusing to fund Governor Hochul's dangerous, anti-American policies. My message to New York's far left leadership is clear: families must be prioritized on American roads,"* said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy.

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#### Labour Force Survey, March 2026



Source: Statcan

Employment was little changed in March 2026 (+14,000; +0.1%) and the employment rate held steady at 60.6%. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.7%. Across the major age groups, employment held steady and the unemployment rate was little changed. Employment rose in the 'other services' industry (+15,000; +1.9%), which includes personal and repair services, and it also increased in natural resources (+10,000; +3.0%). Employment declined in finance, insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing (-11,000; -0.8%). Fewer people were employed in British Columbia (-19,000; -0.7%), while employment rose in Manitoba (+11,000; +1.5%), Saskatchewan (+5,800; +0.9%) and Nova Scotia (+3,900; +0.7%). Average hourly wages among employees increased 4.7% (+\$1.68 to \$37.73) on a year-over-year basis in March 2026, following growth of 3.9% in February 2026 (not seasonally adjusted). *Labour Force Survey, March 2026, April 10, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*



#### Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, March 2026



Source: Statcan

In March 2026, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada (Canadian-resident return trips, combined with US-resident and overseas-resident arrivals) by air and automobile totalled 4.9 million, down 0.5% from March 2025. The highlights were: Canadian-resident return trips from the United States decline, while trips from overseas are up; United States-resident trips to Canada increase by automobile and by air; and Overseas-resident trips to Canada increase.

*Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, March 2026, April 13, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## **Federal Government Suspends Federal Fuel Excise Taxes**

The federal government on April 13, 2026 announced it has suspended federal excise taxes on fuel as of April 20, 2026. This will be a temporary suspension until September 7, 2026. “Fuel is the second leading cost for fleets after labour, and stability in fuel prices is a key tool in the fight against inflation and keeping costs of goods down for Canadians. The Government of Canada also continues to introduce measures to improve truck efficiency and productivity to keep our industry competitive. More federal announcements are expected in 2026 to improve our sector’s supply chain efficiency through the removal of interprovincial trade barriers,” said CTA president and CEO Stephen Laskowski.

*Federal Government Suspends Federal Fuel Excise Taxes, April 13, 2026, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**

## **DRIVING THE NEWS: Trump’s Transportation Department Safely Restarts Sable Pipeline to Unleash American Energy, Drive Down Prices at the Pump**



Source: DOT

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) was on-site at Sable Offshore Corp’s newly restarted Santa Ynez Pipeline in California on Thursday, April 9, 2026 to oversee safety operations. As the federal pipeline safety regulator, PHMSA played a key role in ensuring this pipeline could safely resume operations this year for the first time in over a decade. The pipeline is expected to produce 60,000 barrels of oil daily, which can reduce the state’s reliance on foreign crude oil by as much as 1.5 million barrels each month. This is a common-sense solution to drive down prices at the pump in a state that has consistently had higher gas prices than the national average for the last 10 years. “PHMSA is doing its part to ensure this pipeline is operating safely so Sable Offshore Corp. can continue unleashing

*American energy and drive down prices at the pump,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy. “This is common sense. California is rich in energy resources, but far left politicians keep them dependent on foreign oil.”*

*DRIVING THE NEWS: Trump’s Transportation Department Safely Restarts Sable Pipeline to Unleash American Energy, Drive Down Prices at the Pump, April 13, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



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## Events

**Generis Group is excited to announce the 10th Annual American Supply Chain Summit, taking place from April 27-28, 2026!**

This two-day event focuses on leadership and aims to explore essential case studies while fostering discussions on navigating trends in supply chain and logistics. It provides an excellent opportunity to network with supply chain executives across the industry.

Join the Generis Group for insightful conversations featuring key industry leaders and organizations discussing topics such as supply chain management, process optimization, supplier relationship management, and technology and innovation.

For more details about the program, the executive attendees, and additional information, please visit: <https://supplychainus.com/>

## Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

### The Pacific Chapter (CILTNA) Invites You to A Reception/Presentation: From Concept to Reality: Advancing Air Mobility in Canada's Transportation Ecosystem

Join the Pacific Chapter (CILTNA) for a reception and presentation by a distinguished guest speaker, JR Hammond, Executive Director of CAAM (Canadian Advanced Air Mobility). JR's presentation will focus on how Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) is moving from concept to real-world deployment in Canada, with a practical look at how drones and emerging aerial technologies are already reshaping logistics, infrastructure inspection, and emergency response. Grounded in CAAM's work, the talk will highlight current pilot projects, regulatory progress, and near-term commercial use cases relevant to the Vancouver gateway – showing how industry, government, and academia can collaborate to integrate AAM into existing supply chains and transportation systems.

