



UTAH INLAND PORT AUTHORITY

Sustainability Report

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At the core of Utah Inland Port Authority's mission is a commitment to promote sustainable, equitable, and smart logistics investment. UIPA is a steward of Utah's environment and though not a regulator, it strives to use the best available technology to mitigate environmental impact through policies, programs, and best practices.

The Port Authority is using its expertise and relationships with key logistics stakeholders to find sustainable solutions to problems in the national supply chain.

National Supply Chain Solutions

In late October, UIPA announced a bold initiative with the Port of Long Beach (POLB) and Union Pacific Railroad to bring rapid relief from existing Port congestion by optimizing rail deliveries between California and Utah. It will leverage the existing on- and near-dock rail system of the POLB to reduce dwell times and improve the speed and consistency of moving cargo to and from Utah via rail.



Millions of TEUs of international goods are imported to or exported from the Intermountain West annually, but only 10% of this cargo currently moves by rail. The partnership takes advantage of existing capacity in the rail system, converting more cargo from truck to rail, which provides a more sustainable and efficient mode of moving cargo.

According to an analysis by the Association of American Railroads:

- Loading 100 intermodal rail cars equates to 300 trucks off the road
- Trains are on average 4 times more fuel efficient than trucks
- Moving freight by rail reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 75%

The enhanced rail service and container storage in the Salt Lake jurisdictional area is a sustainable solution that will also immediately release pressure along the coasts to keep cargo moving.