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February Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 11.3 Percent from February 2004

The United States traded \$53.6 billion in goods using surface transportation in February 2005 with its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico, 11.3 percent more than February 2004, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation reported today (*Table 1*).

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.

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), reported that total surface transportation trade rose 2.4 percent in February from January (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Total surface transportation trade value in February was up 28.5 percent compared to February 2002 and 80.3 percent compared to February 1995, a period of ten years (*Table 3*). Exports in February were up 60.0 percent compared to February 1995, while imports were up 99.0 percent (*Table 3*).

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S. – Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$35.4 billion in February, up 12.7 percent compared to February 2004. Carrying the largest amount by value, exports by truck increased 11.0 percent from February 2004, while imports by truck rose 12.4 percent (*Table 4*).

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in February with \$6.2 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$18.2 billion in February, up 8.6 percent compared to February 2004. Carrying the largest amount by value, imports by truck increased 7.7 percent compared to February 2004, while exports by truck rose 8.3 percent (*Table 6*).

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in February with \$5.9 billion (*Table 7*).

The Transborder Surface Freight Dataset is 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. February transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of April 15, 2005.

The press 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 March transborder numbers on May 27.

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

Month	2004	2005	Percent Change 2004-2005
January	45,686	52,334	14.6
February	48,170	53,592	11.3
March	56,269		
April	53,195		
May	53,155		
June	55,422		
July	48,096		
August	53,577		
September	54,913		
October	56,880		
November	56,134		
December	52,065		
Year to Date	93,856	105,926	12.9
Annual	633,563		

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

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

Mode		February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Percent Change January - February	Percent Change February 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	27,841	30,096	30,844	2.5	10.8
	Exports	20,329	22,239	22,748	2.3	11.9
	Total	48,170	52,334	53,592	2.4	11.3
Truck	Imports	18,031	19,175	19,899	3.8	10.4
	Exports	16,297	17,433	17,938	2.9	10.1
Rail	Imports	6,276	5,804	6,676	15.0	6.4
	Exports	2,226	2,529	2,805	10.9	23.8
Pipeline	Imports	2,852	3,843	3,240	-15.7	13.6
	Exports	67	402	219	-45.6	224.5

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <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 Surface Freight data "Sources and Reliability" statement: <http://www.bts.gov/ntda/tbscd/srfin.html>

Table 3: February 2005 Surface Trade Compared with February of Prior Years

Compared to February in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2004	10.8	11.9	11.3
2003	21.3	23.6	22.3
2002	28.6	28.3	28.5
2001	21.7	16.8	19.6
2000	21.6	10.7	16.7
1999	44.0	32.7	39.0
1998	59.8	31.3	46.3
1997	69.6	44.4	57.9
1996	77.7	46.9	63.2
1995	99.0	60.0	80.3

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**Table 4. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)**

Mode		February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Percent Change January - February	Percent Change February 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	18,120	20,222	20,453	1.1	12.9
	Exports	13,263	14,201	14,902	4.9	12.4
	Total	31,383	34,423	35,354	2.7	12.7
Truck	Imports	10,130	10,737	11,388	6.1	12.4
	Exports	10,504	10,889	11,663	7.1	11.0
Rail	Imports	4,654	4,547	4,967	9.2	6.7
	Exports	1,265	1,405	1,609	14.6	27.2
Pipeline	Imports	2,852	3,843	3,240	-15.7	13.6
	Exports	67	392	179	-54.4	167.7

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

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada
by Surface Modes of Transportation, Ranked
by February 2005 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	February 2005
1	Michigan	6,183
2	New York	2,420
3	Illinois	2,376
4	Ohio	2,248
5	California	2,218
6	Texas	1,595
7	Pennsylvania	1,275
8	Washington	1,245
9	Indiana	1,206
10	Tennessee	955

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

Mode		February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Percent Change January - February	Percent Change February 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	9,721	9,874	10,392	5.2	6.9
	Exports	7,066	8,038	7,846	-2.4	11.0
	Total	16,787	17,912	18,237	1.8	8.6
Truck	Imports	7,900	8,438	8,511	0.9	7.7
	Exports	5,793	6,544	6,274	-4.1	8.3
Rail	Imports	1,622	1,257	1,709	35.9	5.3
	Exports	1,001	1,124	1,196	6.4	19.4
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	1	10	40	297.4	5,916.0

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

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**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation, Ranked
by February 2005 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	February 2005
1	Texas	5,938
2	California	3,030
3	Michigan	1,942
4	Arizona	644
5	Illinois	599
6	Ohio	486
7	Indiana	434
8	Tennessee	409
9	New York	377
10	Georgia	359

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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