

# Transportation Information Update\*

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## AIR TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, April 2025

In April 2025, 4.5 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, a 3.6% increase over April 2024 and 1.9% higher than the April 2019 level, pre-COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2025, *domestic passenger traffic* was 2.0 million, 7.4% higher than in April 2024 and modestly surpassing (+1.5%) the pre-pandemic level recorded in April 2019. The number of passengers screened for *international travel* (outside the United States) in April 2025 was 1.4 million, up 7.1% over the same month in 2024 and sharply higher (+19.0%) than the level posted in April 2019. *Transborder traffic* (to the United States) was 1.1 million in April 2025, 5.8% lower than in April 2024 and the third consecutive month of year-over-year decreases. Moreover, in April 2025, transborder passenger counts were significantly lower (-12.5%) than the pre-pandemic level recorded in April 2019.

### 2. Porter Airlines inaugurates nonstop Montreal-Newark service

Porter Airlines is expanding its New York network with the inauguration of non-stop service between Montréal Trudeau International Airport (YUL) and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) on June 1, 2025. Up to two daily roundtrip flights are operated on Porter's 78-seat De Havilland Dash 8-400 aircraft, meaning no middle seats for all passengers. Daily flights will now operate year-round based on strong demand seen for the summer schedule. This is the third nonstop route to Newark offered by the airline, joining Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ) and Ottawa (YOW). Porter recently launched a fourth route to the New York area with daily nonstop Toronto Pearson (YYZ) to LaGuardia service.

### 3. Porter Airlines first-ever Hamilton flights taking off to Halifax and Vancouver

Porter Airlines is celebrating new coast-to-coast air service, with inaugural flights connecting Hamilton to Halifax and Vancouver taking off on June 3, 2025. Both routes operate with daily nonstop roundtrip service. Flights are operated with Porter's 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, which means there are no middle seats on any flight. Porter's distinct approach to economy air travel features free, fast WiFi, and complimentary beer, wine, and premium Canadian snacks for everyone.

### 4. WestJet Cargo relies on Jettainer as long-term ULD management partner

Jettainer remains the ULD partner of choice for WestJet Cargo in the coming years. The Canadian airline has extended the contract for the second time and is thus relying on both the continued support and innovative services of Jettainer when it comes to ULD management. Since 2015, Jettainer has been managing and maintaining a fleet of containers and pallets tailored to the airline's needs. The current ULD fleet consists mainly of light AKE units for the transportation of luggage and cargo in passenger aircraft. Operating a fleet of nearly 200 aircraft, WestJet connects globally to over 100 destinations

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across North America, Central America and the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia. With advanced IT and tracking solutions, Jettainer's experts always steer the units on the most efficient path through this network, keeping a proactive eye on demand, movements and inventory to ensure 100 percent availability at all times.

### **5. Air Canada Inaugurates Flights to Porto; Adds A Second Destination in Portugal to Its Global Network**

Air Canada's inaugural flight from Montreal departed on June 5, 2025 evening and arrived this morning in Porto, Portugal. "We are delighted to be returning to Porto, marking our newest Europe route this summer and second destination in Portugal," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer and President, Cargo.

### **6. IATA expects sustainable aviation fuel production to double in 2025**

The International Air Transport Association said on Sunday, May 1, 2025 that it expects the amount of sustainable aviation fuel produced to double in 2025 to reach 2 million tonnes, representing 0.7% of airlines' fuel consumption. Influential industry body IATA has increasingly been warning that airlines will struggle to meet their sustainability goals, and has described the production of SAF - which is more expensive than conventional jet fuel - as disappointingly slow. IATA Director General Willie Walsh said that while the production increase was encouraging, the relatively small amount will add \$4.4 billion globally to aviation's fuel bill. "The pace of progress in ramping up production and gaining efficiencies to reduce costs must accelerate," Walsh said in a statement. The broader aviation sector agreed in 2021 to target net-zero emissions in 2050 based mainly on a gradual switch to SAF, which is made from waste oil and biomass.

### **7. Air transport industry report**

At the 81st IATA AGM in Delhi, Willie Walsh delivered his report on the air transport industry. "I'm pleased to report that the airline industry remains strong and relevant. 1. Traveler numbers will soon top 5 billion annually, and 2. The 69 million tons of air cargo transported annually accounts for a third of global trade by value. In 2025 airlines will make a \$36 billion profit on revenues of \$979 billion. While those are big numbers, let's remember this equates to a net margin of a mere 3.7% or \$7.20 net profit per passenger. Our profitability is not commensurate to the enormous value that we create at the heart of a value chain supporting 3.9% of global GDP and providing and supporting jobs for 86.5 million people. While airline margins are half what most other industries earn, including those in the air transport value chain, airline resilience is the stuff of legend—as proven in our post-COVID bounce-back. The pioneers who founded our association 80 years ago would be proud! Their aim for IATA was to promote safe, regular and economical transport for the benefit of the peoples of the world. Looking at aviation today, we delivered! Flying is safe. And more people and businesses than ever are benefitting from it.

### **8. Airlines lower air cargo forecast amid escalating trade war**

The International Air Transport Association on June 2, 2025 downgraded its guidance for air cargo volumes and airline revenue from cargo as global tariffs unleashed by the new Trump administration roil freight markets. The trade association said air cargo demand is now expected to grow 0.7% year over year, with member airlines hauling 76 million U.S. tons versus the previous projection in December of 80 million tons. In 2024, air cargo volume grew 12%, an all-time high, based on an average of data sources. Six months ago, IATA predicted cargo volume for passenger and all-cargo airlines would grow 5.8% this year. The U.S. cancellation of the de minimis exemption, which allowed parcels valued below \$800 to enter the country without duty or complex customs procedures, for China and Hong Kong is

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also weighing down cargo volumes as e-commerce retailers shift from direct-to-consumer shipping to fulfilling orders from U.S. warehouses stocked through less expensive ocean shipments. Cargo revenues for member airlines are expected to decline 4.7% to \$142 billion as global economic growth slows due to the proliferation of tariffs and other protectionist measures that tend to constrain cross-border trade.

### **9. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Seeks Top Innovators to Spearhead Air Traffic Control Overhaul**

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 3, 2025 announced that the Federal Aviation Administration is seeking a company to lead the building of a brand new, state-of-the-art air traffic control system. To encourage companies to participate and discuss the plan, Secretary Duffy and FAA will host [Industry Days](#). The agency issued a [Request for Information](#) for an integrator to play a key role in executing President Trump and U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy's vision for [building the air traffic system of the future](#).

### **10. IATA CO2 Connect Integrated into the Amadeus Travel Platform**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Amadeus are integrating flight-specific emissions data from IATA CO2 Connect into the [Amadeus Travel Platform](#). This will allow airlines, travel agents, corporate travel managers, and online platforms that request IATA CO2 Connect data to provide travelers with a new source of trusted emissions data at the point of booking. IATA CO2 Connect uses real operational data, such as aircraft type-specific fuel consumption, directly contributed by over 70 airlines and calculated using a [globally standardized methodology](#). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "Our agreement with Amadeus will help fulfill traveler expectations for greater transparency as airlines progress towards net zero carbon emissions by 2050. IATA surveys reveal that close to 90% of passengers expect airlines or travel agents to provide carbon emission data for flights they have booked. Yet, 79% highlight that the carbon calculations provided are not always consistent. Making IATA CO2 Connect data available through the Amadeus platform will help users make more informed travel decisions using accurate emissions data."

### **11. U.S. Airlines' April 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 3.8% and Aviation Fuel Consumption down 1.8% from March 2025**

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on June 5, 2025 released U.S. airlines' April 2025 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.580 billion gallons of fuel, 1.8% less fuel than in March 2025 (1.609 billion gallons) and 0.9% more than April 2024. The cost per gallon of fuel in April 2025 (\$2.32) was down 9 cents (3.8%) from March 2025 (\$2.41) and down 44 cents (15.8%) from April 2024. Total April 2025 fuel expenditure (\$3.66B) was down 5.6% from March 2025 (\$3.88B) and down 15.1% from April 2024 (4.31B). Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for April 2025 includes a 0.5% increase in domestic fuel consumption, a 15.6% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and a 16.0% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 2.7% from March 2025 to April 2025. The increase in fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

### **12. Air Canada Inaugurates Flights to Prague**

Air Canada's newest international flight from Toronto took off on June 6, 2025 evening and has arrived in Prague, Czech Republic. Prague is the latest new Europe route Air Canada has launched this summer. The airline inaugurated its Montreal to Porto route earlier this week, celebrated the launch of its Naples route in May 2025, and marked the return of the Ottawa to London LHR route in April. At the end of June 2025, Air Canada will be inaugurating its Montreal to Edinburgh route.

### **13. Porter Airlines inaugurating new Atlantic Canada routes**

Porter Airlines is launching two new nonstop routes, connecting Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) to Deer Lake Regional Airport (YDF) and Charlottetown Airport (YYG). The flights open up additional travel possibilities across the country, with connecting options via Toronto linking to Western Canada. Deer Lake service begins on June 10, 2025, with three weekly roundtrips, while Charlottetown flights take off on June 13, 2025 with four weekly roundtrips, increasing to daily service on June 26, 2025. These new Toronto routes will operate seasonally, ending in early-September after the peak summer season.

### **14. Airline funds still blocked by governments to the tune of \$1 billion-plus**

IATA has reported that \$1.3 billion in airline funds are blocked from repatriation by governments as of end April 2025. Although a significant amount, it is an improvement of 25% compared with the \$1.7 billion reported for October 2024. IATA has urged governments to remove all barriers preventing airlines from the timely repatriation of their revenues from ticket sales and other activities in accordance with international agreements and treaty obligations. "Ensuring the

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timely repatriation of revenues is vital for airlines to cover dollar-denominated expenses and maintain their operations,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General. “Delays and denials violate bilateral agreements and increase exchange rate risks. Reliable access to revenues is critical for any business—particularly airlines which operate on very thin margins. “Economies and jobs rely on international connectivity. Governments must realize that it is a challenge for airlines to maintain connectivity when revenue repatriation is denied or delayed.” Only 10 countries account for 80% (\$1.03 billion) of the total blocked funds, with Mozambique sitting top owing \$205 million. The East African country withheld \$127 million in October 2024.

#### **15. Porter Airlines celebrates inaugural flights from Hamilton to Calgary and Edmonton**

Porter Airlines is strengthening its Canadian network with the launch of non-stop service from Hamilton to Calgary and Edmonton, giving travellers more convenient options to travel between Alberta and Southern Ontario. Operating on Porter’s 132-seat Embraer E195-E2, the flights offer a two-by-two seating configuration with no middle seats. Porter’s elevated economy experience also includes complimentary beer and wine in glassware, premium Canadian snacks, and free, fast WiFi. Travellers seeking an all-inclusive journey can select *PorterReserve*, which adds fresh, healthy meals, extra legroom, checked bags, and priority check-in and security. *PorterClassic* fares allow passengers to mix and match those benefits à la carte.

#### **16. WestJet and Scandinavian Airlines System announce interline agreement**

WestJet announced a new interline partnership agreement with Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), significantly enhancing seamless connectivity across the Atlantic and throughout the Nordic countries. Through this partnership, WestJet guests will gain single-ticket access to 29 destinations across Denmark, Sweden and Norway including key cities such as Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Gothenburg, Luleå and Malmö. "We're pleased to welcome SAS as our latest interline partner, creating new two-way travel opportunities between Canada and key destinations across Northern Europe," said John Weatherill, WestJet Executive Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer. "This partnership not only enhances connectivity for WestJet guests heading to Scandinavia but also opens up smoother access for Nordic travelers looking to experience the best of Canada through our growing domestic network."

#### **17. U.S. Transportation Secretary Duffy Encourages Independent Review of DCA Airspace**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 11, 2025 announced his support for an independent audit by the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General (DOT OIG) into airspace operations and safety oversight in the National Capital Region (NCR), including Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). The audit follows a bipartisan request from Senate leaders for an audit after the January 29 midair collision between an Army Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines flight 5342. In the years preceding that tragic night, there were 85 similar near misses at Reagan National.

#### **18. IATA has released data for April 2025 global air cargo markets showing the following highlights.**

Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), rose by 5.8% compared to April 2024 levels (+6.5% for international operations). Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 6.3% compared to April 2024 (+6.9% for international operations). “Air cargo demand grew strongly in April, with volumes up 5.8% year-on-year, building on March’s solid performance,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General. Seasonal demand for fashion and consumer goods—front-loading ahead of US tariff changes—and lower jet fuel prices have combined to boost air cargo. With available capacity at record levels and yields improving, the outlook for air cargo is encouraging. While April brought good news, stresses in world trade are no secret. Shifts in trade policy, particularly in the US, are already reshaping demand and export dynamics. Airlines will need to remain flexible as the situation develops over the coming months.

#### **19. International load factor hits record high for April**

IATA has released data for April 2025 global passenger demand with the following highlights. Total demand, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 8.0% compared to April 2024. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 6.5% year-on-year. The April load factor was 83.6% (+1.1 ppt compared to April 2024 ). International demand rose 10.8% compared to April 2024. Capacity was up 8.5% year-on-year, and the load factor was 84.1% (+1.7 ppt compared to April 2024 ), the highest ever for April. Domestic demand increased 3.3% compared to April 2024. Capacity was up 3.1% year-on-year. The load factor was 82.7% (+0.1 ppt compared to April 2024 ). “April was a positive month for travel—growth strengthened, especially for international demand which saw record load factors for the month,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General.

