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July Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 12.6 Percent from July 2005

(State Rankings in Tables 5 and 7)

Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico was 12.6 percent higher in July 2006 than in July 2005, reaching \$55.9 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), reported that North American surface transportation trade fell 16.4 percent in July from June (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Surface transportation consists largely of freight movements by truck, rail and pipeline. About 90 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moves on land.

Total North American surface transportation trade value in July was up 36.9 percent compared to July 2001, and up 83.5 percent compared to July 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in July were up 91.2 percent compared to July 1996, while exports were up 74.0 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$35.2 billion in July, up 10.7 percent compared to July 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 7.6 percent higher in July 2006 than July 2005, while the value of exports carried by truck was 14.3 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in July with \$3.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$20.7 billion in July, up 16.0 percent compared to July 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 17.2 percent higher in July 2006 than July 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 14.5 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in July with \$6.5 billion (*Table 7*).

The Transborder Freight Data are a special extract of the official U.S. foreign trade statistics. The data are tabulated for BTS monthly by the U.S. Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. July transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of September 14.

The news release and summary tables can be found at www.bts.gov. More information on Transborder Freight Data and data from previous months are posted on the BTS website at <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>. BTS will release August transborder numbers on Oct. 30.

Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico
(millions of dollars)

Month	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2004-2005	Percent Change 2005-2006
January	45,686	52,334	61,189	14.6	16.9
February	48,170	53,592	59,804	11.3	11.6
March	56,269	59,436	68,213	5.6	14.8
April	53,195	58,297	61,742	9.6	5.9
May	53,155	57,870	65,994	8.9	14.0
June	55,422	59,431	66,898	7.2	12.6
July	48,096	49,690	55,939	3.3	12.6
August	53,577	60,188		12.3	
September	54,913	61,166		11.4	
October	56,880	63,985		12.5	
November	56,134	62,894		12.0	
December	52,065	59,104		13.5	
Year-to-date	359,993	390,650	439,779	8.5	12.6
Annual	633,563	697,987		10.2	

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

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Table 2. Value of U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada and Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Percent Change June 2006–July 2006	Percent Change July 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	28,705	37,938	32,064	-15.5	11.7
	Exports	20,985	28,960	23,875	-17.6	13.8
	Total	49,690	66,898	55,939	-16.4	12.6
Truck	Imports	18,476	24,542	20,685	-15.7	12.0
	Exports	16,637	23,330	19,024	-18.5	14.4
Rail	Imports	5,276	7,934	6,094	-23.2	15.5
	Exports	2,273	3,212	2,760	-14.0	21.4
Pipeline	Imports	3,624	4,332	4,106	-5.2	13.3
	Exports	205	198	192	-3.0	-6.4

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

Note: The value of all surface modes is not equal to the sum of truck, rail and pipeline modes. The value of trade for all surface modes includes shipments made by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, foreign trade zones, other and unknown modes of transportation. For additional detail refer to the Transborder Freight Data "Sources and Reliability" statement: <http://www.bts.gov/ntda/tbscd/srfin.html>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. July 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with July of Prior Years

Compared to July in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	11.7	13.8	12.6
2004	13.9	19.7	16.3
2003	30.0	33.0	31.3
2002	33.2	37.7	35.1
2001	32.8	42.8	36.9
2000	32.7	33.4	33.0
1999	51.1	48.3	49.9
1998	83.1	64.5	74.6
1997	86.1	58.9	73.4
1996	91.2	74.0	83.5

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data,
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Table 4. Value of U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Percent Change June 2006– July 2006	Percent Change July 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	18,778	24,138	20,267	-16.0	7.9
	Exports	13,040	18,695	14,947	-20.0	14.6
	Total	31,817	42,833	35,214	-17.8	10.7
Truck	Imports	10,013	13,391	10,769	-19.6	7.6
	Exports	10,264	15,020	11,728	-21.9	14.3
Rail	Imports	4,029	5,524	4,455	-19.4	10.6
	Exports	1,138	1,740	1,565	-10.1	37.5
Pipeline	Imports	3,624	4,331	4,104	-5.2	13.3
	Exports	154	143	148	3.1	-4.2

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by July 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2006
1	Michigan	3,504
2	Illinois	3,069
3	New York	2,415
4	California	2,344
5	Ohio	2,221
6	Texas	1,794
7	Pennsylvania	1,453
8	Washington	1,399
9	Indiana	1,158
10	Tennessee	1,117

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Table 6. Value of U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Percent Change June 2006–July 2006	Percent Change July 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	9,927	13,800	11,797	-14.5	18.8
	Exports	7,945	10,265	8,927	-13.0	12.4
	Total	17,872	24,065	20,725	-13.9	16.0
Truck	Imports	8,462	11,152	9,915	-11.1	17.2
	Exports	6,372	8,311	7,296	-12.2	14.5
Rail	Imports	1,247	2,410	1,639	-32.0	31.4
	Exports	1,136	1,471	1,196	-18.7	5.3
Pipeline	Imports	0	1	1	17.0	NA
	Exports	51	55	45	-18.9	-13.0

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by July 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2006
1	Texas	6,450
2	California	3,838
3	Michigan	1,673
4	Illinois	738
5	Arizona	682
6	New York	475
7	Ohio	466
8	Tennessee	451
9	North Carolina	390
10	Pennsylvania	380

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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