

YELLOW ROADWAY CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 8, 2005

Yellow Roadway Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-12255

(Commission File Number)

48-0948788

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**10990 Roe Avenue, Overland
Park, Kansas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

66211

(Zip Code)

(913) 696-6100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 8, 2005, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Yellow Roadway Corporation (the Company) held a meeting for investors and analysts. The meeting was available on an audio webcast through the Company's website, www.yellowroadway.com, and will be available for 30 days. A transcript of the meeting is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

During the meeting, the Company stated that it will probably be buying back shares of its common stock, most likely after the closing of the previously announced acquisition of USF Corporation, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150 to \$200 million. To clarify, management of the Company has not made a final determination whether or not to buy back any of its common stock, and the Company's board has not approved a stock buyback at this time. After the close of the USF acquisition and based on the Company's expectation of cash flows, the Company may consider a stock buyback. The Company believes that following the acquisition it would have sufficient cash flow and a balance sheet that could support a buyback in the \$150 to \$200 million range.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable

- (b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable

- (c) Exhibits.

99.1 Transcript of meeting for investors and analysts held on March 8, 2005 (to be filed by amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K).

Yellow Roadway and USF will file a proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Investors are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they will contain important information. You will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Yellow Roadway free of charge by requesting them in writing from Yellow Roadway or by telephone at (913) 696-6100. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by USF free of charge by requesting them in writing from USF or by telephone at (773) 824-1000.

Yellow Roadway and USF, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Yellow Roadway and USF in connection with the acquisition. Information about the directors and executive officers of Yellow Roadway and their ownership of Yellow Roadway stock is set forth in the proxy statement for the Yellow Roadway 2004 Annual Meetings of Stockholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of USF and their ownership of USF stock is set forth in the proxy

statement for the USF 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

The information presented in this Current Report on Form 8-K may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Words such as expect(s) , feel(s) , believe(s) , will , may , could , anticipate(s) and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding plans, objectives and expectations with respect to future operations, products and services; and statements regarding future performance. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond the control of Yellow Roadway and USF, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. These risks and uncertainties include: those discussed and identified in public filings with the SEC by Yellow Roadway and USF; the parties' ability to consummate the proposed merger with, to achieve expected synergies and operating efficiencies in the merger within the expected time-frames or at all and to successfully integrate USF's operations into Yellow Roadway's operations; such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; revenues following the transaction may be lower than expected; operating costs, customer loss and business disruption, including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, customers, clients or suppliers, may be greater than expected following the transaction; the regulatory approvals required for the transaction may not be obtained on the terms expected or on the anticipated schedule; the parties' ability to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the transaction and the value of the transaction consideration; the Company's expectations regarding a possible stock buyback; changes in federal or state regulation concerning or affecting the transportation industry; inflation, inclement weather, price and availability of fuel, competitor pricing activity, expense volatility, a downturn in general or regional economic activity, changes in equity and debt markets, the state of the economy; the parties' obligations to contribute to union-sponsored multi-employer pension plans may be higher than expected; the impact of work rules, any obligations to multi-employer health, welfare and pension plans, wage requirements, potential efforts to unionize previously non-union operations of the company and employee satisfaction, labor shortages, disruptions, stoppages or any other deterioration in the parties' relationships with employees may impair the parties' businesses and any future acts or threats of terrorism or war. In particular, the expectations set forth in this communication regarding accretion and achievement of annual savings and synergies are only the parties' expectations regarding these matters. Actual results could differ materially from these expectations depending on factors such as the combined company's cost of capital, the ability of the combined company to identify and implement cost savings, synergies and efficiencies in the time frame needed to achieve these expectations, prior contractual commitments of the combined companies and their ability to terminate these commitments or amend, renegotiate or settle the same, the combined company's actual capital needs, the absence of any material incident of property damage or other unforeseen merger or acquisition opportunities that could affect capital needs, the costs incurred in implementing synergies and the factors that generally affect the respective businesses of Yellow Roadway and USF as further outlined in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in each of the companies' respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date hereof. Neither Yellow Roadway nor USF undertakes any obligation to republish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Readers are also urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures in Yellow

Roadway's and USF's various SEC reports, including, but not limited to, each party's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the reporting periods of 2004.

Information in this Current Report that is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The furnishing of the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a representation that such furnishing is required by Regulation FD or that the information Item 7.01 of this Current Report contains is material investor information that is not otherwise publicly available.

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