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Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Air Canada Kicks off Summer Travels by Celebrating the Very Best of Canada

Source: Air Canada

Air Canada expects to welcome more than 1 million customers on board over the course of the next week as it kicks off the summer season with a full schedule of flights across Canada. With more than 50 destinations across Canada, the airline is celebrating the very best of the country coast-to-coast-to-coast and beyond, connecting Canadians with the people, places and experiences that make Canada a very special place for all of us. With Canada Day upon us, customers can expect special touches throughout the travel experience that reflect the pride that every employee feels as the flag carrier for our country. The highlights were: 1. The airline is operating a full summer schedule of more than 50 bucket list destinations across Canada for customers to explore the country, connect with loved ones, and experience the very best of the season; 2. Air Canada teams across the country are ready to welcome more customers on board as they officially kick off the busiest season of the year with Glowing Hearted hospitality; and 3. Glowing Hearted hospitality, elevated comfort, and Canada Day surprises combine with digital tools and new in-flight offerings for a special celebration of the country by its proud flag carrier

Air Canada Kicks off Summer Travels by Celebrating the Very Best of Canada, June 26, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

Asiana Airlines to Exit Star Alliance

Asiana Airlines, headquartered in Seoul, will formally leave Star Alliance on December 16, 2026, 23:59 Korea Standard Time. Since joining Star Alliance in 2003, Asiana Airlines has played a valued role in delivering seamless customer experiences across the network. On behalf of all member airlines, Star Alliance thanks Asiana Airlines and its employees for contributing to the exceptional customer experience that the Alliance is known for worldwide. Star Alliance and Asiana Airlines will work closely together to ensure a seamless and coordinated experience for customers in the lead-up to the airline's departure from the Alliance. Customers enrolled in any Star Alliance member airlines' frequent flyer program may continue to earn miles on Asiana Airlines-operated flights departing on or before October 15, 2026. Customers may also continue to redeem miles for Star Alliance award tickets and upgrades on Asiana Airlines for travel completed on or before December 16, 2026, subject to the redemption policies and timelines of their respective frequent flyer programme. Customers are encouraged to consult their respective frequent flyer programme for details. Additionally, Star Alliance Gold and Silver status customers may continue to enjoy alliance status benefits, including priority services, when travelling on Asiana Airlines until December 16, 2026. Star Alliance Gold customers may also continue to enjoy lounge access, including at eligible Asiana Airlines lounges when travelling on the Star Alliance network.

Asiana Airlines to Exit Star Alliance, June 26, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, May 2026

Source: Statcan

In May 2026, 4.9 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, up 3.3% from May 2025. The number of passengers screened for domestic flights in May 2026 grew 6.4% from the same month in 2025 to reach 2.5 million. International traffic (outside the United States) was up 2.6% year over year to 1.3 million, reversing the small year-over-year decline experienced in April 2026. Transborder traffic (to the United States) declined 2.1% from May 2025 to 1.1 million screened passengers in May 2026, marking the 16th consecutive month of year-over-year decreases.
Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, May 2026, May 26, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Aeroplan and Club Avolta Forge Loyalty Program Partnership in North America

Aeroplan and Club Avolta are launching a new collaboration giving members more ways to earn points throughout their travel journey. Starting on June 30, 2026, Aeroplan Members who link their Aeroplan and Club Avolta accounts through the Club Avolta app will be able to earn Aeroplan points on eligible purchases at more than 900 Avolta airport and travel retail locations. Through the partnership, members will also earn one Aeroplan point for every C$2 spent on eligible purchases in-store at participating locations operated by Avolta's Hudson and Dufry, and when pre-ordering through Avolta's Reserve & Collect online service and via the company's Club Avolta app. Later this year, the partnership will expand to Avolta's HMSHost dining locations, allowing members to earn on eligible food and beverage purchases at casual dining restaurants, quick-service outlets, bars, and Grab & Go locations. Once fully expanded, the partnership will include nearly 1,900 participating airport retail and food and beverage outlets across North America. This Partnership will expand to nearly 1,900 participating airport retail and food & beverage outlets across North America
Aeroplan and Club Avolta Forge Loyalty Program Partnership in North America, June 30, 2026. www.aircanada.ca

Government of Canada invests in key infrastructure at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport

On July 2, 2026, Member of Parliament for the Yukon and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs, Dr. Brendan Hanley, on behalf of the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, announced that the Government of Canada is strengthening air safety at Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport. Through the Airports Capital Assistance Program, the federal government is providing over $2 million to the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport to purchase an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicle. The airport serves over 475,000 passengers each year.
Government of Canada invests in key infrastructure at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport, July 2, 2026, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Supporting airline supply chain resilience