**When:** May 11, 2026

4:30 pm – Registration

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Reception/Presentation

**Where:** Terminal City Club, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

**Cost:**

Non-Member: \$80.00

Member: \$65.00

Student: \$55.00

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/from-concept-to-reality-advancing-air-mobility-in-canadas-transportation-ecosystem/>



**Outlook for International Shipping**

May 14 at the St. James Club Montreal

**Join Us for Our Annual Conference**

Business session from 2:00 to 5:00 including presentations from:

- > **Lars Jensen**, CEO, Vespucci Maritime
- > **Pascal Chan**, Vice President, Strategic Policy & Supply Chains, Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Cocktail reception from 5:00 to 7:00

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Shipping Federation of Canada

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The Shipping Federation of Canada is pleased to invite you to its annual conference, **Outlook for International Shipping**, taking place on **May 14, 2026** at the **St. James Club Montreal**.

Join us for a half-day business session (2:00–5:00 PM), featuring keynote speaker **Lars Jensen of Vespucci Maritime**, followed by a cocktail reception (5:00–7:00 PM).

Registration is now open at the link below for our annual conference in Montreal on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ShippingFederationOfCanada/OutlookForInternationalShipping>



**BCAC26 Conference Kelowna – Opening Insightful Speaker, Dr. Suzanne Kearns on May 25-27**

**Arguably Canada's leading aviation and aerospace post-secondary educator, first class author, academic and facilitator, Dr. Kearns will launch a variety of topics designed to promote open discussion throughout our policy/programs conference.**

BCAC are delighted to announce that Dr. Suzanne Kearns, Founding Director of the Waterloo Institute of Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA) and Associate Professor, Aviation, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo, will be their future thoughts Opening Speaker at our [2026 Conference in Kelowna](#).

Dr. Kearns is a leading academic with a focus on education and improving pilot performance. Her research explores how to optimize the next generation of aviation professionals (NGAP) by analyzing processes to attract people to the field of aviation.

An accomplished educator both in the classroom and through electronic courseware, Dr. Kearns has taught thousands of aviation professionals worldwide. She is a former airplane and helicopter pilot and is internationally recognized within the aviation and aerospace industry.

Dr. Kearns is the author or co-author of six books, including the textbook "[Fundamentals of International Aviation](#)" which is used around the world in multiple translations. In 2021, she founded the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA), a research institute at the University of Waterloo which she leads as its Director. WISA includes more than 140 faculty members and has a mission to become the world's leading hub for sustainable aeronautical research, technology, and education.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Kearns speak – register today for the [2026 BCAC Conference Kelowna: Soaring Above Challenges – Eyes on the Horizon](#)

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## Job Postings

**\* Replenishment Analyst (Evergreen), Canadian Tire Corporation, Toronto, ON, Canada**

### About the job

Please note that your application will be considered for the current and future hiring opportunities within this job posting.

### What You'll Do

The Replenishment Analyst role is a full-time permanent position, with learning and development opportunities including exposure to senior leaders, designation/certification/schooling support and mentorship. We also provide a comprehensive and competitive benefits package that flexes to meet your individual needs.

As a Replenishment Analyst you will develop broad operational experience while managing replenishment for specific categories. Replenishment Analysts collaborate with suppliers and internal teams to manage the flow of inventory into Distribution Centres and respond to changes in demand. Working in partnership with the Category Management, Forecasting, and Promotions teams, you will introduce exciting new products while maintaining and developing existing product assortments for promotional, regular, and seasonal demand. At the intersection of Supply Chain and Merchandising, this role is a cross-functional opportunity that is integral to the organization due to the high level of accountability and the critical impact to the bottom line.

