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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

When the Ever Given container ship blocked the Suez Canal for nearly a week in late March, the world zeroed in on the logistics industry. Ships rerouted around the African continent to avoid the congestion and as many as 367 ships waited to pass through the canal at one time. The situation gave us more than a week of internet memes—it showed how fragile and overstretched our global supply chains really are.

We need to make our supply chain more resilient, sustainable and inclusive, and the Utah Inland Port Authority is focusing efforts on partnerships and infrastructure that will shorten and stabilize our supply chain. The Authority is focused in on a two-prong approach: 1) promoting use of rail to transport existing volume and 2) establishing Salt Lake City as the preferred route between U.S. west coast ports and Chicago.



We continue to work on reducing truck parking in neighborhoods, and this month's issue of The Input explains some truck parking terminology. Our partnership with SecūrSpace focuses on finding locations for safe and secure truck parking across the state so that truckers can plug into auxiliary stations and turn off the ignition during rest periods. The average trucker spends +/- \$30 in fuel when idling overnight, and this program is one way we're working to both improve our air quality and reduce fuel costs for truckers.

UIPA is excited to travel to in-person conferences and events again—if you see us, come say hello. We're moving forward to make Utah a leader in revolutionizing global logistics for the next generation.

Thank you,

Jack C. Hedge  
Executive Director  
Utah Inland Port Authority

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Utah Trucking Association's 2021 Management Conference & Trucking Expo

Wednesday, May 12-Friday, May 14, 2021

Dixie Convention Center

St. George, Utah

### UIPA Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 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 **truck parking**:

**Shore Power:** the process of providing electrical power from the shore to a ship while it's docked, thereby allowing a ship's auxiliary engines to be turned off and the burning of diesel fuel to cease. Also known as cold-ironing or alternative marine power ([Clear Seas](#)). It is more commonly referred to as "truck stop electrification" in trucking.

**Truck Stop Electrification (TSE):** provides power outlets at truck parking spaces in which truck drivers can simply plug in, and turn off their engines, rather than idle their truck engine ([Inbound Logistics Glossary](#)).

**Auxiliary Power Units (APU):** a small, efficient motor that is capable of producing the power needed to keep the air/heat running, interior appliance power, etc. without the need to run the truck's engine. It is mounted on the side of the truck just behind the sleeper cab for convenience to access for fueling ([TAFS](#)).

### Connection to UIPA:

The Authority is focused on promoting policies and programs that create efficiencies, fluidity, and sustainability within the logistics system. A smart truck strategy is critical to this system. One of the most immediate priorities is to expand the availability of truck parking options. There is a significant need for overnight parking in the Salt Lake area, as well as state-wide.

UIPA has partnered with SecurSpace to expand the availability of overnight parking across the state. This partnership will allow trucks safe places to park out of neighborhoods, off the side of roads, and turn off their engines. Plugging into APUs or shore power in secure lots provides safety for our truck drivers while also reducing fuel costs and air emissions, creating long term benefits for everyone.

### **APU in Action:**

Learn from drivers and operators about the year-round impact of Thermo King's TriPac auxiliary power unit in this [four-minute video](#):



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## **QUOTABLE**

“We know now that 40% of the Intermountain West’s frozen foods go through Box Elder County—not necessarily the Salt Lake City or Salt Lake County. If we can stop these trucks in different counties and not put so many trucks into the valley, it will help not only air pollution but your quality of life.”

- Stan Summers, Box Elder County Commissioner

“I’m proud to be partnering with the UIPA to solve one of the most intractable issues facing truck drivers and carriers today. The e-commerce explosion, accelerated by COVID, has intensified the truck parking problems around the country and the UIPA isn’t standing idly by waiting on the market to find a solution in Utah.”

- Lance Theobald, CEO of SecūrSpace

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## **SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT**

### **CEO PERSPECTIVE: Leveraging Advanced Technologies (Railway Age)**

Katie Farmer, President and CEO of BNSF Railway, discusses leveraging complex, exponentially growing advanced technology.

*“We recognize that new technologies are key for us to meet the needs of our customers, employees, communities and the environment.”*

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## NEWS DESK

### UIPA STATEMENTS

- [Ginger Chinn Accepts Position at Salt Lake Chamber](#)

### IN THE NEWS

- [Utah Inland Port Authority executive director Jack Hedge with an update on the expansive project \(“Inside Sources with Boyd Matheson,” KSL NewsRadio\)](#)
- [Data visibility and inland logistics vital to helping US through crisis \(Port Technology\)](#)
- [Delayed Goods in Western Ports Means Utah Inland Port Can’t Come Fast Enough \(LinkedIn Pulse\)](#)
- [Utah Gov. Cox signs inland port ‘infrastructure banks’ bill despite calls for veto \(Deseret News\)](#)

### INDUSTRY NEWS

- **Timeline:** [How the Suez Canal blockage unfolded across supply chains \(Supply Chain Dive\)](#)
  - **Video:** [Ship blocking Suez Canal finally free, but the problem isn't over yet \(CNN\)](#)
  - **Analysis:** [In Suez Canal, Stuck Ship Is a Warning About Excessive Globalization \(The New York Times\)](#)
  - **News Article:** [America’s Imports Are Stuck on Ships Floating Just Off Los Angeles \(The Wall Street Journal\)](#)
  - **List:** [5 Ways Freight Railroad Serve You During a Pandemic \(Go Rail\)](#)
  - **News Radio:** [From Amazon To FedEx, The Delivery Truck Is Going Electric \(NPR\)](#)
  - **Feature Article:** [Experts lay out how chaos caused by pandemic-era panic buying could revolutionize our global supply chain \(Business Insider\)](#)
  - **News Article:** [‘I’ve Never Seen Anything Like This’: Chaos Strikes Global Shipping \(The New York Times\)](#)
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