Source: IATA

IATA and the International Airlines Technical Pool (IATP) will cooperate to help airlines improve their visibility of, and access to, aircraft parts. This is timely given the constraints and costs of current failures in the aerospace supply chain. "Supply chain constraints continue to create operational and financial pressure for airlines. Addressing these challenges requires practical cooperation across the industry. By combining IATP's technical pooling expertise with IATA's technical expertise, we can help airlines access serviceable materials

and strengthen maintenance resilience," said Stuart Fox, IATA Director, Flight and Technical Operations. "For decades, IATP has enabled airlines to share critical technical resources through pooling. The validity of the IATP pool model is even more evident during the current critical situation. This cooperation with IATA recognizes that pooling and digital materials visibility are complementary tools, helping airlines access the parts and support they need to maintain operations during supply chain disruption," said Giorgio Pietra, IATP CEO. The cooperation focuses on two priority areas: 1. Improving access to serviceable aircraft materials; and 2. Strengthening technical, safety and quality cooperation.
Supporting airline supply chain resilience, June 27, 2026, www.iata.org

Air Cargo Demand up 6.0% in May

Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for May 2026 global air cargo markets showing: 1. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), increased by 6.0% compared to May 2025 levels (6.5% for international operations). 2. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 1.9% compared to May 2025 (2.8% for international operations). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "Air cargo demand grew 6% year-on-year in May, with Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and North American regions all reporting above trend growth. Carriers in the Middle East, however, reported a combined contraction of 8.9% year-on-year as war-related impacts continued. May's strong performance coupled with macro-economic factors give cautious optimism for air cargo's prospects over the remainder of the year. Trade and manufacturing output are both growing. Airlines have adapted operations to align with shifting demand patterns and supply chain needs. Meanwhile, yield growth and higher load factors are helping to recoup higher fuel costs. It's still a tough year, particularly as Middle East uncertainties weigh heavily on parts of the industry, but robust demand and airline resilience are clear."
Air Cargo Demand up 6.0% in May, June 29, 2026, www.iata.org

Air Passenger Demand Falls 2.2% in May

Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for May 2026 global passenger demand: 1. **Total demand,** measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was down 2.2% compared to May 2025. Excluding the Middle East, demand grew by 0.7%. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), decreased 2.3% year-on-year. The load factor was 83.5% (+0.1 ppt compared to May 2025), a record high for May. 2. **International demand** fell 1.6% compared to May 2025. Excluding the Middle East, demand grew by 3.1%. Capacity was down 2.4% year-on-year, and the load factor was 83.7% (+0.7 ppt compared to May 2025). 3. **Domestic demand** contracted 3.1% compared to May 2025. Capacity decreased 2.1% year-on-year. The load factor was 83.0% (-0.8 ppt compared to May 2025). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General commenting the results said "Air passenger demand was down 2.2% year-on-year in May on the impact of war in the Middle East. The decline was centered on carriers in the Middle East with a 28.4% year-on-year fall. That's a significant improvement on the 46.6% decline recorded for April, a sign of the region's resilience. Notably, we also saw year-on-year contractions in demand in both North America and Asia, largely related to domestic market conditions in the US and China. …"
Air Passenger Demand Falls 2.2% in May, June 30, 2026, www.iata.org

JetBlue flight hit drone while approaching JFK airport, FAA says

Source: AJOT

The Federal Aviation Administration said it has launched an investigation after a JetBlue flight reported hitting a drone while approaching New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport on Monday, June 29, 2026. The pilot of the Airbus A321, which had departed from Las Vegas, reported the strike at approximately 3,000 feet altitude while on final approach, the FAA said. The incident happened around 7:15 a.m. EDT, according to the agency. "The flight landed without incident, customers deplaned normally, and the plane was removed from service for a post-flight inspection, which found no damage or evidence of a collision," the airline said. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which manages John F. Kennedy International Airport, was not immediately available for comment. Monday's incident comes days after a United Airlines flight encountered a drone during its descent into Newark Liberty International Airport — another New York City-area airport — on Friday, June 26, 2026 according to media reports. Drones should not fly near airports, according to an FAA advisory, which warns that it would be difficult for pilots to see and avoid drones while flying. The FAA said it receives more than 100 drone-sighting reports near airports monthly. It warned that unauthorized drone operators could face fines or jail time. "We want to send a clear message that operating drones around airplanes, helicopters, and airports is dangerous and illegal," the FAA said.

JetBlue flight hit drone while approaching JFK airport, FAA says, June 29, 2026, www.ajot.com

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Supersonic Flight Is Coming to the U.S.

Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 30, 2026 announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is taking a pivotal step toward enabling civil supersonic flights over the continental United States. Thanks to massive innovations in supersonic technology, it will be possible to safely operate these innovative aircraft without a sonic boom. When operational, next-gen supersonic planes will drastically reduce travel times–enabling faster movement of people and goods. The proposed rule sets a noise-based certification standard for supersonic aircraft. In addition to this first rule, the FAA plans to propose another rule later this year, establishing landing and takeoff noise standards for supersonic aircraft. Together, these actions will give manufacturers the guidance they need to finalize their designs and bring these exciting innovations online.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Supersonic Flight Is Coming to the U.S., June 30, 2026. www.dot.gov

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Celebrates America's 250th, Delivers $1.776 Billion to Upgrade Airports Across U.S.

Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on July 2, 2026 announced multiple Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants totalling $1.776 billion to upgrade American airports with runway

rehabilitations, family-friendly enhancements, and safety upgrades. These investments address infrastructure needs, family-friendly improvements, and more. Forty-six states received investments.
Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Celebrates America's 250th, Delivers $1.776 Billion to Upgrade Airports Across U.S., July 2, 2026, www.dot.gov

CANADA

Rail, ocean access backs new Americold cold chain facility at eastern Canada port

Source: Freightwaves

Americold Realty Trust, the U.S.-based specialist in temperature-controlled logistics, has opened an import-export hub at Port Saint John in New Brunswick, Canada. Developed in collaboration with Dubai port terminal operator DP World and Canadian Pacific Kansas City, Americold (NYSE: COLD) said the facility is the first of its kind with global reach to combine the Atlanta company's cold storage operations, DP World's maritime logistics capabilities, and CPKC's rail network in a single location. The partnership, it said, creates a more direct and reliable pathway for moving perishable goods between inland production regions and international markets.
Rail, ocean access backs new Americold cold chain facility at eastern Canada port, June 23, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Railway carloadings, April 2026

Source: Statcan

In April 2026, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways edged up (+0.6%) from April 2025 to 33.0 million tonnes. The overall freight volume in April 2026 was above the five-year average of 32.2 million tonnes for the month, with higher carloadings of some agricultural products and other commodities offsetting large declines in coal and iron ores. The observable factors for April 2026 were: Coal carloadings lead decline; Carloadings of some agricultural products remain strong; Intermodal traffic down; and Freight from the United States continues to gain.
Railway carloadings, April 2026, June 26, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Freight Rail Services Price Index, June 2026

Source: Statcan

Data for June for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statistics Canada website. The index for June 2026 rose to 143.2 from 142.1 in May 2026 and 126.5 in June 2025. The index for the second quarter of 2026 rose to 140.5 from the 130.8 in the first quarter of 2026 and from 127.7 in the second quarter of 2025. A breakdown by product is also available on this website.
Freight Rail Services Price Index, June 2026, June 30, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Transport Canada announces upcoming changes to strengthen required training and certification standards for railway workers

New changes to strengthen training and certification standards in the federally regulated rail sector will help to reduce the risk of workplace injuries, improve the safety of the railway operations, and ultimately reduce rail incidents and accidents. The *Railway Personnel Training and Qualifications Regulations* have been published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, and will come into effect in two years' time. These new regulations will replace the *Railway Employees Qualification Standards Regulations*, which came into force in 1987. Highlights from the new regulations include: 1. The list of positions that are designated as critical for safe railway operations is being expanded to include remote control locomotive operators and rail traffic controllers. 2. The training requirements for somebody to be certified to work in a safety critical position are being expanded and clarified. 3. Crew Resource Management is being added to the required training for railway workers, which is a set of practices that uses all available resources to ensure safe operations. 4. Anybody who has less than two years of experience in a safety critical position must have access at all times to somebody who has more experience and expertise. 5. Railway companies will need to have records for each person's training, examinations, and evaluations. Railway operations have evolved over time, due to new technologies, smaller crew sizes, accelerated training, and other factors. Regulations related to these operations also need to evolve.
Transport Canada announces upcoming changes to strengthen required training and certification standards for railway workers, July 2, 2026, www.tc.gc.ca

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AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending June 27, 2026

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on July 1, 2026 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending June 27, 2026. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 525,474 carloads and intermodal units, up 7.0 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending June 27 were 232,408 carloads, up 3.3 percent compared with the same week in 2025, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 293,066 containers and trailers, up 10.1 percent compared to 2025. Nine of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2025. They included metallic ores and metals, up 3,911 carloads, to 23,663; grain, up 1,281 carloads, to 22,289; and farm products excl. grain, and food, up 977 carloads, to 18,062. One commodity group posted a decrease compared with the same week in 2025: motor vehicles and parts, down 853 carloads, to 16,470. Canadian railroads reported 92,850 carloads for the week, up 4.0 percent, and 73,175 intermodal units, down 6.3 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first 25 weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,117,982 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.5 percent.
AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending June 27, 2026, July 1, 2026, www.aar.com

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Canada Qualifies First Companies to Bid for Offshore Wind Energy Licenses

Source: Maritime-Executive

Canada and the province of Nova Scotia took a key step forward in their ambitions to develop offshore wind energy by designating the firms prequalified to enter the bidding. Government officials highlighted a strong field of international participants, saying it further confirms the opportunities to become a world-class site for offshore wind energy. The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator (CNSOER), an independent joint agency created by the government of Canada and Nova Scotia, conducted the pre-qualification. It established criteria for the financial status of the bidder as well as technical, legal, and social elements that were considered during the review process. “By attracting companies with the experience and know-how to deliver large energy projects, we are setting the stage for a successful offshore wind industry here at home,” said Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston.
Canada Qualifies First Companies to Bid for Offshore Wind Energy Licenses, June 28, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com