#### **20. Schiphol charges decision earns criticism**

A decision to allow Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to increase its charges by a third has been criticised by IATA. The Consumer and Market Authority in the Netherlands (ACM) has allowed the airport to increase charges by a cumulative 33% over the next three years, which will mean that by 2027, fees will have doubled compared to 2019. “It is very disappointing that the Regulator can consider a 33% cost increase to be reasonable,” said Rafael Schwartzman, IATA’s Regional Vice President for Europe. “Schiphol is set to double its charges in just 8 years, while its services decline, and

its capital spending fails to bring in much-needed improvements. “Along with the uncertainty over the airport’s future capacity, this can only further damage the viability of Schiphol as a hub airport and the wider economy of the Netherlands.” IATA said aviation supports more than 400,000 jobs and 3.6% of Dutch GDP, with Schiphol being the essential artery for airlines to bring business, goods, and tourism to and from the Netherlands.

#### **21. British Airways penalized for violations of the APPR**

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued administrative monetary penalties totaling \$64,800 against British Airways for violations of the Air Passenger Protection Regulations (APPR). Between May 2, 2024, and October 9, 2024, British Airways committed 36 violations of subsections 5(2), 5(3) and 5(5) of the APPR, which include failing to inform passengers of the treatment applicable to them, the minimum compensation to which they may be entitled, and the recourse against the carrier available to them, including their recourse to the CTA. British Airways has until July 14, 2025, to request reviews before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

#### **22. Air India crash probe focuses on engine, flaps; India orders safety checks on 787 fleet**

The investigation into the Air India plane crash that killed more than 240 people is focusing on the engine, flaps and landing gear, a source said on Friday, June 13, 2025 as the aviation regulator ordered safety checks on the airline's entire Boeing-787 fleet.

#### **23. Air Canada Foundation Releases 2024 Impact Report Highlighting Work Promoting Children's Health and Well-being**

The Air Canada Foundation has released its 2024 Impact Report, showcasing programs and partnerships that have positively impacted children's lives across Canada. The report highlights key initiatives, charitable collaborations, humanitarian efforts, and the volunteer contributions of Air Canada employees. The Foundation empowers children through three core pillars: Health, by working with pediatric hospitals and community organizations to improve health outcomes of children and youth; Protection, by ensuring kids' fundamental needs are met and preserving the essence of childhood; and Dreams, by collaborating with groups that bring hope and strengthen resilience for children facing adversities.

#### **24. U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Gained 3,870 Jobs in April 2025**

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment increased to 1,012,668 workers in April 2025, 3,870 (0.38%) more workers than in March 2025 (1,008,798). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 547,424 workers in April 2025, or 54% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines gained 477 employees in April 2025. United Air Lines Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 579 employees; Delta Air Lines Inc. added 207, and Alaska Airlines Inc. added 203. U.S. cargo airlines employed 460,968 workers in April 2025, or 46% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers gained 3,362 employees in April. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, increased employment by 3,445 jobs.

#### **25. New Study Reveals Canadian Airports Generate \$123.5 Billion in Annual Economic Output and Support Nearly 436,000 Jobs**

The Canadian Airports Council (CAC) has released the findings of a new *Economic Impact Study* showing the significant contribution of Canada’s airports to the national economy. The study highlights that 61 airports across the country supported 435,800 full-time jobs, delivered \$32.9 billion in annual wages, contributed \$49.6 billion in GDP, and generated a total economic output of \$123.5 billion in 2024. The study, developed using an updated economic model based on Statistics Canada data and more than 30 airport economic reports, mirrors a similar CAC study from 2016, offering a direct comparison of industry growth over time. Key national-level findings include: 1. Total employment supported by airport activity increased 22.8% from 2016. 2. Total annual wages rose by 49.5%, to \$32.9 billion. 3. Total GDP linked to airports reached \$49.6 billion. 4. Annual economic output grew 56.3% over 2016 levels.

#### **26. Air Canada Named Best Airline in North America at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards Presented at the Paris Air Show**

Air Canada on June 17, 2025 was named the Best Airline in North America at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards. Presented at the Paris Air Show, the Skytrax awards, which are based on customer satisfaction surveys of approximately 22 million global travellers, also recognized the Toronto Air Canada Signature Suite as the World’s Best Business Class Lounge Dining for the second straight year, as well as its flight attendants as Best Cabin Crew in Canada and North America. Air Canada also took home additional honours for the Best Low-Cost Airline in Canada for its Rouge subsidiary, Most Family Friendly Airline in North America, Best Premium Economy Class Onboard Catering in North America, Best Business Class Onboard Catering in North America, and Best Business Class Lounge in North America.

#### **27. Porter Airlines is North America’s Best Regional Airline: Skytrax**

Porter Airlines was selected as Best Regional Airline in North America at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards, for the second consecutive year. The category includes airlines that primarily or exclusively fly within North America.

Over 100 countries participate in the world's largest airline passenger satisfaction survey to select the award winners. This year's presentation ceremony was held at the Paris Air Show.

### **28. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces FAA, International Partners Will Collaborate on Advanced Air Mobility**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 17, 2025 announced at the Paris Air Show that the Federal Aviation Administration and four other regulators are collaborating on an advanced air mobility (AAM) roadmap to enable the safe rollout of these aircraft and unleash innovation in our skies. The roadmap puts us on a path to align our standards and remove redundant red tape.

### **29. US Airlines net loss was \$225 million in first quarter 2025, a decrease in net loss over first quarter 2024**

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines reported a first-quarter 2025 after-tax net loss of \$225 million and a pre-tax operating profit of \$138 million. One year earlier, in the first quarter of 2024, the airlines reported an after-tax net loss of \$1.7 billion and a pre-tax operating loss of \$297 million.

### **30. EASA and IATA Publish Comprehensive Plan to Mitigate the Risks of GNSS Interference**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) have published a comprehensive plan to mitigate the risks stemming from global navigation satellite system (GNSS) interference. The plan was part of the conclusions of a jointly-hosted workshop on the topic of GNSS interference. Given the continued rise in frequency of s of interference with GNSS signals, the workshop concluded that a broader and more coordinated approach is needed — focusing on four key areas: improved information gathering, stronger prevention and mitigation measures, more effective use of infrastructure and airspace management, and enhanced coordination and preparedness among relevant agencies.

### **31. Airline Service Quality Performance Data – March 2025**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on June 18, 2025 released its Airline Service Quality Performance data compiled for the month of March 2025 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, mishandled wheelchairs, and scooters. For additional information and interactive charts on transportation's role in aviation, please visit BTS' Aviation Facts and Figures. BTS regularly updates TranStats, with both Marketing Carrier On-Time Performance (Beginning January 2018) and the Reporting Carrier On-Time Performance (1987-present).

### **32. Competition watchdog calls for relaxed foreign ownership rules in airline industry report**

The Competition Bureau is calling for changes to improve the competitive landscape in Canada's airline industry, by including changing rules around foreign ownership of airlines, boosting air travel infrastructure in remote areas, and limiting the federal government's power to override parts of the merger review process. (CBC) In a 117-page market study published on June 19, 2025, the watchdog reiterated that Canada's airline industry is highly concentrated with two major carriers — Air Canada and WestJet — dominating the domestic market. Those airlines are competing less directly with each other than they did six years ago, the report said, with WestJet serving fewer domestic flyers at eastern airports, and Air Canada serving fewer domestic flyers at western airports. More competition would lead to lower fares and a higher quality of service, while improved transparency around prices would help travellers make more informed decisions when shopping for flights, the agency said. Canada's existing limits on foreign ownership of airlines are also stifling competition, the watchdog said, and loosening those restrictions will make it easier for newer, smaller airlines to access finances from different sources. It recommended letting foreign companies take full ownership of Canadian airlines that only operate domestically, creating a "new class of airline" that will bring in global expertise and capital. The bureau also suggested letting individual international investors hold a larger share of voting interests in Canadian airlines, boosting the amount from 25 per cent to 49 per cent. John Gradek, a professor of aviation management at McGill University in Montreal, said there's a price to pay if the government loosens rules around foreign ownership of carriers. "The decisions that are going to be made by those carriers that have a significant influence by foreign [owners] may not be in the best interest of Canadians," he said.

### **33. Canadian Airports Council Response to the Competition Bureau's Airline Market Report**

The June 19, 2025 report highlights challenges and provides a timely opportunity to assess the current state of the aviation ecosystem and chart a collaborative path forward. In the view of Canada's airports, the recommendations in the report could be more focused in areas that will actually drive growth and air service for communities. "Cabotage is not the answer to competition in a country as sparse and large as Canada. A foreign carrier is not going to service our smallest towns and thin volume routes," noted Monette Pasher, President of Canadian Airports Council. "We need to package the right policy solution for the specific problem at hand." This report does recognize that Canada's airline sector is more competitive than it has been in a decade. Major airports are seeing increased demand for direct flights and more diverse consumer needs in terms of destinations and services. This will support competition as we develop innovative infrastructure to improve productivity and meet demand.

### **34. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy: Passing One Big Beautiful Bill is a Down Payment for a Brand-New Air Traffic Control System**

On June 19, 2025, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy urged Congress to pass President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill to begin upgrading the U.S.'s aging air traffic control systems at a press conference following his tour of San Diego International Airport (SAN)'s Air Traffic Control Tower. The Secretary was joined by Air Traffic Organization Chief Operating Officer (A) Frank McIntosh. SAN is the busiest single-runway commercial airport in the U.S. and supports approximately 200,000 arrivals and departures annually.

### **35. Air Transat inaugurates its new exclusive route**

Air Transat proudly inaugurated its exclusive non-stop service between Toronto and Berlin, after recently being named World's Best Leisure Airline for the seventh time at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards. The inaugural flight, TS418, departed from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and landed in Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) this morning, marking the beginning of a highly anticipated route that operates twice weekly through October.

### **36. Air Canada announces preliminary results of \$500 million substantial issuer bid**

Air Canada expects to take up and pay for 26,595,744 Shares at a price of \$18.80 per Share under the Offer, representing an aggregate purchase price of about \$500,000,000 and about 8.24% of the total number of Air Canada's issued and outstanding Shares as of June 20, 2025 and before giving effect to the Offer. In response to the Offer, 26,823,988 Shares were validly deposited and not withdrawn pursuant to auction tenders at or below the purchase price and purchase price tenders. Since the Offer was oversubscribed, shareholders who made auction tenders at or below the purchase price and purchase price tenders will have the number of Shares purchased prorated.

### **37. MEPs cabin bag proposal criticised**

IATA has accused the European Parliament of meddling in operational and commercial issues that it doesn't understand. The news comes following moves to make cabin luggage allowance obligatory, regardless of whether the passenger needs it or not. A proposed amendment to the enforcement of Passenger Rights (2023/0437) regulation by MEPs in the TRAN committee insists on passengers being given the right to bring an additional 100cm cabin bag for no charge—in effect, making everyone pay for a service not everyone needs. “When regulators meddle in commercial or operational issues they don't understand, they usually get it wrong—Our consumer research tells us that the majority of travelers want to pay the lowest price possible for their ticket and buy the additional services they need,” said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. “That's the complete opposite of an amendment that will force airlines to re-bundle their offering. Consumers will be disappointed with higher costs for all, and they will be frustrated with the operational chaos of determining which bags meet the requirements and which do not. If EU Parliamentarians insist on regulating where regulation is not needed, they should be prepared to take responsibility for its negative consequences.” Indeed, IATA's poll of travelers in April found that the number two priority (behind only safety) for passengers was to make air travel more affordable.

### **38. Air Canada completes \$500 million substantial issuer bid, acting on its commitment to balanced long-term capital allocation**

Air Canada has taken up and paid for 26,595,744 of its Class A Variable Voting Shares and Class B Voting Shares (collectively, the “shares”) at a price of \$18.80 per share under its \$500 million substantial issuer bid (the “Offer”) to purchase shares for cancellation. The successful completion of the Offer by Air Canada is an additional step towards its goal of reducing its fully diluted number of shares below 300 million by 2028, creating value for shareholders while investing in growth through a balanced long-term capital allocation strategy. The shares bought under the Offer, representing about 8.24% of the total number thereof, were acquired for about \$500 million. After the Offer, about 296.1 million shares are expected to remain issued and outstanding.

### **39. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Statement on NTSB Meeting on Alaska Airlines Boeing Door Plug**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 24, 2025 issued the following statement regarding the NTSB hearing on the Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 door plug blowout. The last administration and Boeing took their eye off the ball. They were distracted and safety was put at risk. That can never happen again. Under this new administration, safety is paramount and it drives everything we do. Whether it's building an all-new air traffic control system or ensuring Boeing and other manufacturers are delivering safe products, we will not hesitate to implement changes. The FAA has fundamentally changed how it oversees Boeing. We have strengthened our oversight to address systemic production-quality issues and ensure accountability. A number of the NTSB's recommendations have already been implemented, and those that have not are currently under review.

### **40. Spirit Airlines urges US to reject JetBlue, United partnership**

Budget airline Spirit Airlines on June 24, 2025 urged the Transportation Department to reject a proposed JetBlue Airways and United Airlines partnership, saying it was anticompetitive and will prompt large carriers to pursue similar deals. United and JetBlue said in May the “Blue Sky” tie-up would allow travelers to book flights on both carriers' websites, while interchangeably earning and using points in their frequent flyer programs. Spirit said the deal would

mean the smaller JetBlue "will become a de facto vassal of United." Spirit added "this anti-competitive tie-up involving a dominant legacy carrier will neutralize the competitive benefit of an existing low-fare competitor."

