

## TRANSPORTATION

### DESCRIPTION

In rural communities, the question of effective transportation to market and for essential services takes on a special importance. Discuss the current issues and proposals relating to highway, rail, shipping, and air travel throughout northern California with a focus on two, multi-faceted efforts to improve goods movement throughout Northern California.

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### Panelists:

- **Dan Wayne**, *Senior Transportation Planner*, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
- **David Hull**, California Maritime Infrastructure Bank

### DAN WAYNE, SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

- I. Goal- Trying to implement a Food Hub in Shasta County:
  - A. Benefits Implementing A Food Hub In Shasta County
    - a. This would give areas a head start and allow them to be self-sufficient in the future
    - b. Works with businesses to allow for more trade
  - B. Challenges in Executing This Goal:
    - a. Need grant funding
    - b. Need an operator-broker to coordinate project
      - i. Potential brokers are Fresh Point and Veritable Vegetable among others
- II. Implementing programs (such as a safer pass to Humboldt):
  - A. Would allow for safer passage around places such as Buckhorn Summit, Trinity, and the overall road leading to Humboldt County (pass is very dangerous)
  - B. Allow for more transportation of goods
  - C. Working with people like David Hull to find better, safer ways to transport goods
- III. Upcoming programs to support
  - A. Need support\_(from attendees) to help with funding such as the widening of highways
    - a. Current project is the widening of I-5 south of Anderson, Ca
  - B. Environmental Sustainability

- C. Anderson, ca mill which offers sustainable energy by converting waste such as walnuts and wood chips into usable energy.

### DAVID HULL, UPSTATE RAILCONNECT COMMITTEE

Humboldt's ports are changing and becoming more modernized but the way to transport goods in the North State is lagging.

- I. Trying to build a railway system that will allow for more transportation of goods from the Humboldt area
  - A. One of the most promising paths would be from Eureka area to Gerber, Ca but many different proposed paths are possible
  - B. Current pass is too dangerous and often transportation trucks cannot use this freeway due to safety issues.
  - C. The railway would connect with the entire U.S railway system and allow for more transportation opportunities in the North State area and bring in more trade.
  - D. Rather than having to go to ports such as Oakland, Los Angeles, or even Texas, we could ship goods from much closer
  - E. Areas would have more opportunity for trade and exporting goods because access would be much easier to these northern regions.
  - F. Feasibility Study will hopefully help determine the best location, costs, permits, etc.
    - a. From there, information will be presented and sent to potential financiers/ brokers for funding

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