Dredging of Vancouver's Burrard approved to make room for big oil tankers

Source: JOC

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority says it has received all federal permits to allow for the dredging of Vancouver’s Burrard Inlet, making room for larger oil tankers loading up from the Trans Mountain pipeline. The agency says the dredging along northern and southern edges of the navigation channel underneath Vancouver’s Second Narrows bridge will start in September 2026, but it could not say how long the work will take. The authority responsible for Canada’s largest port says the work is being done, so the ships — including Aframax-class tankers — filling up at the Westridge Marine Terminal can “load more fully.” The Aframax ships measure up to 250 metres long and have a draft of up to 16 metres, but Trans Mountain says on its website that such tankers generally load to about 80 per cent of capacity in order to clear the inlet. Prime Minister Mark Carney first floated the idea of dredging Burrard Inlet in the spring 2025, but the most recent federal budget does not include any specific references to the project, beyond promises to “improve access” to overseas markets by investing in new airport, railway and port infrastructure.
Dredging of Vancouver's Burrard approved to make room for big oil tankers, June 29, 2026, www.joc.com

US/WORLD

Port of Long Beach launches Green Truck Corridor to Mexico

Source: AJOT

Port of Long Beach CEO Dr. Noel Hacegaba and Long Beach Harbor Commissioners joined Jacobeth Hernández Mendoza, Consul for Economic Affairs for the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles, and Bali Express Services Company Director Juan Baez in commemorating the company's commitment to using clean trucks to move cargo along a route spanning roughly 125 miles between the Port and Mexico, the United States' largest trading partner. Hacegaba spoke about the significance of U.S.-Mexico trade, with two-way commerce reaching a record $872.83 billion annually. Nearly 90% of that trade occurs on land, most of it via truck, he added. "This is why initiatives like these matter and are making a difference," Hacegaba said.
Port of Long Beach launches Green Truck Corridor to Mexico, June 26, 2026, www.ajot.com

Maersk Increases Outlook to Strong Profits Based on Rate Surge and Volumes

Source: Maritime-Executive

Maersk, in a reversal of fortune, issued a strong upgrade for its 2026 outlook, increasing guidance to a solid profit for the year. Earlier in the year, Maersk had issued a far more cautious outlook for 2026, speaking more of cost saving and head cuts at headquarters in a weak market and warning of a loss of up to $1.5 billion (EBIT). The company is now citing a "recent sustained increase in spot market rates," as well as continued strong demand in the container market. In particular, it cites the strong demand coming from the Far East.
Maersk Increases Outlook to Strong Profits Based on Rate Surge and Volumes, June 30, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com

House Leaders Call for an End to White House's Jones Act Waiver

Source: Maritime-Executive

The Republican leaders of the House of Representatives have written to the White House to ask for an eventual end to the sweeping 150-day waiver of the *Jones Act*. The waiver is the longest and broadest in scope since at least 1950, and industry advocates say that it is already having damaging effects on the health of America's domestic maritime sector. The petition's signatories include all relevant House decision makers, including House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA), House Oversight chairman Rep. James Comer (R-KY), House Majority Leader Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA), Transportation Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MS), Maritime Transportation Subcommittee Chairman Mike Ezell (R-MS), and 47 other members of the chamber. Together, they have asked the White House to allow the waiver to expire at the end of its currently-scheduled lifespan - August 16 - and use other authorities to help reduce the cost of fuel at the pump.
House Leaders Call for an End to White House's Jones Act Waiver, July 1, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com

Hapag-Lloyd Continues to Invest in its Portfolio of Port Terminals

Source: Maritime-Executive

Hapag-Lloyd, three years after launching a port terminal company, Hanseatic Global Terminals, is continuing to expand its portfolio. The company announced negotiations for investments in Hamburg, Germany, and Tangier Med, Morocco, for its portfolio as it works toward a goal of more than 30 terminals by 2030. The company has completed a terms sheet outlining the key conditions for an intended investment in Eurogate Container Terminal Hamburg. It calls for Hanseatic Global Terminals to acquire a 20 percent stake in the operation from Eurogate.

Hapag-Lloyd Continues to Invest in its Portfolio of Port Terminals, July 1, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com

Road Transport Updates

CANADA

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, May 2026

Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for May 2026 on Statistics Canada website. The index for Couriers and Messenger Services for May 2026 is 160.4 compared to 161.6 in April 2026 and 138.4 in May 2025. A further breakdown into couriers and local messenger services is also available on the website. *Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, May 2026, July 2, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca*

Statement by CTA President on CUSMA Decision

Source: Ontruck

On July 2, 2026, the Canadian Trucking Alliance issued the following statement regarding the announcement by the United States Administration to decline the multi-year extension of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) that the government of Canada had put forward: "Yesterday's decision by the United States to withhold an immediate extension of CUSMA injects a deep layer of systemic friction into North American commerce at a time when continental supply chains require stability. By shifting the trade pact from a predictable, long-term framework into a cycle of forced annual reviews, Washington has introduced a distinct structural challenge. Unless this format is successfully modified through upcoming negotiations, this shift to an annual review process will remain a primary factor of instability facing our sector. …"
Statement by CTA President on CUSMA Decision, July 2, 2026, www.ontruck.ca