**41. Porter Airlines brings Embraer E195-E2 to Moncton with summer service from Toronto Pearson and brings service to Mexico, the Caribbean and Costa Rica**

Porter Airlines is launching a new summer seasonal route between Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport (YQM), with flights beginning on June 25, 2025 through September. The service operates three times weekly, using Porter's Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. It is also announcing its first flights to sun destinations in Mexico, the Caribbean and Costa Rica this winter. Travellers can choose from five destinations and 13 routes originating from Toronto Pearson International Airport, Ottawa International Airport and John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport. The line-up of destinations includes Cancun, Mexico (CUN), Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR), Nassau, The Bahamas (NAS), Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (GCM), and Liberia, Costa Rica (LIR).

**42. Canadian Airports Celebrate Second Annual Airport Workers Day with Expanded National Awards Honouring Excellence Across the Sector**

On June 25, 2025, over 30 airports across Canada will come together to celebrate the second annual Airport Workers Day, a national event recognizing the contributions of the people who keep Canada's aviation system running. From front-line agents to behind-the-scenes technicians, this day honours the individuals who connect people and goods, communities, and Canada to the world. This year, the Canadian Airports Council (CAC) is proud to expand the celebration by presenting eight national awards to outstanding airport workers across the country.

**43. IATA Releases SAF Matchmaker to Connect Airlines and SAF Suppliers**

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced the release of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Matchmaker platform, to facilitate SAF procurement between airlines and SAF producers by matching requests for SAF supply with offers. When there is a match, airlines and suppliers can connect and take their negotiation offline to agree on specific terms including price and payment terms. Specifically, the SAF Matchmaker addresses three critical issues: **Efficiency:** The availability of a central platform will simplify SAF procurement by making it easier and faster for all parties to connect without additional fees. It will therefore facilitate further development of the voluntary market for SAF purchasing. **Connectivity:** SAF producers and suppliers can post available or planned SAF volumes while airlines are able to register their interest in purchasing shown or desired SAF volumes. Subsequent trades will take place outside the platform. **Visibility:** The platform carries comprehensive information regarding the available SAF, such as volumes, feedstock used, the location and technology of production, the emissions reductions, as well as compliance with the Carbon Offsetting Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) or the European Union's Renewable Energy Directive (EU RED).

**44. Air Canada Enhances its rail connections in Germany through Codeshare on Lufthansa Express Rail, operated by Deutsche Bahn**

Air Canada on June 26, 2025 announced an extension of its codeshare agreement with Lufthansa to include Lufthansa Express Rail services at Frankfurt Airport, operated by Deutsche Bahn. This agreement enables a seamless, intermodal itinerary booked in one reservation, offering greater flexibility, more choice, and added convenience to connect with Air Canada's up to five-times daily flights to Frankfurt Airport. The codeshare expansion enhances Air Canada's international rail and bus intermodal network, which includes intermodal interlining partnerships in seven European countries and South Korea.

**45. Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, April 2025**

Major Canadian airlines flew 7.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in April 2025, unchanged from April 2024. Aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 552,471 in April 2025, up 7.1% from the previous year. Local movements were up 10.8% year over year, while itinerant movements rose 5.2%.

## **WATER TRANSPORTATION**

### **1. Port Authority Expands Threat Reduction Measures For Endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales Off B.C.'s Coast**

On June 2, 2025, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority-led [Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation \(ECHO\) Program](#) launched expanded threat reduction measures to reduce the impacts of commercial shipping on at-risk whales such as the southern resident killer whales. As part of the ECHO Program's 2025 measures, ship operators from more than 70 [marine transportation organizations](#) will slow down or move away from key areas of southern resident killer whale critical habitat from June 2025 to approximately November 2025. New this year, the program has expanded its voluntary ship slowdown at Swiftsure Bank to more effectively overlap with a "hot spot" of southern resident killer whale activity identified by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. This expansion is in addition to the program's annual ship slowdown at Haro Strait and Boundary Pass and its route alteration in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Altogether, the measures will cover a record-high distance of about 86 nautical miles of the Pacific Ocean, and more than 50% of the killer whale critical habitat that overlaps with commercial shipping lanes.

### **2. Port community recognized for environmental leadership at the annual Blue Circle Awards**

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is proud to announce the winners of the Blue Circle Awards, which recognize the environmental leadership of terminals, tenants, marine operators, and cruise and shipping lines at the Port of Vancouver. In 2025, terminals and tenants were once again recognized for their efforts to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions across the port, such as by replacing lights with lower-energy LEDs and reducing the energy intensity of their operations. Nine shipping lines, six coastal marine operators and five cruise lines were also recognized at this year's awards for their leadership in sustainability, such as by connecting to shore power and using alternative fuels and technologies like wind propulsion and battery-electric power.

### **3. BC longshore foremen reach deal with port employers on new contract**

Maritime employers at the Port of Vancouver have agreed on a new contract with the union representing longshore foremen that will ensure labor peace at Canada's biggest gateway for the next two years. The deal was reached between the two sides after Canada's labor board said it wanted to force an agreement on employers and the union. The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association said in a statement Wednesday, June 4, 2025 that it and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 514 both ratified a new four-year collective bargaining agreement for longshore foremen.

### **4. Pause in tariff hikes drives big gains in trans-Pacific spot rates**

Trans-Pacific spot rates are rising at a faster clip than the pandemic-linked boom in the spring of 2021 amid a spike in imports from Asia driven by the temporary pause in tariff hikes put in place by the Trump administration. An ocean carrier executive said liners are being "very aggressive on spot rates" to capitalize on the cargo surge, with so-called general rate increases (GRIs) implemented on June 1 and two other price hikes planned for mid-June and July 1. A half-dozen forwarders told the *Journal of Commerce* that spot rates this week are in the low \$6,000s per FEU.

### **5. April container volumes surge at Port of New York-New Jersey**

The busiest container port on the U.S. East Coast saw surging container volume in April, 2025. The Port of New York and New Jersey handled 751,194 twenty-foot equivalent units in April as shippers continued to frontload imports ahead of tariffs on Chinese goods. The total was an

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increase of 24% from April 2019 prior to the pandemic and a 6% gain from April 2024, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Over the first four months of the year, the port handled 2,954,913 TEUs. This marked a 23% jump from the same period of 2019 and an increase of 9% from the first four months of 2024.

#### **6. Government of Canada announces 2025 measures to protect Southern Resident killer whales**

On June 4, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, the Minister of Fisheries, the Honourable Joanne Thompson, and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, announced measures to protect Southern Resident killer whales on the west coast. These measures will primarily address acoustic and physical disturbance to Southern Resident killer whales from recreational, fishing, and whale watching vessels. The 2025 vessel and fishery measures include: 1. Two mandatory speed restricted zones near Swiftsure Bank, effective June 1 to November 30, 2025. 2. Two

vessel restricted zones off Pender and Saturna Islands, effective June 1 to November 30, 2025. 3. The continued requirement for vessels to stay at least 400 metres away from all killer whales, and a prohibition from impeding the path of all killer whales in Southern British Columbia coastal waters between Campbell River and Ucluelet, including Barkley and Howe Sound. This is now in effect until May 31, 2026. 4. A voluntary speed reduction zone in Tumbo Channel, off the North side of Saturna Island, effective June 1 to November 30, 2025. 5. An agreement with authorized local whale watching and ecotourism industry partners to abstain from offering or promoting tours viewing Southern Resident killer whales. 6. Fishery closures for commercial and recreational salmon fisheries in key Southern Resident killer whale foraging areas. 7. Continued actions to reduce contaminants in the environment affecting whales and their prey, including developing tools to track pollutants and their sources and monitoring contaminants in air, freshwater, sediments, and wastewater. Fisheries and Oceans Canada proposes to increase the approach distance to 1,000 metres for Southern Resident killer whales through amendments to the *Marine Mammal Regulations* under the *Fisheries Act*.

#### **7. New world order: Ocean rates up 88% as shippers pounce on lower tariffs**

It took one week for the frenzy to set in on the eastbound trans-Pacific. Mid-high average spot rates paid by shippers in the 75th percentile of the market for transit from the Far East to the U.S. East Coast have surged by an astonishing 88% since May 3, 2025 according to analyst Xeneta, now standing at \$6,100 per forty-foot equivalent unit. This price jump reflects the willingness of shippers to incur higher costs to ensure the movement of goods, driven by the temporary window created by the U.S.-China reciprocal tariff pause. In that time, the Far East to U.S. West Coast average price tracked at \$5,082 from \$2,615 per FEU. The North Europe to U.S. East Coast average spot rate increased to \$2,129 from \$2,081 the previous week.

#### **8. PRPA Announces Green Wave Award Recipients for Environmental Program's Record Year**

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) is honouring five companies for their outstanding participation in the Green Wave program. The recipients of the 2024 Green Wave Award are intermodal carriers COSCO and Yang Ming, liquid-bulk shipping lines SK Shipping and Navigator Gas LLC, and coastal passenger and vehicle transportation service BC Ferries.

#### **9. Pause on tariffs prompts US retailers to upgrade summer import forecast**

US retailers on June 9, 2025 significantly upgraded import projections through August amid the temporary pauses in effect on the so-called reciprocal tariffs implemented by the Trump administration. Cargo landing at the country's ports in July will be 20% higher than the forecast made in May by the National Retail Federation (NRF) and Hackett Associates. Their June Global Port Tracker (GPT) shows the first upgrade to US import projections since February 2025, before the first round of tariffs were announced in April 2025. Tariff reductions will lead to a surge in imports in June 2025 through August 2025 as importers take advantage of the various 90-day tariff pause.

#### **10. Panama Canal boss says MSC ports deal threatens neutrality, FT reports**

The sale of two ports near the Panama Canal to a global consortium led by Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) threatens the canal's principle of neutrality, the canal's head Ricaurte Vasquez told the *Financial Times*. "There is a potential risk of capacity concentration if the deal comes the way it is structured as we understand right now," Vasquez told the FT in a report published on June 11, 2025. "If there is a significant level of concentration on terminal operators belonging to an integrated or one single shipping company, it will be at the expense of Panama's competitiveness in the market and inconsistent with neutrality." MSC is one of the world's top container shipping groups. MSC and the Panama Canal Authority did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. CK Hutchison confirmed last

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month that MSC, run by the family of Italian billionaire Gianluigi Aponte, was the main investor in a group seeking to buy 43 ports, including the two ports in Panama, for \$22.8 billion.

#### **11. June expected to be peak for niche carriers in the trans-Pacific: analyst**

Niche container lines are ramping up weekly capacity in the trans-Pacific at a rate similar to the surge of 2021 and 2022, drawn by the lure of strong ocean freight rates. But that capacity is expected to quickly ebb as rates ease throughout the summer, according to consultancy *Sea-Intelligence Maritime Analysis*. Sea-Intelligence said on June 12, 2025 that it expects niche ocean carriers to provide 4.6% of the weekly capacity in the trans-Pacific by the end of June 2025. That would top the 4.5% those carriers deployed at the start of September 2021.

#### **12. Port of Oakland container volume rises modestly in May**

Container volume at the Port of Oakland continued its steady performance in May 2025, exceeding expectations during a period of ongoing tariff negotiations and shifting trade dynamics. Year-to-date, the Port has handled 974,417 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) through the end of May 2025, marking a 6% increase over the same period last year. Total container volume in May 2025 reached a total of 187,389 TEUs, marking a slight uptick over April's 185,499 TEUs. The stability in May volumes was driven by a notable increase in exports and steady import activity, even as global sourcing and trade policy remained uncertain.

#### **13. Port of LA Adopts \$2.7B FY25/26 Budget**

The budget is a 3.1% or \$82.5 million increase over the previous fiscal year's adopted budget, according to the Port of LA's June 12, 2025 announcement. Port investments in the coming fiscal year, it said, will continue to focus on "strategic priorities of business, community, sustainability and workforce development." The FY 2025/26 budget is said to anticipate cargo volumes of 8.2 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), an approximately 9.9% decline from the previous adopted budget. Additionally, in the FY 2025/26 budget, operating revenues are forecast at \$657.6 million. Approximately \$470.3 million of those revenues are expected to be generated by shipping services at the Port. Operating expenses are estimated at \$427.1 million. The Port said its "robust" capital improvement program will continue to focus on strengthening its "operational capabilities and financial stability."

#### **14. Port of LA imports drop 19% in May as tariffs hit U.S. businesses**

Import volumes through the busiest trade hub in the United States fell 19 per cent from the month before, a fallout from President Donald Trump's tariffs. In May, cargo handlers at the Port of Los Angeles processed a total of about 717,000 equivalent units, or TEUs. About 356,000 of those were imports, a 19 per cent drop compared to last month. "It's very slow here seasonally," Port of Los Angeles executive director Gene Seroka told reporters Friday, June 13, 2025. Seroka warned that U.S. businesses are facing high tariffs and uncertainty during what is typically the start of the peak season, and the consequences are likely to show up on store shelves in a few months.

