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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Just a few weeks ago, the Utah Inland Port Authority announced an initiative with the Port of Long Beach and Union Pacific to enhance rail service and alleviate the serious supply chain disruptions we've all felt the last year and a half.

The initiative provides immediate relief through direct rail service between California and Utah, along with container storage here. This will release pressure along the coasts to keep cargo moving. It also works to create better access for Utah businesses, including exports like hay and other agricultural commodities.

We're eager to continue moving forward to make Utah a transformational trade location and revolutionize global logistics for the next generation.

Thank you,

Jack C. Hedge
Executive Director
Utah Inland Port Authority



UPCOMING EVENTS

UIPA Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

2-4 p.m.

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

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 the **container shipping industry** ([BOA Logistics](#)):

Drayage: typically describes the process of transporting goods over short distances. While drayage can be used for minor transporting of goods, usually it is confined to use by the container shipping industry.

Inter-Carrier Drayage: the movement of units over a short distance between different carriers, such as with trucking and railroad stations.

Intra-Carrier Drayage: similar to that of inter-carrier, intra-carrier takes freight from a rail hub to an intermodal hub, all controlled by the same carrier.

Door-to-Door Drayage: retail units are taken to a customer through roadways.

Connection to UIPA:

Goods coming to and from the intermodal ramp in Salt Lake City are “drayed” to their respective distribution points throughout the region. This current situation is not ideal for a couple reasons:

1. It's an inefficient use of the intermodal equipment (containers and chassis) that are in such short supply right now.
2. “Drayage” leads to a larger number of trucks using our surface streets and highways as those containers are dispatched and returned to the yard. That inefficiency in utilization of the equipment and trucks adds to the congestion and emissions in our area today.

By undertaking the projects UIPA has proposed—most notably the transload cross-dock facility—we will begin to use intermodal equipment and drayage trucks more efficiently, significantly reducing the number of truck trips to and from the intermodal yard every day and improving our air quality with every trip we avoid.

Drayage in Action:

Learn why drayage is important, plus the origin of the word “drayage” in this [three-minute video](#):



QUOTABLE

“A direct connection to Utah links two critical points in the supply chain and immediately reduces pressure on terminal storage, gates, chassis, and the local drayage community on the coast. Not only is this a more efficient service for importers in the Intermountain West, but it’s also a major step forward for exporters from the region.”

- Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach, Executive Director

“Malouf Companies is supportive of any and all efforts to ease the port congestion in Southern California. We appreciate the efforts of UIPA and the Port of Long Beach in engaging with rail and other supply chain providers in the region, and we are optimistic that such engagement can result in significant economic and environmental benefits.”

- Casey Heslop, Malouf Companies, International Logistics Manager

SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

[INRD Advances Sustainability Initiatives \(Railway Age\)](#)

The Indiana Rail Road (INRD) is continuing its sustainability initiatives with a rooftop solar project at headquarters, which is expected to contribute “**almost half of the energy needed**” there.

“Not only will the solar panels improve the carbon footprint of the facility, they offer financial benefits,” said Dewayne Swindall, who was appointed INRD President and CEO last month.

NEWS DESK

UIPA RELEASES

- [Governor Declares November as Advanced Zero Emission Vehicle and Fuels Awareness Month](#)
- [Collaboration and Visibility Provide Supply Chain Solutions](#)
- [Utah Inland Port Authority Announces Six Public Purpose Projects](#)
- [Utah Inland Port Authority to Build First Private Supply Chain LTE/5G Network](#)

IN THE NEWS

- Why Utah is positioned to move goods throughout the West and beyond ([Deseret News](#))

Enhanced Rail Service

- Freight trains could help decongest the Port of Long Beach ([Fox Business](#))
- Long Beach, Utah Ports Will Move Cargo by Rail to Alleviate Supply-Chain Logjams ([Bloomberg](#))
- POLB + UP + UIPA = 'Rapid Relief' ([Railway Age](#))
- Utah is Helping Solve the Supply Chain Crisis ([Inside Sources with Boyd Matheson](#))
- Opinion: Utah's inland port will shorten supply chains, ease flow of goods ([Deseret News](#))

LTE/5G Network

- Can you hear me? US ports not 100% connected ([Freight Waves](#))
- Supply chain 'perfect storm' hits 'literally everything we consume' ([The Enterprise](#))
- Commentary: The Utah Inland Port has great promise – despite strong opposition ([Utah Policy](#))
- World-first supply-chain LTE/5G network builds visibility amid congestion meltdown ([Port Technology](#))
- Private wireless network set to automate logistics infrastructure ([Fierce Wireless](#))

INDUSTRY NEWS

- **News Article:** Costco placing purchase limits on toilet paper, other products due to COVID-related demand ([USA Today](#))
 - **News Article:** Hyundai reveals autonomous, hydrogen-powered trucking concept ([Freight Waves](#))
 - **Feature Story:** Handle with White Gloves ([Inbound Logistics](#))
 - **News Article:** Why Container Ships Can't Sail Around the California Ports Bottleneck ([Wall Street Journal](#))
 - **Commentary:** How can brick-and-mortar retail make a comeback? ([Inbound Logistics](#))
 - **News Article:** Ocean Carrier Update: Pricing Continues its Upward Trend as Supply Chain Managers Fight for Space ([Supply Chain Management](#))
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