Here is where AI can help with maintenance, according to Loblaw, Sobeys

Wayne Scott thought he had a pretty good handle on Samsara's maintenance capabilities. Then he sat through the company's Beyond keynote. When the presentation reached the part about predictive fault code information, the cost projections, he said, "'Man, I didn't know they could do that.'" For Scott, who has spent more than four decades in fleet maintenance, the surprise wasn't another dashboard or another report. It was seeing connected fleet technology evolve from telling maintenance managers what happened to helping them decide what to do next. The fact that technology now goes further that collecting information and helps teams with administrative work surrounding it, all while producing better and accurate data, was where the Canadian fleets attending the conference in Las Vegas last week said the value lies.

Here is where AI can help with maintenance, according to Loblaw, Sobeys, July 2, 2026, www.trucknews.com

Ontario warns non-compliant truck driving schools face enforcement action July 31

Ontario truck driver training schools that failed to submit updated Class A curriculum and ministry-compliant lesson plans by July 1, 2026 are now considered non-compliant, with those remaining out of compliance by July 31 facing escalating enforcement measures, according to a Ministry of Transportation (MTO) bulletin issued June 30. The bulletin serves as a final reminder to Driver Certification Program organizations, registered career colleges and curriculum developers to comply with the ministry's lesson plan development requirements under the Commercial Truck Driver Training Standard (Class A).

Ontario warns non-compliant truck driving schools face enforcement action July 31, 2026, www.trucknews.com

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Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces $310.2 Million Loan to Eliminate Traffic Bottleneck in Hampton Roads, Virginia

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 29, 2026 announced the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) will receive a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan of up to $310.2 million from the Build America Bureau. The loan will help fund much-needed express lanes and a free-flowing toll system that will together reduce chronic traffic in the area. The I-64/I-464 corridor is a critical regional artery that commuters rely on and freight companies utilize to access to the Virginia Port system, one of the largest ports on the East Coast. This loan builds on Secretary Duffy's broader campaign to eliminate traffic bottlenecks across America.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces $310.2 Million Loan to Eliminate Traffic Bottleneck in Hampton Roads, Virginia, June 29, 2026, www.dot.gov

AI Driving Surge in Cargo Theft: Report

Source: Cantruck

The AI infrastructure boom is driving a dramatic surge in cargo theft, leaving companies and ultimately consumers to pick up the tab, reports Yahoo Finance. "The bad guys are good at marketing," said Lewis, head of operations at risk-assessment firm Verisk CargoNet. "It's so much more strategic now, so much more targeted. They know what's hot and they know what's selling." According to the report, crooks are increasingly deploying AI to find and steal those goods in a digitally savvy twist that brings the breach full circle. Last year, losses from supply chain crime in the United States and Canada rose 60% to nearly $725 million as big-rig bandits zeroed in on valuable shipments, according to a report from *CargoNet*. Many more thefts likely went unreported because companies fear reputational damage or higher insurance premiums, experts say. The average theft value rose by 36%, "driven by more selective, high-value targeting by organized groups," the report states. Theft of metals climbed by 77%, largely fueled by demand for copper products.

AI Driving Surge in Cargo Theft: Report, June 30, 2026, www.cantruck.ca

Pipeline Transport Updates

CANADA

Comment period opens for planned liquefied petroleum gas facility on B.C. coast

Source: Canadian Press

Ottawa has begun taking public comments on a proposed liquefied petroleum gas facility on British Columbia's north coast. The Impact Assessment Agency says in a statement comments on the proposal by **Trigon Pacific Terminals** at the Port of Prince Rupert must be submitted by July 24, 2026. The agency is also taking applications from different parties to participate in the planning phase of the project's assessment. Trigon is proposing a liquefied petroleum gas storage facility where the fuel would be loaded on ships for export. It would involve construction of up to 20 rail-loading racks at the port to receive fuel shipments, which would be stored up to 158,000 cubic metres of tanks before being shipped out.
Comment period opens for planned liquefied petroleum gas facility on B.C. coast, June 29, 2026, www.canadianpress.ca

Alberta poised to make West Coast pipeline announcement later this week

Source: Canadian Press

The Alberta government is poised to make an announcement about its plans for a new West Coast oil pipeline later this week. Sam Blackett, press secretary to Premier Danielle Smith, says there will be a "major announcement" on Thursday. July 2, 2026 to share new details about the province's submission to the federal major projects office. The major projects office was established a year ago to speed along infrastructure deemed in Canada's national interest. Alberta is acting as a proponent for a new pipeline that would carry up to one million barrels per day from the oilsands to a yet-to-be-determined West Coast port for tanker export to Asia. Under a federal-provincial energy accord signed last year, Ottawa's support for the pipeline is contingent upon the building of the massive Pathways carbon capture and storage project that would offset some of the emissions impact from increased oilsands production.