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#### **16. After month-long increases, container rates stabilize**

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) remained stable at US\$3,543 per 40-ft container for the week of June 9-13, a month of significant increases. Drewry's WCI surged 59 per cent in the last four weeks, as U.S. President Donald Trump's pause on import tariffs led to the resumption of U.S.-bound traffic after the initial collapse of Transpacific volumes. Freight rates from Shanghai to New York rose two per cent to US\$7,285 per 40-ft container in the past week and 67 per cent since May 15, 2025, while spot rates to Los Angeles increased one per cent in the past week and 89 per cent in the past four weeks. Prices on the Transpacific eastbound route changed marginally amid the fresh injection of capacity. Freight rates from Shanghai to Rotterdam and Genoa remained stable in the past week, at US\$2,837 and US\$4,054 per 40-ft container, respectively.

#### **17. BC ports, longshore unions need new bargaining process: report**

Fragmented union bargaining and government backstops during contract talks are factors behind the longshore strikes and other labor unrest that have gripped Canada's West Coast ports during the last two years, a report commissioned by the Labor Ministry report has found. The report, released Thursday, June 13, 2025 suggests British Columbia's longshore unions need to bargain with employers on a province-wide basis, rather than a port- or employer-specific basis, to avoid further unrest that jeopardizes Canada's supply chains. It also urged early government intervention to head off strikes. The 156-page report was commissioned by the Labor Ministry. Canada's Labor Ministry urged a new

structure where a province-wide contract is struck with British Columbia port employers rather than an agreement negotiated through local unions.

#### **18. Saskatchewan premier pitches 'port-to-port corridor' to connect northern Pacific and Arctic coasts**

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe is pitching the idea of a "port-to-port corridor" that would connect energy and other goods to Canada's northern Pacific and Arctic coasts. Moe made his remarks on June 16, 2025 alongside Alberta Premier Danielle Smith at an event focused on both provinces' ambitions to double oil and gas production. "I know we are not going to be entirely reliant on the U.S for that marketplace," Moe said. "We are going to have access to the world." Moe, who leads the right-of-centre Saskatchewan Party government, said he likes what he's been hearing out of the Liberal federal government about making Canada an "energy superpower" and the strongest economy in the G7. He admits that means going against his political stripe to some degree.

#### **19. Los Angeles box volume hits lowest level in two years**

The Port of Los Angeles saw its streak of 10 consecutive months of container volume growth end in May as the effects of Trump administration tariffs hit imports and exports. The southern California gateway processed 716,619 twenty foot equivalent units (TEUs) in May 2025, off 5% from the same month in 2024. After 10 straight months of year-over-year growth, overall cargo volume slowed due to the impact of tariffs on both imports and exports. "May marked our lowest monthly cargo output in over two years," Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka said in a media briefing. "While May volume is typically stronger than April as we approach our traditional peak season, our imports dropped 19% compared to last month. "Unless long-term, comprehensive trade agreements are reached soon, we'll likely see higher prices and less selection during the year-end holiday season," Seroka said. "The uncertainty created by fast-changing tariff policies has caused hardships for consumers, businesses and labor."

#### **20. Trade with China booming amid U.S. tariff war, but total volumes slip: Montreal port**

The Port of Montreal says trade with China is surging amid the U.S. tariff war and despite tensions with Beijing, even as overall volumes slip. In a release, the country's second-biggest port says shipments to China rose 22% year-over-year in the first half of 2025. The boost has made China the port's second-largest export partner versus fifth-largest in 2024. The Port of Montreal says the spike stems largely from U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war that has hit both Canada and China. The increase also comes in spite of tensions that saw Beijing roll out tariffs on Canadian agricultural products such as canola and pork in March in retaliation for the 100% surtax Canada imposed on Chinese electric vehicle imports last year. However, the trade war is taking a toll on shipments overall, with the port reporting total cargo volumes have fallen by more than 2%. Statistics Canada says Canadian exports to the United States sagged nearly 16% month-over-month in April amid the tariffs, even though the vast majority of southbound Canadian shipments are exempt. Montreal Port Authority CEO Julie Gascon says higher volumes to Asia, Europe and Latin America this year show how the port can connect businesses to markets across the globe amid a shaky trade relationship with the U.S.

#### **21. New Freightos index: Israel-Iran conflict yet to hit shipping**

The ongoing Israel-Iran conflict has not severely impacted freight markets yet, but there remains a significant concern regarding the potential closure of the Strait of Hormuz between Iran and Oman. This strategic passage is crucial to Persian Gulf nations exporting 20% of the global oil supply, said analyst Freightos' research chief Judah Levine in a note. A disruption could significantly impact oil prices and international shipping routes. Research shows an adequate global oil supply at present, which might mitigate immediate price surges should the strait close. Yet, any blockage will unquestionably reroute shipping paths and inject volatility into both oil and freight markets.

#### **22. Port of Long Beach sees cargo decline for May**

Trade moving through the Port of Long Beach declined 8.2% in May 2025 due to tariffs and retaliatory tariffs, but a temporary pause on those fees will likely trigger a cargo surge by late June 2025. Dockworkers and terminal operators processed 639,160 twenty-foot equivalent units in May 2025, down 8.2% from the same month last year. Imports dropped 13.4% to 299,116 TEUs and exports decreased 18.6% to 82,149 TEUs. Empty containers moving through the Port rose 3.2% to 257,895 TEUs. The Port has moved 4,042,228 TEUs during the first five months of 2025, up 17.2% from the same period in 2024.

#### **23. Months of congestion ahead for North Europe ports: Antwerp-Bruges**

North European ports will continue to face disruption and congestion "for many more months" with little improvement in the series of factors contributing to the ongoing bottlenecks, according to an executive with the port of Antwerp-Bruges. Luc Arnouts, vice president of international relations and networks at Europe's busiest port, said container yards were full at the main hubs, ships were arriving outside their berthing windows, intermittent strikes at some ports were having a knock-on effect, carrier alliances reshuffling capacity, low water on the Rhine and delays in hinterland moves were all holding up traffic. Antwerp-Bruges overtook Rotterdam in the first quarter to become Europe's busiest port, handling 3.43 million TEUs against its Dutch rival's 3.36 million TEUs.

#### **24. Port Houston's steady growth continues in May**

Port Houston recorded another month of steady growth in May 2025, handling 381,640 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a 5% increase year-over-year. Year-to-date container volumes reached 1,837,813 TEUs, up 4% over last year. In May 2025, both loaded container imports and loaded container exports increased by 1%, reflecting an ongoing balance in containerized trade activity in Houston. Beyond containers, Port Houston's general cargo is up 12% and steel imports are up 11% year-to-date. Total tonnage across all public facilities is up 2% so far this year, reaching 22,940,997 tons through the end of May 2025.

#### **25. Savannah achieves third month over half-million TEUs**

The Port of Savannah handled 500,900 twenty-foot equivalent container units in May, an increase of 10,565 TEUs or 2.2% compared to the same month last year. "Three months in a row over half a million TEUs is a testament to customers' trust in Savannah," said Georgia Ports Authority President and CEO Griff Lynch. "I'd like to thank GPA employees and our partners at Gateway Terminals and the International Longshoremen's Association for delivering world-class supply chain efficiency, even during market disruptions." Last month was Savannah's second busiest May on record, exceeded only by May 2022, when container volumes reached nearly 519,400 TEUs. Lynch said Georgia Ports has brought on new capacity to give port customers greater flexibility in timing supply chain movements. "Garden City Terminal West was specifically built for long-term storage for import and export cargo," he said. "Our customers tell us they have been looking for a service option like this to manage supply chain speed fluctuations."

#### **26. Montreal Port sees mixed mid-year results amid economic uncertainty**

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) is reporting a modest drop in total cargo volumes for the first half of 2025, but strong growth in container traffic and grain shipments are helping offset the downturn. Speaking at the Canadian Club of Montreal, Julie Gascon, president and CEO of the MPA, announced a 2.16 per cent decrease in total volumes compared to the same period in 2024. However, she emphasized signs of resilience and market diversification. "The container segment posted particularly encouraging performance, up four per cent overall in TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units)," Gascon said, noting that monthly containerized tonnage has exceeded the previous year's monthly average by 14 per cent since March.

#### **27. Mexico-US ocean market expands amid growing nearshoring interest**

A Mexico City-based logistics company will launch a twice-monthly combined ocean-trucking service between Mexico's Gulf Coast and the US East Coast in late July 2025, offering shippers a way to avoid cross-border surface delays and security concerns. The service by Green Tide Logistics will connect Veracruz to Philadelphia in five to six days via truck and multi-purpose vessels (MPVs) capable of handling 1,200 to 1,700 TEUs. Via truck only, the route typically takes up to 10 days.

#### **28. Ontario Investing \$215 Million to Support Provincial Shipbuilding Sector**

The Ontario government is investing \$215 million to support shipbuilding and the broader marine sector in the province, including through the establishment of a \$15 million Ontario Shipbuilding Grant Program (OSGP) to expand the province's shipbuilding sector. The support provided through the OSGP will ensure Ontario is positioned to support Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy and support Ontario manufacturing businesses and workers in the face of U.S. tariffs and economic uncertainty. The OSGP will fund projects that support skills training, infrastructure improvements and the purchase of machinery and equipment in the shipbuilding sector.

#### **29. Federal bank loaning \$1B for BC Ferries to buy Chinese-made ships**

A federal Crown corporation is loaning BC Ferries \$1 billion to help buy four Chinese-made ships, a purchase that federal Transport Minister Chrystia Freeland recently said was dismaying and should involve no federal funds. Freeland had written to the province on June 16, 2025 asking B.C. to confirm "with utmost certainty" that no federal funds would be "diverted" to the purchase from China Merchants Industry Weihai Shipyards. Canada Infrastructure Bank confirmed the loan on June 26, 2025, saying the new electric ferries "wouldn't likely be purchased" without the financing.

## RAIL TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Freight Rail Services Price Index, May 2025

Data for May 2025 for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are available on Statistics Canada website. The index is 127.4 for May 2025 down from 129.3 in April 2025 and down from 128.6 in May 2024. Indices by commodity category are also indicated on the website.

### 2. CPKC receives arbitration decision establishing new TCRC collective agreements

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on May 30, 2025 said it has received an arbitrator's ruling establishing new collective bargaining agreements with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) – Train and Engine (T&E) division and the TCRC - Rail Canada Traffic Controllers (RCTC) division. Arbitrator William Kaplan issued his ruling after the completion of multiple rounds of mediation and ultimately the conclusion of the interest arbitration process. The arbitrator's ruling establishes terms of new four-year contracts with both TCRC bargaining units.

### 3. CPKC reaches new labour agreements with Teamsters Canada divisions

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) has secured new collective agreements with two Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) divisions following an arbitrator's ruling. The ruling, issued by arbitrator William Kaplan, comes after several rounds of mediation and concludes an interest arbitration process. It establishes four-year contracts for both the TCRC – Train and Engine (T&E) division and the TCRC – Rail Canada Traffic Controllers (RCTC) division. The agreements, effective from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2027, include annual wage increases of three per cent. The provisions do not require ratification. TCRC – T&E represents approximately 3,200 locomotive engineers, conductors, and yard workers, while TCRC – RCTC represents about 80 rail traffic controllers.

### 4. Canada to Launch Federal Transportation Safety Research Facility

The Government of Canada has marked the first step in its establishment of a Transportation Safety and Technology Science (TSTS) hub, which will serve as a shared space for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada and National Research Council of Canada (NRC) “to conduct in-depth investigations and advance scientific research in transportation safety.”

### 5. Q1 2025: on-time performance declines sharply, ridership dips amid ongoing operational challenges

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) faced significant operational challenges in the first quarter of 2025, as on-time performance fell sharply from 72% in Q1 2024 to just 30% in the first quarter of 2025. This decline was largely due to arbitrary operational restrictions imposed by CN Rail in the Québec City–Windsor corridor, leading to longer travel times and reduced service reliability, a key concern for passengers. This disruption coincided with a dip in ridership of 2.7%, marking the first such decline since the recovery from the pandemic began. Despite these headwinds, VIA Rail recorded an 8.3% increase in revenues compared to the same period in 2024, reflecting continued strength in other areas of its operations and service offerings. The highlights were: 1. On-time performance dropped sharply to 30%, down from 72% last year, due primarily to restrictions imposed by a third-party infrastructure owner. 2. Ridership declined by 2.7%, marking the first drop since the pandemic recovery began. 3. Revenues increased by 8.3% compared to Q1 2024, despite mounting operational challenges.

### 6. CN to Invest \$80 Million in Atlantic Canada to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth

CN announced on June 5, 2025 plans to invest approximately \$80 million CAD in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as part of its [2025 capital](#)

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#### **7. CN Announces C\$1 Billion Debt Offering**

CN on June 5, 2025 announced a public debt offering of C\$500 million 3.500% Notes due 2030, and C\$500 million 4.200% Notes Due 2035. CN expects to close the offering on June 10, 2025, subject to customary closing conditions. CN plans to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, which may include the redemption and refinancing of outstanding indebtedness, share repurchases, acquisitions and other business opportunities.

#### **8. STB Dropping Final Offer Rate Review Rule**

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) on May 30, 2025 issued a decision removing its Final Offer Rate Review (FORR) rule. This deregulatory action, it said, follows a unanimous decision by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals vacating the rule.

#### **9. AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 22**

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on June 4, 2025 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending May 31, 2025. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 459,884 carloads and intermodal units, up 2.2 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending May 31 were 219,599 carloads, up 6.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 240,285 containers and trailers, down 1.5 percent compared to 2024. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 8,509 carloads, to 60,123; nonmetallic minerals, up 3,432 carloads, to 30,560; and chemicals, up 1,761 carloads, to 32,383. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 were motor vehicles and parts, down 886 carloads, to 13,887; forest products, down 637 carloads, to 7,832; and miscellaneous carloads, down 201 carloads, to 7,776. Canadian railroads reported 91,107 carloads for the week, up 3.5 percent, and 77,834 intermodal units, up 9.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 22 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,576,188 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.9 percent.