- Negotiation and supplier relationship management, collaboration with internal and external stakeholders
- Data mining and analysis
- Rapid problem solving and thinking on your feet
- Seasonal inventory and replenishment strategy
- Distribution Requirements Planning (DRP)
- Supply Chain functions such as Operations Planning, Transportation, Distribution, Inventory Management
- Ownership and direct accountability for results and metrics

### What You Bring

- Undergraduate or post graduate degree in Engineering, Math, Business or Commerce, with demonstrated interest in operations and supply chain
- 2+ Years Work Experience, can include Co-op or Internship experience
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Access
- Work experiences in analyst roles highly valued, especially data driven, analytical, or process improvement experience
- Analytical, comfortable with data driven decision making and working with numbers

- Negotiators able to gain consensus with internal and external stakeholders

We're always looking for great talent! In addition to competitive pay, we offer:

- Comprehensive benefits and retirement programs
- Performance incentives, Continuing Education Programs
- Other perks to support your well-being
- Career growth opportunities and product discounts

Our typical hiring range is between \$53,000 and \$88,000. Salary decisions are also dependent on other factors such as your experience, job-related knowledge, skills and competencies, market location, industry benchmarks, internal equity and other role-specific requirements.

This posting represents an existing vacancy within our organization.

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## \* Analyst, Supply Chain, Indigo, Brampton, ON, Canada

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- We love books and all things beautiful
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- We treat each other the way we'd treat a valued friend
- We inspire each other to do our best work
- We seek to ignite creativity and innovation every day
- We give back to the communities in which we operate

### Job Description

#### MISSION

The Analyst, Supply Chain ensures product availability, timely communication and supply chain flow performance in order to meet the needs of the business. This role also supports the larger supply chain group through inventory storage and processing capacity.

#### KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

- Product flow visibility and optimization
- On-time delivery of inbound goods
- Supply chain issue resolution – Including inbound logistics and DC support
- Carrier and Forwarder operations alignment

#### KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

##### Functional

- Partner with merchants, planning, transportation, distribution and sourcing teams to co-ordinate flow of goods through the network
- Track purchase order movement through supply chain pipelines
- Analyze available data to provide network insights related to product flow and supply chain performance
- Consistently review and manage product availability; addressing any gaps that may impact inventory commitments
- Understand and effectively communicate all aspects of supply chain programs

- Develop and maintain effective communication to internal stakeholders and transportation partners
- Collaborate with internal partners to analyze data, identify trends, communicate findings and drive change
- Support distribution centre strategies and inbound optimization
- Maintain existing reports and publish according to agreed timelines
- Act as an advocate for the customer by placing them at the forefront of all decision-making and design processes
- Proactively identify and anticipate customer expectations and needs
- Challenge the status quo by consistently identifying areas for improvement, diagnosing issues and working to resolve them

### **People**

- Collaborate with team to drive flexible and iterative solutions, quickly and easily
- Share technical knowledge with others and actively seek to learn from those more knowledgeable than yourself
- Help others see the impacts of their efforts and proactively engage other functions to get input
- Encourage others to freely share their point of view and be open to feedback

### **Cultural**

- Model Indigo's beliefs and convey a positive image in everything you do
- Celebrate diversity of thought and have an open mindset
- Take an active role in fostering a culture of continual learning, taking risks without the fear of making mistakes
- Embrace, champion and influence change through your team and/or the organization

### **SCOPE**

Reports to: Inbound Logistics Manager

Manager once Removed (MOR): Director, Global Logistics

### **KEY RELATIONSHIPS**

### **Internal:**

- Merchant Teams
- Planning & Inventory Management
- DC Receiving
- Finance

### **External:**

- Merchandise Vendors
- Freight Forwarders and Carriers
- Customs Brokers

### **Qualifications**

#### **Work Experience / Education / Certifications**

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in a similar or related field, preferably business, supply chain or logistics
- 1-3 years' relevant experience in a similar role within supply chain, retail organization or CPG
- Previous experience with SAP and WMS is considered an asset

#### **Competencies / Skills / Attributes**

- Proficient in Microsoft Office suite of programs, specifically Excel and Access
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Detail oriented with strong organizational and time management skills
- Ability to work with complex data systems and perform detailed analysis

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**\* Transportation Senior Analyst, Best Buy, Minneapolis, MN, USA**

## About the job

As the Transportation Senior Analyst, you'll be responsible for collecting, analyzing, and reporting on transportation performance metrics to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and support data-driven decision-making. You will influence through data on continuous improvement operations with key internal & external stakeholders while supporting the financial performance of the inbound collect program.

This role is hybrid, which means you will work some days at our corporate office in Richfield, Minnesota, and some days virtually from home or another non-Best Buy location. The specific work arrangements vary by role and team. The recruiter or hiring manager will provide more details during the hiring process.