Alberta poised to make West Coast pipeline announcement later this week, June 30, 2026. www.CanadianPress.ca

B.C. natural gas leak caused by crews hitting misidentified pipeline: TSB report

Source: Canadian Press

A federal investigation has found the puncture of a natural gas pipeline in northeastern B.C. last November was caused by inaccurate identification of the pipeline's location. The Transportation Safety Board says in its investigation report that the accident happened along a stretch of pipeline operated by Westcoast Energy Ltd. about 150 kilometres northwest of Fort St. John. The report says crews were installing a new pipe that was to cross underneath two existing pipelines, and the puncture happened as the crew created an observation hole needed to track the path of the boring operation. The investigation shows that a pipe was inserted vertically into the hole to shore up unstable soil conditions and push through an obstruction, then the crew noticed a smell of gas and workers were evacuated from the area. The safety board says about 47,000 cubic metres, or almost 20 Olympic-size swimming pools, of natural gas was released but it didn't ignite and there was no explosion.
B.C. natural gas leak caused by crews hitting misidentified pipeline: TSB report, June 30, 2026, www.canadianpress.ca

Mark Carney's video: Forward Guidance: Canada's Energy Future

In advance of Canada Day, July 1, 2026 and an expected announcement on another West Coast pipeline, Prime Minister Mark Carney published this video on YouTube on June 30, 2026. Here is the text included with the video: "Today, we face an energy crisis on three levels. An affordability crisis, a security crisis, and a climate crisis. We need an energy transition that really works. The good news is that Canada has the solutions to control our own energy and our future. To do that, we need a new approach." If you listen to the end, you'll hear Carney essentially say Trudeau's policies don't work today.
Mark Carney's video: Forward Guidance: Canada's Energy Future, July 1, 2026, www.pipeline.online.ca

Alberta submits pipeline proposal to federal government along Trans Mountain corridor

Source: Financial Post

Premier Danielle Smith met with Prime Minister Mark Carney in Calgary Thursday evening to formally submit the proposal for the West Coast Pipeline project to the federal Major Projects Office as a project of national interest. The proposed route will follow the existing Trans Mountain corridor, running from Bruderheim, Alberta, to B.C.'s southwest coast. The project, Carney said, will be an equal partnership between Canada and Alberta.
Alberta submits pipeline proposal to federal government along Trans Mountain corridor, July 2, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

Other Transport Updates

CANADA

Economic growth expected to hit 0.7% in 2026, rebounding to 2% in 2027, Deloitte says

Source: JOC

Canada’s economy is forecast to rebound toward the end of this year, bringing growth to 0.7 per cent for 2026 after weak activity in the first quarter, *Deloitte Canada* said in a summer outlook released recently. Dawn Desjardins, chief economist at the consulting firm, said in the report several factors have been weighing on the economy, including trade tensions, energy costs, supply chain pressures and lower confidence. However, she is expecting growth to recover next year, totalling two per cent in 2027.
Economic growth expected to hit 0.7% in 2026, rebounding to 2% in 2027, Deloitte says, June 29, 2026, www.joc.com

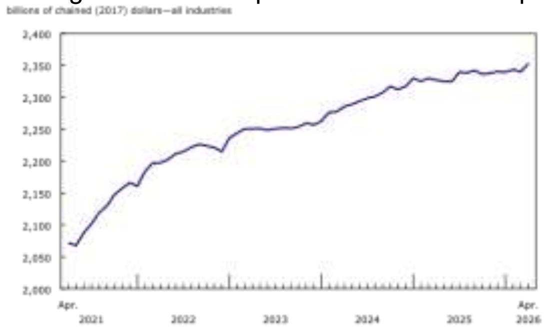
Canada's economy rebounds, growing more than expected in April

Source: Financial Post

The 2026 second-quarter GDP gets off to strong start after technical recession. GDP gains were mainly driven by the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sectors. This is the largest growth rate for the sector since February 2024 and “more than offsets” March’s 1.4 per cent contraction, officials said. The manufacturing sector also rebounded in April 2026, expanding by 0.6 per cent month-over-month following a 0.1 per cent contraction in March, driven by growth in durable-goods manufacturing industries.
Canada's economy rebounds, growing more than expected in April, June 30, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

Gross domestic product by industry, April 2026

Real gross domestic product increases in April



Real gross domestic product (GDP) grew 0.5% in April 2026, after contracting 0.1% in March 2026, on strength in both goods-producing and services-producing industries. Goods-producing industries rose 1.2% in April 2026, reflecting growth in most sectors and driven by mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction. Services-producing industries grew 0.3%, rising for the third month in a row, driven by growth in the public sector and transportation and warehousing. Overall, 14 of the 20 industrial sectors grew in April.