#### **10. For CPKC, a Post-Winter Maintenance Blitz**

After a long, cold Canadian winter, folks in the Great White North usually look forward to spring. We'll put away our snow shovels and turn to gardening tools. Trees sprout leaves, flowers bloom, and of course, the grass must be cut. In warm climates such as in the Southern U.S., snow is usually not a problem (though freak snowstorms have been occurring in places you wouldn't expect, due to climate change), and of right-of-way maintenance can take place year-round. However, in Canada, snow and frozen ground make the task to maintain the roadbed extremely difficult. As soon as Spring hits, maintenance-of-way trains fan out in all directions to blitz the right-of-way to keep the roadbed in prime, safe operating condition. Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) has several distinct programs to maintain its northern-most rights-of-way, some of which are deployed across most of the network beginning as soon as the snow starts to melt. In March 2025, just as the snow began to melt, CPKC sent rail trains to set out CWR (continuous welded rail) sections along several main lines across the network. Not long after the rails were placed, track gangs installed CWR, wasting no time putting the investment to work.

#### **11. Norfolk Southern will raise container storage fees ahead of expected surge**

Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) will temporarily increase storage fees on cargo owners who do not retrieve their containers promptly, a measure the railroad says is intended to preserve terminal fluidity amid an expected surge in freight volume. The higher storage fees, a form of demurrage, will apply to ocean containers available for pickup beginning July 7, 2025. NS said the storage fees will be rolled back to current levels once port activity slows down. Domestic intermodal loads are not affected. Under the fee structure, ocean containers left more than two days beyond the free-time window will incur daily penalties of \$200.

#### **12. How technology Is helping Union Pacific help truckers...and rail shippers**

Union Pacific is implementing a multifaceted technology strategy that focuses on safety, service, and operational excellence, and a customer-focused approach where real-time information is now a standard expectation. In a webinar for customers, Kenny Rocker, executive vice president of marketing and sales, highlighted the role of API (application programming Interface) solutions in enhancing customer communication. APIs allow software systems to talk to each

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other and request data and functionality. This adoption of technology allows customers to receive real-time updates on their shipments, Rocker said, providing crucial insights into location and status.

### **13. Canadian National to move forward on new Chicago-area logistics hub**

Canadian National (CN) said on June 11, 2025 that it plans to invest \$170 million in its Illinois rail operations, including the development of a long-planned logistics park outside of Chicago. CN said that along with track maintenance and other infrastructure projects in the state, the investment will go toward the construction of the “Chicago Logistics Hub,” a 900-acre development site about 50 miles outside Chicago. The site, located in the village of Channahon, will include an intermodal yard and a business park for warehouses, CN said in a statement. The railroad acquired the site when it bought the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway.

### **14. CN to Invest Approximately \$170 Million in Illinois and \$75 in Mississippi to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth**

CN announced on June 11, 2025 its plans to invest approximately US\$170 million in Illinois and \$75 million in Mississippi, as part of its [2025 capital investment program](#). This investment will support track maintenance and strategic infrastructure initiatives in the state. This includes investments towards the construction of the [Chicago Logistics Hub](#) and projects to upgrade technology and training facilities at CN’s Homewood Campus, as well as network improvements. These projects will help ensure the safe movement of goods and support long-term sustainable growth in Illinois and in Mississippi and across CN’s network.

### **15. CPKC announces C\$1.4 billion debt offering**

Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited (“CPKC”) announces that its wholly- owned subsidiary, Canadian Pacific Railway Company (“CPRC”), is issuing C\$500 million of 4.00% Notes due 2032, C\$600 million of 4.40% Notes due 2036 and C\$300 million of 4.80% Notes due 2055, which will be guaranteed by CPKC (the “Offering”). The transaction is expected to close on June 13, 2025, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The net proceeds from this Offering will be used to refinance CPRC’s outstanding indebtedness and for general corporate purposes.

### **16. AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Dips in Week 23**

The Association of American Railroads in reporting freight rail traffic for the week ending June 7, 2025 (Week 23), noted that total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 483,807 carloads and intermodal units. Total carloads for the week ending June 7 were 225,301 carloads, up 3.1 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 258,506 containers and trailers, down 4.9 percent compared to 2024. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 2,772 carloads, to 57,889; miscellaneous carloads, up 1,855 carloads, to 10,010; and nonmetallic minerals, up 1,503 carloads, to 32,404. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included motor vehicles and parts, down 701 carloads, to 15,958; petroleum and petroleum products, down 460 carloads, to 10,643; and farm products excl. grain, and food, down 452 carloads, to 16,985. Canadian railroads reported 89,304 carloads for the week, down 0.4 percent, and 75,377 intermodal units, up 6.5 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 23 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,740,869 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.0 percent.

### **17. CN to Invest \$30 Million in Tennessee and Indiana to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth**

CN announced on June 12, 2025 plans to invest approximately US\$30 million in Tennessee, as part of its 2025 capital investment program. This includes investments in infrastructure, technology, rolling stock equipment, truck maintenance as well as network improvements These projects will help ensure the safe movement of goods and support long-term sustainable growth in Tennessee and Indiana and across CN’s network.

### **18. CSX Locomotive Engineers Ratify New Contract**

A new five-year collective bargaining agreement with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) has been ratified at CSX, the railroad and union reported June 11, 2025. It governs approximately 3,400 railroaders and runs through Dec. 31, 2029.

### **19. Canadian government to force union vote on Canada Post contract offer**

Canada’s minister of jobs and families, Patty Hajdu, said on June 12, 2025 that she will put Canada Post’s latest contract offer to unionized workers, bypassing the Canadian Union of Postal Workers’ leadership in an effort to break an 18-month negotiating stalemate that has led mail carriers to refuse overtime work and slowed service. Mail carriers would get a 13.6% raise over four years under the latest offer from Canada Post. [Canada Post two weeks ago requested the Canadian government intervene](#) to conduct a formal vote of rank-and-file union members after the CUPW rejected the corporation’s “best-and-final” offer. Canada Post’s suggests it wasn’t confident that union executives were fairly presenting management’s proposals to the membership. The vote will be administered by the Canada Industrial Relations Board in the near future to give urban, suburban and rural mail carriers the chance to ratify Canada Post’s offer.

## **20. A transformative year for VIA rail amid ongoing operational challenges**

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) marked a year of significant progress in 2024, continuing the strong growth trajectory seen since the pandemic. The Corporation reported revenues of **\$480.2 million**, while ridership increased to **4.4 million passengers**. Additionally, VIA Rail publicly introduced its bold new strategic plan, VIAAction 2030, setting the stage for the future of passenger rail in Canada. The highlights from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 were: 1. Total revenues increased by \$49.5 million (11.5%) compared to 2023 due to higher demand. 2. 4.4 million passengers rode VIA Rail trains in 2024, an increase of 272,000 (6.6%) compared to 2023. 3. The Corporation unveiled its new strategic plan, VIAAction 2030, which aims to position VIA Rail as a best-in-class operator in North America and a leader in integrated mobility, placing passengers at the heart of the travel experience. 4. VIA Rail received funding to replace its pan-Canadian fleet and offer new trains to Canadians from Coast to Coast to Coast.

## **21. CN to Invest \$85 Million in Michigan and \$60 million in Minnesota to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth**

CN announced on June 16, 2025 plans to invest approximately US\$85 million in Michigan and \$60 million in Minnesota, as part of its [2025 capital investment program](#). This investment will support track maintenance and strategic infrastructure initiatives in the states. This includes projects to build intermodal capacity and upgrades to improve operations at CN's Lansing, Battle Creek and Flint railyards. These projects will help ensure the safe movement of goods and support long-term sustainable growth in Michigan and Minnesota and across CN's network.

## **22. TSB Releases 2024 Final Transportation Occurrence Statistics**

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) has published its final annual statistical summaries from 2024 on transportation occurrences (accidents and incidents) in the rail, air, marine, and pipeline sectors, showing accidents were down from the previous year for all sectors but air.

## **23. AAR: U.S. Rail Volume Up Modestly Through Week 24**

U.S. rail traffic for the week ending June 14, 2025 dipped slightly compared to the prior-year period but realized a modest gain through 2025's first 24 weeks, according to the Association of American Railroads. Total carloads for the week ending June 14 were 224,851 carloads, up 1.0 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 260,959 containers and trailers, down 3.5 percent compared to 2024. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 2,968 carloads, to 59,027; farm products excl. grain, and food, up 619 carloads, to 16,817; and grain, up 617 carloads, to 19,767. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included petroleum and petroleum products, down 749 carloads, to 10,294; miscellaneous carloads, down 736 carloads, to 8,714; and metallic ores and metals, down 554 carloads, to 20,668. Canadian railroads reported 90,981 carloads for the week, up 0.6 percent, and 74,753 intermodal units, up 0.2 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 24 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,906,603 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.0 percent.

## **24. CN's Falcon Premium Wins Award for Intermodal Excellence**

CN announced on June 19, 2025 that its industry-leading **Falcon Premium** intermodal service has received the **Silver Container (Contenedor de Plata)** award from the *Asociación Mexicana del Transporte Intermodal (AMTI)*. AMTI is Mexico's leading intermodal transport association, representing key stakeholders across the industry and promoting best practices in cross-border logistics. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding achievements in cross-border intermodal transportation between Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

## **25. VIA rail reaches tentative agreements with union**

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) has reached tentative agreements with Unifor's Council 4000 and Local 100, the union representing approximately 2,400 VIA Rail employees working in its stations, on board its trains, in its maintenance centres, at the VIA Customer Centre and in administrative offices. These tentative agreements are subject to a ratification vote by VIA Rail's Unifor members. Once ratified, the collective agreements will be retroactive to January 1, 2025, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2027. Agreement details will only be disclosed following member ratification.

## **26. CPKC acknowledges service woes to US regulators, vows remediation**

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) has acknowledged to US regulators that its customers have experienced poor service from the railroad since early May 2025 and vowed to fix the core issue — a messy transition from legacy Kansas City Southern (KCS) computer systems to CP networks. A letter from CPKC to the US Surface Transportation Board (STB), dated June 20, 2025, outlined how the railroad will restore service to normal levels within the next month. The disruptions have centered not on the trains themselves but rather on the first and last miles of journeys, with the problems linked to terminals and switch...

### **27. STB: Rail Cost Adjustment Factor Set for 3Q25**

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) has adopted for third-quarter 2025 the rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF), which is defined as “an index formulated to represent changes in railroad costs incurred by the nation’s largest railroads over a specified period of time.”

### **28. Saskatchewan Allocates C\$1MM in Short Line Infrastructure Investments**

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways on June 17 announced the provincial government’s allocations of C\$1 million in short line rail infrastructure investments, an increase of C\$470,000 or 88% from last year’s budget.

### **29. Railway carloadings, April 2025**

In April 2025, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways reached 32.7 million tonnes, down 1.3% from April 2024. Despite this decline, total freight carried exceeded the five-year average of 31.6 million tonnes for the month of April, as increases in loadings of iron ores, wheat and coal helped to offset a decrease in freight loadings from US rail connections.

### **30. CN Releases 2024 Sustainability Data Supplement**

CN announced on June 25, 2025 the release of its 2024 Sustainability Data Supplement, reaffirming its commitment to Delivering Responsibly. In recognition of its sustainability efforts, for the seventeenth year in a row, CN was named to the Corporate Knights Best 50 Corporate Citizens list.

### **31. AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 25**

North American carload and intermodal traffic for the first 25 weeks of 2025 (ending June 21) was up 2.8% from the prior-year period, according to the Association of American Railroads’ (AAR) latest rail traffic report. While the United States and Canada both saw gains, Mexico experienced a loss. Total carloads for the week ending June 21 were 229,655 carloads, up 4.5 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 257,673 containers and trailers, down 2.9 percent compared to 2024. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included grain, up 3,913 carloads, to 21,300; miscellaneous carloads, up 2,059 carloads, to 10,723; and metallic ores and metals, up 1,167 carloads, to 22,269. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 were nonmetallic minerals, down 529 carloads, to 31,460; forest products, down 29 carloads, to 8,050; and farm products excl. grain, and food, down 6 carloads, to 16,872. Canadian railroads reported 89,135 carloads for the week, up 1.3 percent, and 75,604 intermodal units, up 8.9 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 25 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,071,342 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.1 percent.

## **HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION**

### **1. For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, first quarter 2025**

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is available for the 2025 first quarter on Statistics Canada website. For the first quarter of 2025 the truck index was 124.0 up from 121.7 in the last quarter of 2024 and up from 120.8 in the first quarter of 2024. For March 2025, the truck index was 124.4 compared to 124.5 for the previous month and 121.2 for March 2024.

### **2. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, April 2025**

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is available for April 2025 on the Statistics Canada website. The index for the couriers and messengers services is 140.2 for April 2025 down from 144.7 for March 2025 and up from 135.1 for April 2024. Further breakdown by couriers and local couriers is available on the website.

