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UK Government Backs Heathrow Expansion Plans

UK Chancellor Rachel Reeves has backed plans for a third runway at Heathrow Airport, as she looks to boost trade and tourism and kickstart economic growth.

In a speech on Wednesday, Reeves declared that a third runway was “badly needed” and could create 100,000 jobs, lambasting how persistent delays have cast doubts about the UK’s seriousness towards improving its economic prospects.

“Around three quarters of all long haul flights in the UK go from Heathrow,” said Reeves. “Over 60 percent of UK air freight comes through Heathrow, and about 15 million business travelers used Heathrow in 2023 but for decades, its growth has been constrained. Successive studies have shown that this really matters for our economy.”

Read more in an [article from Air Cargo Week](#).

Ocean Updates

PRPA and Metlakatla Development Corporation Partner to Develop New Import Logistics Project

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) and the Metlakatla Development Corporation (MDC) are partnering to develop the South Kaien Import Logistics Park (SKILP). The \$100-million-plus Indigenous-led joint venture will enable long-term economic benefits for Metlakatla and new employment opportunities for local Indigenous workers, while bolstering intermodal trade through the Prince Rupert Gateway.

A portion of SKILP will host a logistics and warehousing complex that significantly expands and strengthens import transloading and related capabilities at the Port of Prince Rupert. Construction

is underway in developing the 56 acres of flat, serviced industrial land in proximity to Fairview Terminal, CN Rail, and the recently announced CANXPORT facility.

The majority of SKILP is pre-leased, with Intermodex, an integrated intermodal services company and subsidiary of SSA Marine, as the anchor tenant. As Prince Rupert's first major import logistics operator, Intermodex will develop and operate the new 33-acre logistics and warehousing facilities, with operations commencing in Q1 2027. Another 23 acres remain available for tenants wanting access to a deep-sea port, CN rail line, provincial highway and full-service intermodal gateway.

Read more in a [press release from PRPA](#).