Gross domestic product by industry, April 2026, June 30, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

U.S. declaration to exit USMCA to start a decade-long countdown for the pact

Source: AJOT

President Donald Trump's administration is expected to formally declare on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 that it will not extend the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade, starting a decade-long clock to wind down the 32-year-old North American free trade zone as the three countries haggle over proposed changes. That declaration will kick off a six-year review session, part of a "sunset clause" negotiated by President Donald Trump's first administration. However, it will do little to alter contentious negotiations over the pact's future, including sweeping demands to boost U.S. and regional content in North American automotive production and trade protections to block Chinese goods from benefiting from USMCA. Trade chiefs from the U.S., Mexico and Canada are expected to meet virtually on Wednesday and declare whether they want to extend the pact for another 16 years. U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer has already scheduled a third round of negotiations with Mexico for the week of July 20, signalling his intent to keep pushing for changes. "We expect July 1st to come and go, and for the United States to not confirm its wish to extend," said Greta Peisch, a former USTR general counsel who is now a trade partner at Wiley Rein in Washington.

U.S. declaration to exit USMCA to start a decade-long countdown for the pact, June 30, 2026, www.aot.com

US, Canada, Mexico review trade pact, likely putting it into limbo as Trump demands changes

Trade chiefs from the U.S., Mexico and Canada are due to review their trade agreement on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 in an exercise expected to launch a decade-long sunset of the regional pact as they continue negotiations aimed at satisfying President Donald Trump's desire to shift more manufacturing to the U.S. Trump's trade chief, Jamieson Greer, was meeting virtually with Mexican Economy Minister Marcelo Ebrard, and Canadian trade minister Dominic LeBlanc to declare whether they want to extend the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement for another 16 years. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said on Tuesday, June30, 2026 that she wanted to extend the 32-year-old free trade zone for another 16 years, which would happen if all three countries agreed to extend it in its current form. But Greer has already said that more time is needed to fix problems with USMCA and has scheduled another negotiating round with Mexico for the week of July 20, 2026. He has not begun formal negotiations with Canada on USMCA revisions. Trump, who has imposed tariffs of 25% on Mexican and Canadian autos, 50% on metals and 10% on lumber, has repeatedly said that he does not want to extend USMCA, which he launched in 2020 as "the best agreement we've ever made." In two rounds of negotiations with Mexico, Trump's administration has demanded that North American-built vehicles contain 50% U.S. content, pushing the regional total to 82%.

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June 2026 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (3.8%) Falls Below the June 2025 Level (4.5%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) June 2026 4.4%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) June 2026 3.8%
↔ 0.0 change from same month last year	▼ -0.7 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 3.8% (not seasonally adjusted) in June 2026 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. In June 2026, the transportation sector unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points from 4.5% in June 2025. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020.
June 2026 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (3.8%) Falls Below the June 2025 Level (4.5%), July 2, 2026, www.bts.gov

Other CILT News

Events

CCALS, CILTNA and Longwood University are hosting the 2026 Next-Gen Smart Logistics & Supply Chain Conference on October 22-23, 2026 at Longwood University, Farmville, VA, USA.

We are currently having a call for submissions for the event with a deadline of July 15, 2026.

The conference welcomes diverse forms of participation to encourage engagement from academic researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, and students.

Why Present?

- Recognition and Awards: Best Presentation Award for each track.
- Share your expertise with a highly engaged audience of logistics professionals, researchers, and policymakers.
- Position yourself and your organization as a thought leader in AI-driven logistics innovation.
- Network with decision-makers shaping the future of freight movement in North America and globally.
- Influence industry adoption of cutting-edge AI and analytics solutions.

Key Dates for Presenters

- Submission Deadline: July 15, 2026
- Review Period: July 16 – August 10, 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: August 15, 2026
- Final Materials Due: September 10, 2026
- Preliminary Program Release: September 15, 2026

Submission templates
Download this template to use for **full paper** submissions.
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To submit your work, please fill out the Google Form link HERE.

NOTE: You must sign into your Google account to use the application form. Apply by July 15, 2026.

Registration to attend the conference will be coming soon!

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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* Supply Planner, Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., Mississauga, ON, Canada

The What
Make A Difference for Those Who Make the World™

As a Supply Planner you will be part of a dedicated team based in Mississauga, Ontario and reporting to the Supply Planning Manager. The Supply Planner is responsible for managing inventory levels and supporting business objectives through effective supply planning. This role works closely with the Demand Planning Team and cross-functional partners—including Sales, Marketing, Finance, Operations, and Manufacturing—to ensure optimal inventory, best-in-class service levels, and successful new product introductions.

The Why

It takes great people to achieve greatness. People with a sense of purpose and integrity. People with a relentless pursuit of excellence. People who care about making things better For Those Who Make The World™. Sound like you? Join our top-notch team of nearly 48,000 professionals globally who are making their mark on some of the world's most beloved brands, including DEWALT®, CRAFTSMAN®, CUB CADET®, STANLEY® and BLACK+DECKER.