### **3. Acquisition expands Canada’s Mullen Group customs brokerage, forwarding**

Alberta-based Mullen Group, one of Canada’s largest logistics and transportation companies, is extending its international reach by acquiring Cole Group for \$190 million. The deal, first announced in April 2025, adds Cole Group, Cole International and Abco International Freight among related entities to Mullen’s portfolio effective June 1, 2025 the company said Friday, May 30, 2025. Cole Group, also a Canadian company based in Alberta, expands Mullen’s presence in global logistics, adding customs brokerage, freight

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forwarding and trade consulting to a network of companies that includes less-than-truckload, truckload, warehousing, logistics and energy and forestry businesses. Cole Group has 43 locations and offices at seaports, airports and land border crossings in North America.

#### **4. Canada Post asks government to hold employee vote on contract offer**

Canada Post late Friday, May 30, 2025 asked the federal government to conduct a vote of unionized mail carriers on its latest contract proposal after leadership of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) publicly trashed management's offer. The postal operator urged the minister of jobs and families to direct the Canada Industrial Relations Board to hold a vote on the final offer submitted to the union on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The request to bypass the union's negotiating team suggests Canada Post believes there is more support for the offer among rank-and-file members than the union has indicated. Canada Post acknowledged that the sides ideally would craft a collective bargaining agreement on their own without third-party arbitration, but "given the level of the impasse and CUPW's negotiating position, it is not possible to reach tentative agreements in the normal course," it said in a statement explaining the need for third-party administration of a vote. "We believe the best hope of achieving freely negotiated collective agreements is an employee vote administered by the CIRB under [Canadian labor law]. In these circumstances, employees in each bargaining unit would have the opportunity to voice their decision by voting on Canada Post's final offers."

#### **5. Canada Post rejects CUPW call for binding arbitration**

Canada Post has rejected a request from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) to send ongoing contract talks to binding arbitration, saying such a process would be too slow and exacerbate its financial problems. CUPW argues arbitration would end the long-standing labour dispute immediately, bringing certainty for all parties. It says Canada Post's push for a government-imposed employee vote on its final offer will not result in lasting labour peace. "A forced vote may fail to end the labour conflict and risks further division," the union said in a statement. "Arbitration would end the labour dispute immediately and create certainty for all Canadians." Canada Post, however, contends arbitration would take more than a year and delay resolution. "It would also continue to leave employees without a contract – and strip them of their right to vote on a new collective agreement," the corporation said.

#### **6. Jobs minister Patty Hajdu presses Canada Post, workers to reach a deal**

Jobs Minister Patty Hajdu is calling on Canada Post and its union to return to the bargaining table to hash out terms for binding arbitration. In a social media statement on June 4, 2025, the minister also asked the Crown corporation and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to continue to work toward a deal outside of that process. The minister says Canadians expect the parties to resolve the impasse and that federal mediators are standing by to help.

#### **7. First Ministers Commit to Expanded Trucking Pilot to Remove Internal Trade Barriers**

At meetings in Saskatoon, the First Ministers announced an agreement to implement an efficient and effective strategy to coordinate major nation building projects, while directing ministers of Transport across the country to cooperate in rapidly expanding the trucking pilot announced in 2024, with the goal of removing many internal trade barriers within the domestic trucking supply chain. "The Prime Minister and the First Ministers have reaffirmed the critical role the trucking industry plays in Canada and made

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it clear to Canadians and the business community that measures to improve productivity and efficiency in the supply chain will be implemented quickly,” said CTA President and CEO Stephen Laskowski. “Today’s announcement to expand the trucking pilot should allow our industry, all levels of government and the contractors for these nation-building projects

To mitigate costly permitting issues that create significant delays. CTA welcomes the strong leadership from the First Ministers.”

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### **8. Enforcement Blitzes Unveil Non-Compliance ‘Insanity’ Facing Trucking Industry**

Recent ESDC blitzes continue to expose the harsh reality that many segments of the trucking industry are out-of-control when it comes to labour and tax compliance and obeying other rules. “This comes as no surprise to those of us who have fought tooth and nail to run compliant operations and survive for the past decade; nor to the many political officials in all levels of government throughout the country who are very aware of the rampant abuse and manipulation of the labour system in our industry. Now, the government’s own enforcement data confirms it even further. “The number one job now facing Minister Hajdu in her role as Minister at ESDC is to bring law and order back to the trucking industry. This cannot be ignored any longer” said CTA president and CEO Stephen Laskowski.

### **9. Erosion of Local Truck Safety is Downstream of Larger Systemic Crisis: OTA to Caledon Council**

Ontario truck drivers and carriers have a long tradition of being the safest operators on the road, but it’s becoming undeniable these historic values and standards are decaying rapidly and hurting municipalities and communities across the province, Marco Beghetto, VP of the Ontario Trucking Association, said in Caledon, Ont. Speaking at a Caledon Council General Committee meeting this week, Beghetto acknowledged the unique challenges the town of Caledon faces in dealing with an increase of commercial truck safety violations and non-compliance, crashes involving heavy trucks, and seemingly uncontrolled illegal truck yards and parking.

### **10. President Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy Announces Availability of \$5.4 Billion in Bridge Funding to Get America Building Again**

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on June 2, 2025 announced nearly \$4.9 billion in available funding for major bridge projects through the Bridge Investment Program, and up to \$500 million for repairing or replacing bridges in rural areas through the Competitive Highway Bridge Program. The funding opportunity removes woke Biden-era requirements that tied critical infrastructure funding to social justice and Green New Scam climate initiatives.

### **11. Motor Fuel Prices – May 2025**

On June 3, 2025, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released monthly motor fuels prices for May 2025. In May 2025, the average price for regular motor gasoline was \$3.15 per gallon; down 0.7% from April 2025 and down 12.6% from May 2024. By region, the average price for regular motor gasoline in May 2025 and year-over-year change was: West Coast: \$4.23 (down 9.2%); Rocky Mountain: \$3.13 (down 8.4%); Central Atlantic: \$3.11 (down 14.9%); Midwest: \$3.01 (down 12.2%); New England: \$2.97 (down 16.6%); and Lower Atlantic: \$2.91 (down 14.3%). The average price for diesel no. 2 rose to \$3.50 in May 2025, down 1.9% from April 2025, and down 8.5% from May 2024.

### **12. Weak US industrial activity casts cold light on LTL demand outlook**

Soft demand for less-than-truckload (LTL) freight and service in the US appears poised to get even softer, as publicly owned LTL providers prepare to release mid-quarter market reports. Shippers should expect volumes to vary across carriers, but pricing is likely to stay at its current elevated levels, with the US long-distance LTL producer price index (PPI) at 259 for the past three months, a record high and about 5% higher than a year ago. Shipments and tonnage both decreased year over year in May at Old Dominion Freight Line (ODFL), the second-largest US LTL trucking company, ODFL said Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Old Dominion Freight Line saw revenue, tonnage and shipments drop in May 2025, but revenue per hundredweight, a measure of profitability, kept rising.

### **13. Another delivery system disruption as DHL Express Canada locks out workers and union strikes**

Unifor says 2,100 DHL Express workers went on strike June 8, 2025 morning after the company locked the workers out just after midnight. A strike and lockout that kicked off at DHL Canada Express will barely tap the brakes on its parcel delivery service, the company says, as the union accuses it of deploying replacement workers. The carrier said it has rolled out a “contingency plan” that allows it to keep serving its 50,000-plus customers, which range from retailer Lululemon to e-commerce giants Shein and Temu. “With the implementation of these proactive measures, we are pleased to confirm that we can sustain our operations throughout our Canadian network, and we do not anticipate significant disruptions to our service,” DHL spokeswoman Pamela Duque Rai said Sunday in an email.

### **14. Passenger bus and urban transit, 2023**

In 2023, total revenue for passenger bus and urban transit companies operating in Canada was \$30.5 billion, up 16.8% from 2022 and 32.0% higher than in 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The revenue generated from the 102 Canadian urban transit agencies totalled \$25.7 billion in 2023, representing 84.3% of the industry total. This included

operating subsidies of \$8.7 billion. While ridership continued to recover in 2023, it had not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. In 2023, total passenger trips increased to 1.8 billion, up 26.1% from 2022 but less than three-quarters (71.6%) of the 2019 level. At the same time, Canada's total population reached a milestone of 40 million in June 2023, with the population growth in 2023 being the highest annual growth since 1957.

#### **15. Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Key Step Toward Making Cars Affordable in America Again**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today published a final rule, "[Resetting the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program](#)." The rule explains that the Biden-Buttigieg Administration ignored statutory requirements in CAFE barring consideration of electric vehicles when setting fuel economy standards. CAFE interpretive rule clarifies NHTSA's authority to reset illegal regulation. *"Under President Trump's leadership, we are making vehicles more affordable and easier to manufacture in the United States. The previous administration illegally used CAFE standards as an electric vehicle mandate – raising new car prices and reducing safety. Resetting CAFE standards as Congress intended will lower vehicle costs and ensure the American people can purchase the cars they want,"* said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy.

#### **16. DHL Express locks out workers in Canada, adding to parcel uncertainty**

DHL Express Canada locked out 2,100 delivery drivers, warehouse workers and customer service personnel on Sunday, June 8, 2025 after failing to make progress on a collective bargaining agreement, but the company said its 50,000 customers should not experience any serious service disruptions. The development adds to the uncertainty for parcel shippers in Canada, where Canada Post mail carriers are refusing to work overtime and have threatened to go on strike if a collective bargaining agreement isn't reached. The dispute has allowed competitors to take a large chunk of Canada Post's parcel business, at least in the short term. DHL Express customers include China-based e-commerce sellers Temu and Shein, as well as Lululemon and Siemens Canada.

#### **17. CTA Hopeful One Canadian Economy Bill Will Help Rebuild, Boost Supply Chain**

The Canadian Trucking Alliance is encouraged that Prime Minister Carney appears to be acting on promises to immediately tackle the economic challenges facing Canada. The Bill – *titled the One Canadian Economy: An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act* – seeks to build projects in the national interest by focusing and kickstarting on more executable initiatives and speeding up the approval process of major infrastructure projects. Under the new legislation, in cases where there is a federal barrier, a good or service that meets comparable provincial or territorial rules will be considered to have met federal requirements for internal trade. The new legislation streamlines multiple decision points for federal approval and aims to minimize uncertainty and build confidence for builders and investors. This bill builds upon the mutual recognition trucking sector project, championed by CTA and [launched at the Committee on Internal Trade in 2024](#). At the recent First Ministers' Meeting, the Premiers and Prime Minister agreed that federal-provincial-territorial officials will work together to rapidly expand this work across the trucking sector: *"Increasing the efficiency of trucking across Canada complements the removal of federal barriers on goods and services across the economy and in key sectors like home building."*

#### **18. Canada Post rejects union terms for arbitration as both sides enter bitter stalemate**

Canada Post said the union has effectively refused to take heed of a federally commissioned report that called for major reforms to the 158-year-old institution. A government push to steer Canada Post and the union representing 55,000 mail workers toward common ground hit a big pothole on June 9, 2025. As an increasingly acrimonious impasse drags on, Canada Post rejected a framework put forward by the union for a binding arbitration process, which Jobs Minister Patty Hajdu asked the parties to work toward just five days earlier. Canada Post spokeswoman Lisa Liu said the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has effectively refused to take heed of a federally commissioned report that called for major reforms to the 158-year-old institution, including more flexible routes and part-time weekend positions with similar pay rates and benefits.

#### **19. Trucking Industry Voice Vital to Nation-Building Agenda: OTA Chair**

In [an open letter](#) to federal Transport Minister Chrystia Freeland, Ontario Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria highlighted two major road infrastructure projects requiring federal assistance – improvements to highways 11 & 17 and the proposed highway 401 tunnel. The letter also underscored other freight and passenger transportation projects. The Ontario Trucking Association will begin working with both levels of government to determine how the trucking industry is prioritized in these proposals.

#### **20. Ontario to Award Contract to Twin Garden City Skyway**

The Ontario government is awarding a contract for the detail design of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) Garden City Skyway Bridge Twinning Project, marking a significant milestone in the province's plan to protect Ontario by tackling gridlock, creating jobs and driving economic growth. The Garden City Skyway is a key link in the province's highway network, connecting the Niagara Region's three international bridge crossings with the United States to the rest of

Ontario and supporting the movement of more than \$1.1 trillion in goods throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe every year.

#### **21. Bring Back Law & Order to Trucking: CTA to CCMTA**

Asked to address the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) at its board meeting in Regina, CTA's message was direct – law abiding trucking companies are fed up with the rampant underground economy and policy makers must restore order to the trucking industry immediately. “We appreciate all the work being done to date to restore control and enforcement; however, it is falling short and taking way too long. We need more action, and we need it now and we can't wait until 2027 for solutions to be signed off on,” said Geoff Wood, CTA's Sr. VP Policy. “Provinces and territories have a key role to play in the oversight of the industry, and it can't come fast enough.”

#### **22. Minister Sarkaria Continues to Deliver on His Commitment to Address Ontario Truck Safety Crisis**

The Ontario Trucking Association applauds Ontario Transportation Minister Sarkaria's announcement to launch a new round of truck safety consultations this summer. Prior to the election, the minister introduced the *Safer Roads and Communities Act*, designed to initiate a comprehensive review of commercial drivers to address gaps in licensing and training. The first round of consultations took place just before the writ was dropped in January 2025. The next round, to begin this summer, will focus on: 1. Follow-up on the Class G waiting period proposal; 2. Proposed changes to Original Non-Reciprocal Driver License Applications; 3. Residency, legal presence and work authority requirements; 4. Entry Level Training enhancements; 5. Standardized curriculum; 6. A look at Alberta's new phased approach to training and licensing.