## What You'll Do

- Collect, consolidate, and validate transportation-related data from multiple internal systems, external platforms, and operational tools.
- Perform detailed data analysis to uncover patterns, measure performance metrics, and ensure data accuracy and integrity across all sources.
- Independently prepare financial presentations and reports (ad hoc and routine) that break down problems into critical components to drive actionable decisions
- Research financial variances, trends, and financial and operational drivers to prepare advanced presentations and reports that articulate clear recommendations to leaders
- Monitor metrics like on time performance, freight costs, spot rates, tender acceptances and carrier utilization.
- Prioritize incoming requests, effectively escalate issues, and contribute to resolution with Internal and External teams (Vendors, Carriers and Category).
- Drive actions to optimize cube and cost per load by leveraging metrics and dashboards.
- Recommend actionable strategies and process improvements to enhance cost efficiency, service levels, and overall operational performance.
- Respond to inbound security incidents including cargo theft, missing freight, and vendor issues.

## Basic Qualifications

- 2 years of experience in transportation, logistics, supply chain or related area
- Strong business and financial acumen
- Previous experience with Microsoft Office including intermediate to advanced level with Excel
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Analytical problem-solving experience
- Understanding of retail and supply chain industries

## Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in supply chain, security management, logistics
- 3 years of experience in transportation, logistics, supply chain or related area

## What's in it for you

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## Our Benefits Include

- Competitive pay
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## \* Procurement & Operations Analyst, Louis Vuitton, New York, NY, USA

### About The Job

Louis Vuitton Americas is seeking a *Procurement & Operations Analyst*, this individual will play a critical role in optimizing procurement

processes, managing inventory, and providing operational support across various departments.

This position is responsible for executing tactical procurement functions for a diverse range of direct and indirect categories, including but not limited to IT, Construction, Operations, Distribution Centers, and Workshops. This role is crucial in supporting the RFI, RFQ, RFP process and optimizing supplier selection to align with department strategy management practices and spend management principles. The primary goal is to drive cost avoidance/savings while ensuring high quality and conditions indication of LVMH are met.

### **Job responsibilities**

Responsibilities include but are limited:

#### **Procurement & Category Support**

- Support the tactical procurement function for multiple direct and indirect spend categories, ensuring adherence to establish policies and procedures.
- Assist in competitive bidding procedures, vendor selection, and contract negotiation to secure favorable terms and pricing across various categories.
- Collaborate with category managers on strategic projects to optimize spend, identify cost-saving opportunities, and improve supplier relationships.
- Focus on optimizing long-tail spend and other strategic initiatives to drive value and efficiency.

#### **Inventory Management**

- Support inventory planning, forecasting, and control efforts to maintain optimal stock levels and minimize carrying costs.
- Assist in monitoring inventory turns, identifying potential obsolescence, and coordinating with stakeholders to ensure product availability

#### **Data Analysis & Reporting**

- Develop and maintain dashboards of operational metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to procurement performance, inventory health and operational efficiency.

- Leverage spend analytics, purchase order reports, market data, and inventory data to identify opportunities for cost savings, supplier consolidation, and process improvements.
- Prepare regular reports and presentation for stakeholder, highlighting trends, performance, and recommendations.

#### **Operational Support & Continuous Improvement**

- Provide general operational support to various departments, troubleshooting issues, and facilitating cross-functional communication.
- Participate in continuous improvement initiatives to enhance procurement processes, inventory management practices, and overall operational workflows.
- Ensure compliance with internal policies, regulatory requirements, and ethical standards in all procurement and operational activities.

#### **Profile**

##### **Qualifications & Experience:**

- Bachelor's Degree required (technical, supply chain, or business concentration preferred).
- 1-3 years of experience in procurement or a professional business environment with multiple stakeholders and complex requirements. Multi-site operations experience is a plus.

##### **Skills & Tools:**

- Strong data analysis and advanced spreadsheet proficiency (Excel).
- Excellent presentation skills (PowerPoint).
- Clear and concise written and oral communication, adapted to diverse audiences.

##### **Knowledge & Attributes:**

- Demonstrated procurement experience or a strong understanding of supplier markets and spend data.
- Exhibits agility, flexibility, and a process-oriented mindset.
- Exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail.

- Customer service-oriented with a strong commitment to delivering high-quality results.

The appointed candidate will be offered a salary within USD \$80,000 - \$90,000 annually, comprehensive benefits package including: medical, dental, vision, short and long-term disability, various paid time off programs, employee discounts/perks and two retirement plans both with employer contributions.

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