

# THE INPUT

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Utah Inland Port Authority ends 2020 in a very busy way and we look forward to the opportunities 2021 brings, including strengthening our statewide logistics network and addressing issues that impact our neighboring communities.

Affordable housing is one of these critical issues, and we were excited to close out the year distributing money into the affordable housing fund, including \$171,000 to Salt Lake City. This is a tangible benefit of our efforts, and we are committed to helping cities address the housing issues facing our state.

In our December board meeting, UIPA introduced four regions based on freight movement corridors throughout the state. Utilizing infrastructure already in place, we are focused on working with counties within a region to identify satellite port locations that improve the movement of goods and boost their respective economies. The Port Authority views the network as a statewide system of logistics “nodes” and “corridors” — it’s not any one place.

In late December, UIPA working with Salt Lake City, submitted a joint grant application to receive Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to construct a secure truck parking facility with the express purpose to reduce truck parking in neighborhoods. The facility proposed will include over 200 truck parking spaces fully equipped to provide power to trucks during rest periods. The Wasatch Front Regional Council oversees the application process and although we won't know the results for a few months, we are confident we presented a compelling case for support in dealing with a recurring problem on our streets.

These are just a few of the innovative ways the UIPA is moving forward to make Utah a leader in revolutionizing global logistics for the next generation. Cheers to 2021.

Thank you,

Jack C. Hedge  
Executive Director  
Utah Inland Port Authority



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UIPA Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

4 p.m.

Zoom link and participation instructions will be available on the [UIPA website](#).

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## TRADE TALK

The logistics industry has a lot of trade-specific terms, so we're here to highlight a few and show their relevance to Utah. In this issue, we're learning about **cold chain**:

**Cold Chain:** The technology and process that allows for the safe transport of temperature-sensitive goods and products along the supply chain. Cold chain relies heavily on science to evaluate and accommodate for the link between temperature and perishability.

Any product known to be or labeled "perishable" will likely need cold chain management. This could include foods like meat and seafood, produce, medical supplies, and pharmaceuticals ([ShipCalm](#)).

**Reefer Truck:** A cargo unit which has a controlled temperature reefer unit on the trailer to keep specialized products at a constant temperature. Food items are common products to be shipped on a reefer truck ([Retail Value Chain Federation](#))

**Reefer Plug:** Industrial plugs and sockets that connect a refrigerated container (reefer) to a power supply, controlling the temperature and keeping goods cold ([ABB](#)).

### UIPA Connection:

Utah is a key center for cold chain logistics in the United States. The main corridors through Utah provide the primary routes for moving these highly perishable, highly valued goods. In fact, 3 of the 5 highest-volume routes in North America pass through Utah. These goods include everything from produce and seafood from the West Coast to frozen meat and pharmaceuticals from the Midwest.

UIPA is working with logistics companies in the refrigerated warehouse and trucking industries to optimize the flow of these precious cargo through our state. Our staff has mapped all refrigerated warehouses and storage areas around the state and identified the trucking companies doing business in and through Utah.

We have shared this information with the Utah Department of Health and others at the Federal and State levels to help them plan for vaccine distribution as vaccines are moved throughout the U.S. Knowing which warehouse facilities are capable of storing products at the extremely cold temperatures required for some vaccines and are properly licensed to handle and store those materials is an important piece of information necessary for the planning effort.

Watch cold chain in action in this [one-minute video](#):



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## QUOTABLE

“We as counties in rural Utah are not competing against one another. We're fellow sister and brother counties working together because we all have something to offer. We all have something to bring to the table because one size does not fit all.”

- Mark Whitney, Beaver County Commission Chair

“I feel really enthusiastic about not only the potential of the port, but really to take the lead in terms of environmental management and maybe reversing some of the bad environmental trends in the state.”

- Carine Clark, Governor's Office of Economic Development Board Chair

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## NEWS DESK

### UIPA RELEASES

- [Utah Inland Port Authority Distributes Major Funding to Salt Lake City for Affordable Housing](#)

### IN THE NEWS

- [Excitement growing over rural Utah's inclusion in Inland Port \(The Enterprise\)](#)
- [Why Utah is a key link in the 'cold chain' for the West's COVID-19 vaccine delivery \(Deseret News\)](#)
- [Inland Port Authority Honing In On 'Satellite Ports' \(KUER\)](#)
- [GOED board thinks Inland Port importance, goals misunderstood \(The Enterprise\)](#)
- [The COVID-19 Vaccine is Coming: How Should the Business Community Prepare? \(Salt Lake Chamber\)](#)

### INDUSTRY NEWS

- **News Article:** [Refrigerated Carriers Finding Value With Electric-Powered Reefer Units \(Transport Topics\)](#)

- **Podcast:** [Cold Chain Sustainability: What Options Do You Have For Sustainable Temperature Controlled Packaging? Guest: Richard Wood, Softbox \(Inbound Logistics\)](#)
  - **News Article:** [November volumes remain strong for POLA and POLB \(Logistics Management\)](#)
  - **Interview:** [Q&A: Mario Cordero, Executive Director at the Port of Long Beach \(Logistics Management\)](#)
  - **News Article:** [Private Equity and Logistics – How to Leverage the Science of Flow \(Private Equity Insights\)](#)
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