#### **23. Manitoba, B.C. to sign free trade pact**

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew says his government will sign a new memorandum of understanding with British Columbia to advance free trade between the provinces, with cabinet set to pass mutual recognition regulations by July 1, 2025. “Fair trade in Canada is something the business community has been advocating for a long time,” Kinew said at the MBiz Breakfast Series hosted by the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. “Manitoba is moving quickly to knock down the barriers that exist so we can create more wealth, jobs and opportunities here in Manitoba and build a more resilient and sovereign Canadian economy.” Under the *Fair Trade in Canada Act*, the legal groundwork is in place to establish reciprocal jurisdictions, the premier said. The next step is passing rules that mutually recognize goods and services from provinces with comparable standards—steps he said will benefit workers and businesses alike by removing internal trade barriers.

#### **24. 2025-26 Connecting Links Funding by Municipality**

The Ontario government is investing \$45 million to support repairs for municipal roads and bridges that connect people to jobs, support the movement of goods and stimulate economic growth. This year, 27 municipalities will receive funding towards 29 projects to repair roads and bridges through the 2025-26 Connecting Links program.

#### **25. DHL Express to suspend Canadian parcel business amid labor dispute**

DHL Express, one of the top road carriers in Canada, will stop accepting parcels within the country and between Canada and the US until further notice due to a contract dispute with union workers north of the border and new federal legislation from Ottawa that restricts the use of replacement workers. The shutdown, due to begin Tuesday, June 17, 2025 evening, will disrupt a broad range of businesses that use DHL, from apparel brands such as Lululemon to industrial companies including Siemens Canada. Major e-commercial retailers Shein and Temu would also be impacted. DHL Express, along with UPS, FedEx and Canada Post, are the top parcel providers in Canada.

#### **26. Canada Post reaches deal with second-largest union, negotiations continue with CUPW**

Canada Post says it has reached a contract deal with its second-largest union while negotiations continue with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. The Crown corporation says the new collective agreement with the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association comes after 18 months of negotiations, the same span of time it has been in talks with CUPW. The postal service says the agreement with the CPAA covers about 8,500 employees, who mostly manage post offices in rural Canada. It says the new agreement includes an 11 per cent wage increase over three years, retroactive to the start of 2024, including a six per cent increase in the first year, three per cent for 2025 and two per cent in 2026. Canada Post is still trying to reach a deal with CUPW, its largest union representing about 55,000 postal workers.

#### **27. Urban public transit, April 2025**

In April 2025, Canada's urban transit ridership reached 132.5 million passenger trips, recovering 84.2% of the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level from April 2019. In April 2025, transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) was up 3.3% from the same month in 2024, totalling \$327.0 million, albeit \$9.9 million less than in April 2019, before the pandemic.

#### **28. Ontario Transit Investment Fund**

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$15 million to help support safe, reliable transit services in rural communities. The funding is being delivered through the Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF) and will help drive economic growth, connecting more people to jobs and housing.

#### **29. Trucking Companies that Want to Nation-Build Must be Compliant and Obey Laws: CTA to Senate**

Fair competition, safety, compliance, and law and order are critical components of Canada's trucking industry that must be strengthened, Geoff Wood, Sr Vice President, Policy of Canadian Trucking Alliance, told the Canadian Senate Committee of the Whole this week. Representing one of the very few industry associations invited to discuss Bill C5 – *An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act* – Wood was invited to address the Committee of the Whole. He outlined the trucking industry's support for the removal of inter-provincial trade barriers, but also ensuring any policies don't have unintended consequences of reducing road safety; negatively impacting fairness and compliance in the industry; or adding confusion and complexities to the enforcement of rules and regulations. At the same time, the government must regain control of a trucking industry that has fallen prey to an underground economy, which is "running amuck in the industry, primarily with respect to labour and tax non-compliance," he said.

#### **30. English Language Proficiency Standards Could Drive Rates Higher**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is intensifying enforcement of English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards, signalling major operational changes for the trucking industry. As of today, June 25, 2025, drivers who fail to meet these requirements face immediate grounding, potentially straining trucking capacity, increasing tender rejections, and driving up national truckload rates. FreightWaves estimates that 10% of truck drivers currently fall short of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) English proficiency standards, highlighting the potential for widespread impact.

#### **31. DHL Express Canada reaches tentative agreement with union**

Delivery company DHL Express Canada has reached a tentative agreement with its union, paving the way for the company to resume operations. The deal comes after almost a year of negotiations. Details of the agreement will not be disclosed until after a ratification vote is held, which is expected in the coming days. DHL Express Canada locked out workers on June 8, 2025 and as of last Friday, June 20, 2025 temporarily halted its operations. The company says it "expects to lift service suspension with immediate effect" once the deal is ratified.

#### **32. Xanadu opens \$10M photonic packaging facility in Toronto**

Quantum computing company Xanadu has opened a \$10-million advanced photonic packaging facility in Toronto, marking a significant step forward in Canada's domestic quantum technology manufacturing capacity. Billed as the country's only end-to-end, ultra-low loss photonic packaging facility, the site enables secure, high-performance production of quantum components essential to developing fault-tolerant quantum computers. Evan Solomon, minister of artificial intelligence and digital innovation and minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, officially opened the facility at Xanadu's headquarters.

#### **33. Ontario extends deadline to Oct. 1 for detailed MELT lesson plans**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has extended the deadline to Oct. 1, for truck driving schools to incorporate detailed lesson plans in their mandatory entry-level training (MELT) programs. On Dec. 24, 2024, the MTO had issued a bulletin to all MELT providers clarifying existing requirements for lesson plans in all programs conforming to the Commercial Truck Driver Training Standard (Class A). The bulletin mentioned that the driving schools had until July 1, 2025, to submit the minute-by-minute lesson plans to the ministry.

#### **34. Forklift market in flux as tariffs, electrification and regional shifts reshape global landscape: report**

The global forklift market is undergoing significant changes in 2025, shaped by diverging regional growth patterns, shifting electrification trends and the impact of new U.S. tariffs, according to a June forecast update from Interact Analysis. "The 2025 forklift market is characterized by significant strategic adjustments," the report states. "In the short term, manufacturers are focused on managing the final stages of the inventory cycle and maintaining current profitability levels."

#### **35. Turk Enterprises to acquire Horizon International Distributors**

Temperature-controlled freight hauler Turk Enterprises will acquire Winnipeg-based Horizon International Distributors, provider of refrigerated transportation, on July 1, 2025. Following the acquisition, Horizon will be integrated into Turk Enterprises and all Horizon employees will join the Turk team, with operations transitioning to Turk's head office in St. Andrews, Man., according to a news release. "Bringing this operation into the Turk Enterprises family is a decision rooted in shared values and a mutual commitment to the people we serve," Dave Tyrchniewicz, president of Turk Enterprises, said. The acquisition adds additional fleet and service capacity to Turk Enterprises, the release added.

#### **36. North American Transborder Freight decreased 8.5% in April 2025 from April 2024**

Total transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries, Canada and Mexico for April 2025 compared to April 2024 was as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$126.3 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of

transportation, decreasing 8.5% compared to April 2024; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$56.6 billion, down 13.6% from April 2024; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$69.7 billion, down 3.8% from April 2024; 4. Trucks moved \$82.8 billion of freight, down 8.6% compared to April 2024; 5. Railways moved \$14.4 billion of freight, down 20.9% compared to April 2024; 6. Pipelines moved \$8.9 billion of freight, down 5.2% compared to April 2024; 7. Vessels moved \$7.3 billion of freight, down 25.3% compared to April 2024; 8. Air moved \$4.8 billion of freight, up 3.7% compared to April 2024. US-Canada trade in both directions was: Truck-\$31.5b; Pipelines-\$8.2b; Rail \$7.4b; Air-\$ \$2.4b; and Vessel \$2.2b.

## GENERAL TRANSPORTATION

### 1. Quebec tables bill to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers on sale of goods

Quebec is moving to lower interprovincial trade barriers, with some exceptions. Minister for the Economy Christopher Skeete has tabled a bill to remove all restrictions on the use and sale of products from other provinces. It also states that the government can exclude some goods from the bill and must publish a list of exceptions online. The proposed legislation comes amid a push by provinces and the federal government to lower interprovincial trade barriers in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs. The bill states that goods from other provinces and territories may be "commercialized, used or consumed" in Quebec without further requirements relating to their manufacturing, composition or classification. The proposed legislation also aims to make it easier for workers who are certified in other provinces to have their credentials recognized in Quebec.

### 2. National Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2024

During the 2024 fourth quarter, Canadian residents took 80.3 million trips in Canada and abroad, up 7.7% from the same quarter in 2023. Most of the trips from October to December 2024 were domestic (88.4%), followed by trips to the United States (8.2%) and overseas (3.4%).

### 3. Visitor Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2024

From October 2024 to December 2024, visitors from the United States and overseas countries made 6.1 million trips to Canada, up 8.2% from the same quarter in 2023. In the fourth quarter of 2024, four out of five non-resident trips (80.0%) were made by US residents. Spending by non-resident visitors to Canada totalled \$5.0 billion in the fourth quarter, up 6.2% from the same quarter in 2023, spending an average of \$819 per trip.

### 4. Government of Canada Introduces Bill to Strengthen Border Security

Public Safety Minister Gary Anandasangaree has introduced a bill named the *Strong Borders Act*, which looks to build upon the previous commitments of the federal government and act swiftly to strengthen laws, keep Canadians safe and continue to address concerns around border security, illicit drugs and criminal networks within our cross-border supply chains. The focus of the bill is to ensure that law enforcement has the tools to crack down on a multitude of issues, including organized crime activities, identifying fentanyl precursors and money laundering operations, while bringing more controls to our immigration system. On the topic of securing the border, there were some items with potential implications for transporters and members of the Canada-U.S. trade chain, including the ability of enforcement officials to potentially conduct export examinations and the addition of more oversight powers regarding the immigration system.

### 5. March 2025 Marks Record in value of U.S. Freight with Canada and Mexico

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics TransBorder freight data program reports that March 2025 marks a record all-time high in the monthly dollar value of freight moved by multiple modes of transportation in U.S. freight with Canada and Mexico. Cross border U.S. freight shipments with Canada and Mexico totalled just over \$144.8 billion in March 2025. The total represents an

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8.4% increase over March 2024 and a 35.0% increase over 2019. Canada and Mexico regularly conduct over \$1 trillion in annual freight flows among them. In 2024, U.S. freight with Canada and Mexico combined totalled \$1.6 trillion, a 1.8% increase over 2023.

#### **6. Canadian international merchandise trade, April 2025**

In April 2025, Canada's merchandise exports dropped 10.8%, while imports fell 3.5%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world widened from \$2.3 billion in March to \$7.1 billion in April. This was the largest deficit on record. Total exports dropped 10.8% to \$60.4 billion in April 2025, the lowest level since June 2023. This was a third consecutive monthly decline and the strongest percentage decrease in five years. After the United States implemented tariffs on Canadian goods in March 2025, additional tariffs were imposed in early April, with a focus on motor vehicles manufactured in Canada. The high values for exports to the United States in late 2024 and early 2025—before the tariffs were imposed—gave way to decreases in more recent months, and especially in April 2025. As was the case in March 2025, total exports were down on lower exports to the United States (-15.7%) in April 2025, while exports to countries other than the United States rose 2.9%. Overall, decreases were observed in 10 of the 11 product sections; only exports of metal ores and non-metallic minerals saw a modest increase. In real (or volume) terms, total exports were down 9.1% in April 2025.

#### **7. Canadian international trade in services, April 2025**

Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit narrowed to \$0.3 billion in April 2025 from \$0.5 billion in March 2025. Overall, imports of services declined 1.1% to \$18.3 billion in April 2025, and exports of services were down 0.5% to \$17.9 billion. Imports of travel services fell 4.1% to \$4.6 billion in April 2025. As with March, this decline was due to lower spending by Canadian-resident travellers in the United States. Imports of commercial services were down 0.4% to \$10.4 billion in April 2025, while imports of transportation services rose 1.3% to \$3.1 billion. Exports of travel services declined 3.7% to \$5.2 billion in April 2025, on lower spending in Canada by both US and overseas travellers. Partially offsetting this decrease, exports of commercial services rose 0.7% to \$10.7 billion, led by financial services related to increased financial market activity in April 2025.

#### **8. Aluminium premium for US buyers soars after Trump doubles tariffs**

Premiums for consumers buying aluminium on the physical market in the United States soared on Monday, June 2, 2025 after U.S. President Donald Trump said he planned to increase tariffs on imported steel and aluminium to 50% from 25%. The U.S. is heavily reliant on aluminium imports. About half of all aluminium used in the country for transport, packaging and construction is delivered from elsewhere, with the vast majority coming from Canada. The new tariffs are due to take effect on June 4, 2025. Buyers on the physical market usually pay the London Metal Exchange (LME) benchmark aluminium price plus a premium covering taxes, transport and handling costs. The U.S. Midwest duty-paid aluminium premium reached \$0.58 per lb, or \$1,279 a metric ton, on Monday, June 2, 2025. That was a 54% jump from Friday, May 30, 2025 and 164% growth since the start of 2025. Part of Monday's growth was amplified by June 2 being the first trading day of the new month, when regional premiums often make a strong move. Goldman Sachs said the premium would need to rise to between \$0.68 and \$0.70 per lb to fully reflect the 50% import tariff. LME benchmark aluminium was last up 0.4% at \$2,453.5 a ton. The higher premium could weigh on U.S. spot market purchases if consumers wait to see if there is a reversal or any exemptions, Morgan Stanley said in a note. Aluminium production depends heavily on the competitively priced and secure power supply source. It has been forty-five years since anyone built a primary aluminium smelter in the U.S. Emirates Global Aluminium said in May 2025 that it would invest \$4 billion in construction of an aluminium plant in the U.S. with first metal expected by the end of the decade.