What You Will Get To Do

- Develop and maintain supply plans for assigned product lines; balancing inventory targets, service levels while reducing excess and obsolete inventory through proactive management of new product development (NPD), product transitions, and underselling items

- Analyze demand forecasts and inventory data to create replenishment schedules, collaborating with global planning, manufacturing, and distribution teams to ensure timely and efficient product flow
- Monitor and report on key supply chain metrics, including inventory turns, fill rates, and back orders
- Identify, communicate, and escalate risks to supply and service levels, and provide recovery plans and get-well dates for out-of-stock scenarios
- Lead and participate in monthly Supply Review and Promotional Review meetings to assess supply risks, align on inventory strategies, and ensure readiness for upcoming promotions and demand spike
- Manage inventory levels to minimize excess and obsolescence
- Develop and manage SKU inventory planning strategies utilizing JDA, maintaining accurate planning parameters and data integrity
- Support the supply of new products through setup, production, and market delivery, as well as end-of-life transitions, coordinating globally with Marketing, Demand, Supply Chain, and Manufacturing teams
- Drive process improvements to enhance supply planning accuracy and efficiency
- Serve as the link between suppliers, manufacturing locations, and the Canadian market, representing Supply Chain Operations
- Work on ad-hoc improvement projects; other duties as assigned

Who You Are

- 3-5 years of demonstrated Inventory Planning/Supply Chain experience
- Post-Secondary education in Supply Chain Management, Distribution or Inventory Management is preferred
- Experience working for a large retailer/CPG is preferred
- Exceptional organizational and leadership skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a complex, fast paced, deadline-driven environment
- Intermediate/advanced experience using Microsoft Excel
- Computer proficiency a must (MS Office products)
- Knowledge of PBI, SAP and JDA Supply Planning System an asset

What You Get

- Anticipated compensation for this role is $70,000-$75,000 in annual base salary. Salary is based on market location, and may vary depending on job-related knowledge, skills, and experience.
- We care about the safety and the well-being of our employees.
- A supportive work environment where you can be your best every day.
- Opportunities to stretch and develop in our diverse lines of business within our Fortune 200 company.
- We offer different ways for you to give back to communities where we operate.
- Competitive compensation & benefits package.
- Use of a company laptop.
- Company Perks including: Goodlife Fitness discounts, Employee product purchase, and many more!

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* Entry-Level Project Management Specialist, Boeing, Smithfield, PA, USA

About the job:

At Boeing, we innovate and collaborate to make the world a better place. We're committed to fostering an environment for every teammate that's welcoming, respectful and inclusive, with great opportunity for professional growth. Find your future with us.

The Boeing Company is looking for an **Entry-Level Project Management Specialist** to join our team in **Smithfield, Pennsylvania.**

This role will require someone who is able to travel domestically up to 10% of the time.

Position Responsibilities:

- Manages Production Projects from New Concept engineering support and production planning to full rate production phases.
- Supports a growing Manufacturing team in a mixed model high rate environment.
- Independently develops, coordinates, integrates, analyzes, and maintains an integrated plan and schedule to meet program and/or project requirements in accordance with project management industry standards.
- Performs studies, analysis (trend, variance, impact), risk assessments to determine impacts, and constraints involving product development, production rates, process improvement, program initiatives.
- Creates schedule, reports, metrics, change activity, communicates and updates plan regularly throughout lifecycle of program or project.
- Works to improve project management processes, business systems, and implement best practices that support project decision makers.
- Directs all phases of projects or subsystems of major projects from inception through completion.
- Acts as primary project contact to establish key stakeholder requirements and project objectives.
- Assists customers to develop performance recovery plan and ensure all project control systems are in place to support ongoing support to stakeholders.

Basic Qualifications (Required Skills/Experience):

- Experience Project Management or Project Scheduling
- Experience communicating and collaborating directly with internal or external customers, peers, other employees, and all levels of leadership
- 1+ years of experience using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook

Preferred Qualifications (Desired Skills/Experience):

- Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Experience in a production environment
- Experience in Supply Chain Management

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* Procurement Analyst, Streamline Defense, Miami, FL, USA

Overview

Streamline Defense is seeking a Procurement Analyst to support the U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) Enterprise Data & Analytics (EDA) program from Streamline's facility in Tampa, FL. This position is contingent upon contract award.

Responsibilities

- Proposed personnel possess the knowledge and capability to track expenditures, manage procurement cycles, and ensure contract compliance with DoD acquisition policies.
- Personnel must be proficient in data analysis, cost forecasting, and procurement workflow optimization.
- Strong attention to detail and record-keeping skills are required.

Required Qualifications

- The contractor shall provide personnel with a Bachelor's degree in Finance, Business Administration, or a related field, or four (4) years of equivalent experience in procurement analysis.
- Personnel must have demonstrated expertise in the DFARS and FAR processes for procurement, managing purchase orders, tracking procurement performance metrics, and ensuring budget alignment with operational requirements.
- Personnel must have experience with acquisition software, federal procurement databases, and financial tracking tools to support compliance with DoD acquisition regulations.
- Experience in cost estimation, contract analysis, and procurement audits is required.

Desired Qualifications

- Desirable but not required certifications include Certified Professional Contracts Manager(CPCM) or DoD Financial Management Certification.

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