#### **9. Trump signs order hiking steel, aluminum tariffs to 50%**

United States President Donald Trump signed a directive on Tuesday June 3, 2025 raising steel and aluminum tariffs to 50 per cent from 25 per cent starting on June 4, 2025, following through on a pledge to boost import taxes to help domestic manufacturers. Trump cast the move, which takes effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday (June 4, 2025) as necessary to protect national security. Trump announced the decision during a speech at a United States Steel Corp. plant in Pennsylvania on Friday (May 30, 2025), where he endorsed the sale of the company to Japan's Nippon Steel Corp. while pledging that it would remain under some form of American control.

#### **10. USDOT Enhances Pipeline Enforcement Policies to Protect Due Process, Refocus Agency**

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on June 4, 2025 announced changes to its procedures for pipeline safety enforcement proceedings. The new procedures outlined in a memorandum from PHMSA's Chief Counsel will ensure due process (legal sufficiency), including by holding parties accountable to the penalties that were in place during the time of an alleged violation and requiring the agency to provide requested records. These recent changes to PHMSA's civil penalty policy and procedures reflect DOT's commitment to following the law and protecting the legal rights of all Americans.

#### **11. Musk says Trump tariffs 'will cause a recession' later this year**

The political alliance between billionaire businessman Elon Musk and President Donald Trump has hit a rough patch after Musk posted a flurry of criticisms to social media about the president's endorsed federal budget bill for 2026 and other fiscal matters. The legislation, dubbed "The Big Beautiful Bill" by Trump, was passed by the House in a narrow vote on May 22, 2025. As it awaits a vote by the Senate, tensions have run high in U.S. politics. Musk's discontent with the president comes shortly after his exit from the administration last week. Later, he sounded the alarm, arguing that the budget bill would [increase the national deficit](#). In [another X post](#) on Tuesday, June 2, 2025, he called the bill "a disgusting abomination." Then on Thursday, June 5, 2025, Musk [stated on his social media platform X](#) that Trump's tariffs "will cause a recession in the second half of this year."

#### **12. Liberals table bill to speed up approvals for major 'national interest' projects**

Minister [Mark Carney's](#) government is granting itself new powers to quickly push ahead [major projects the federal cabinet](#) deems to be in the national interest. Intergovernmental Affairs Minister [Dominic LeBlanc](#) tabled [legislation](#) in the House of Commons on June 6, 2025 which would give Ottawa the authority to draw up a list of large projects it wants to prioritize and expedite their federal approval. The bill would create a federal office that would take the lead on streamlining permitting and approvals for major projects. Carney met with the premiers earlier in the week in Saskatoon, where they privately discussed various projects the premiers want to see quickly launched.

#### **13. Canadian regulator says Prince Rupert Gas Transmission pipeline project has started**

British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Office has determined that work on the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission natural gas pipeline project has been substantially started, the provincial government said on Thursday, June 12, 2025. The decision means a 2014 environmental assessment certificate for the project will remain in effect indefinitely, unless suspended or cancelled under the Environmental Assessment Act, the B.C. government said in a press release. The 900-kilometre PRGT project will run from Hudson's Hope in northeastern B.C. to Lelu Island near Prince Rupert on Canada's Pacific Coast. It was acquired from TC Energy by the Nisga'a First Nation and the Western LNG in March 2024 to supply natural gas to the proposed 12 million tonnes per annum Ksi Lisims liquefied natural facility. The 2014 environmental assessment certificate required that the project show substantial progress by November 25, 2024. The B.C. Environmental Assessment Office launched a review process late last year to examine whether work had started, considering site inspections, documentation from PRGT and input from local First Nations. The government statement said compliance and enforcement officers will continue to monitor the PRGT project throughout construction and operation to ensure it meets all environmental requirements.

#### **14. Housing and Transportation Costs Index: New data tables**

Data tables for the "Housing and Transportation Cost Index: Research Paper" publication are now available. The Housing and Transportation Cost Index is a composite index for estimating the expense of housing and transportation. Statistics Canada and Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada collaborated on the Canadian adaptation of the index, which is based on the United States' Center for Neighborhood Technology's Housing and Transportation (H+T) Affordability Index. By combining census data and data from other statistical programs, a composite index (the H+T Index) for all aggregate dissemination areas (ADAs) of Canada (except for the territories and First Nations) was derived.

#### **15. May 2025 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.4%) Falls Below the May 2024 Level (5.5%) but Rises Above the Pre-Pandemic May 2019 Level (4.3%)**

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.4% (not seasonally adjusted) in May 2025, 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 May 2025, the transportation sector unemployment rate fell 1.1 percentage points from 5.5% in May 2024 but was just above the pre-pandemic May 2019 level of 4.3%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in May 2025 was 4.0% or 0.4 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in May 2025 was 4.2%.

#### **16. Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, May 2025**

In May 2025, the preliminary number of international arrivals (returning Canadian residents and non-residents combined) to Canada by air and automobile was 4.8 million, down 16.7% from May 2024. This was the fourth

consecutive month of year-over-year declines. In May 2025, the number of Canadian-resident return trips by automobile from the United States totalled 1.3 million, a steep decline (-38.1%) from the same month in 2024. May 2025 marked the fifth consecutive month of year-over-year declines.

#### **17. Transportation Consumer Price Index – May 2025**

On June 11, 2025, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released the change in the costs faced by consumers for transportation goods and services, from May 2024 to May 2025, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The annual change in CPI is a measure of inflation. The CPI for all transportation goods and services fell 1.3% from May 2024 to May 2025. Transportation dampened 8.3% to the 2.4% increase in the price of all goods and services, per the CPI. Motor vehicle insurance contributed the most to inflation, rising 7.0% year-over-year and contributing 8.2% to the annual change in the price of all goods and services.

#### **18. April 2025 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Down 0.5% from the Previous Month and Up 0.7% from the Same Month Last Year**

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.5% in April 2025 from March 2025, falling for the second consecutive month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). From April 2024 to April 2025 the index rose 0.7%.

#### **19. Trump says trade deal reached with China**

President Donald Trump has announced his administration has reached an agreeable trade deal with China. In a Truth Social post from Wednesday morning (June 11, 2025), the President said “our deal with China is done, pending final approval from Xi and me.” The post stated that “we are getting a total of 55% tariffs, China is getting 10%” and that the relationship between the two countries is “excellent”. President Trump also said magnets and any necessary rare earth metals will be supplied up front by China and the agreement covers Chinese students studying in the United States.

#### **20. Stocks tumble, oil prices jump after Israel attacks Iran**

An escalation in the Middle East - a major oil-producing region - adds uncertainty to financial markets at a time of heightened pressure on the global economy from U.S. President Donald Trump's aggressive and erratic trade policies.

#### **21. Trade deal between Canada and the U.S. could come within 30 days, Ottawa says**

A trade deal between Canada and the United States that addresses “immediate trade pressures and priorities” for the two countries could come within the next 30 days, according to Prime Minister Mark Carney's office following his one-on-one meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the Group of Seven gathering in Kananaskis, Alta. The announcement on June 16, 2025 came a few hours after Trump said he still favours tariffs on Canada, calling Carney's proposal for a trade agreement between the two countries “more complex.”

#### **22. Senate passes bill to protect supply management from any future trade deals**

The Bloc Québécois' long and often rocky road to protect supply management from any concessions in future trade negotiations has come to a successful end. The Senate has adopted Bill C-202, making it the first bill set to receive royal assent in the new session of Parliament. “We won,” said Bloc Leader Yves-François Blanchet enthusiastically, hours after the Senate adopted his party's bill. C-202 sought to amend the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act to prevent the minister from “making a commitment” that would increase the tariff rate quota for dairy, poultry, or eggs in trade negotiations. It would also prevent tariff reductions on these products when they are imported in excess. The Bloc wanted to strengthen the long-standing federal government policy to maintain Canada's supply management system, including its production control, pricing mechanisms and import controls. The House of Commons unanimously passed the bill last week and the Senate did so “with division” on Tuesday, Jun 17, 2025 evening.

#### **23. Canada will hike U.S. steel tariffs if it can't make a trade deal next month, Carney says**

Prime Minister Mark Carney announced on June 19, 2025 new measures to help stabilize Canada's steel and aluminum sectors that have been hard hit by U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs — with exports down and job losses up. The new federal program includes a quota on foreign steel and a proposed tax hike on U.S. imports if Canada and the U.S. can't reach a trade deal in a month's time. Carney said Canada's counter-tariffs on U.S. steel and aluminum products would go up — or down, depending on the negotiations with Trump — on July 21. Trump hiked the U.S. tariff rate on steel and aluminum from 25 per cent to 50 per cent earlier this month and Carney, at the time, withheld matching that rate spike given talks are ongoing to get Canada out from under Trump's tariffs.

#### **24. Study: Travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries, 2017 to 2023**

On June 20, 2025, Statistics Canada is publishing a study titled “Workforce insights: Demographics in the travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries, 2017 to 2023.” It explores the demographic differences among employees in the travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries by leveraging administrative data to examine the workforce distribution by gender, age, full-time work status and residency

status. In most of these industries, the workforce was largely composed of women, with many holding part-time positions. The largest differences across industries were observed in the age distribution. Its conclusion was “While the COVID-19 pandemic was a big shock to the travel arrangement, reservation and accommodation services industries, leading to significant economic and employment losses, the distribution of these industries’ workforce by gender, age and full-time work status did not vary meaningfully from 2017 to 2023, for the most part. However, the residency status of the workforce changed during and after the pandemic, with a greater reliance on non-permanent residents, including international students, temporary foreign workers, and others who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents, as a result of their increased availability in the labour supply. Furthermore, most industries in the study have yet to regain pre-pandemic employment levels, despite a complete financial recovery.”

#### **25. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Agreement with Texas to Help State Build Projects Faster**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on June 20, 2025 announced the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to help the state build infrastructure projects faster. The agreement would allow Texas to take more ownership of environmental permitting requirements – cutting down on red tape so critical bridge and highway projects are started and completed faster. This Federal-State partnership will serve as a model for other states interested in implementing Secretary Duffy’s “America is Building Again” agenda.

#### **26. Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2025**

to Canada by overseas residents edged down 0.6%. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad (United States and overseas combined) was also down in April 2025, declining 18.9% from April 2024. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, US-resident arrivals decreased 8.7% in April 2025, while overseas-resident arrivals increased 0.9%.

#### **27. Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches Digital Medical Certification to Cut Fraud and Boost Safety**

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will implement the Medical Examiner’s Certification Integration (NR11) rule on June 23, 2025, marking a major advancement in the safety and integrity of the commercial driver licensing process. This new process will replace outdated paper documents that are ripe for fraud, a hassle for truck drivers to maintain, and harder for law enforcement to assess.

#### **28. Quebec’s Écocomionnage program returns with increased \$415-million budget**

The unveiling of Quebec’s 2025-2030 Green Economy Implementation Plan last week confirmed that the Écocomionnage program has been relaunched with a budget of \$415 million over five years. This represents an \$85-million increase over the previous program, which was temporarily suspended last September, a victim of its own success, as the budgeted amounts had all been allocated, according to a report from our sister publication *Transport Routier*. The broader plan, unveiled by Benoit Charette, Quebec’s minister of the environment and the fight against climate change, wildlife and parks, calls for investments of \$3.9 billion over five years for the transportation sector.

#### **29. EU Space Act: enhancing market access and space safety**

The European Commission has proposed *ambitious new measures to make Europe’s space sector cleaner, safer and more competitive*. Europe’s space rules are currently fragmented, holding back innovation, reducing the European market share and creating extra costs. An EU harmonised framework would ensure safety, resilience, and environmental responsibility, while helping companies grow and scale up across borders. The EU Space Act aims to cut red tape, protect space assets, **and** create a fair, predictable playing field for businesses. It is based on 3 pillars: Safety, Resilience; and Sustainability.

#### **30. National tourism indicators, first quarter 2025**

Tourism spending was virtually unchanged in the first quarter of 2025 after increasing 1.5% in the fourth quarter of 2024. Domestic tourism spending increased 0.8% in the first quarter of 2025 as Canadians pulled back from international travel to the United States. Gains in tourism spending by Canadians at home were offset by lower tourism exports (-2.6%), which refer to non-resident spending in Canada. Tourism gross domestic product (GDP) grew 0.5% in the first quarter of 2025, compared to growth of 1.3% in the fourth quarter of 2024. By comparison, economy-wide GDP by industry was up 0.4% in the first quarter of 2025.

#### **31. Senate adopts Carney’s fast-tracked major projects bill — well before Canada Day deadline**

The Senate adopted Prime Minister Mark Carney’s internal trade and major projects bill without amendments on June 26, 2025 making it the first government bill to pass through all stages during the spring sitting of Parliament and receive royal assent. That means that Carney will make good on his election campaign promise to eliminate all federal barriers to interprovincial trade by Canada Day to have “one Canadian economy.” Many senators complained about the rushed process to adopt C-5, which did not leave them with enough time to properly review the legislation.