



## TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The U.S. scrap recycling industry is heavily dependent upon a reliable and cost effective transportation network of rail, trucks, barges and ships to receive and deliver scrap materials.

The U.S. scrap recycling industry is located throughout the nation making a comprehensive network of transportation modes essential.

The U.S. scrap recycling industry exports approximately one-third of its commodities worth over \$16.5 billion annually to over 155 nations requiring an integrated transportation network vital to the global manufacturing supply chain.

Currently, the United States is facing a transportation crisis as rail capacity and service have deteriorated, a severe truck driver shortage will grow even worse, and barge and shipping lines are drastically scaling back.

As an industry highly dependent on transportation services, ISRI directs staff to conduct the following:

- Educate federal and state lawmakers (including governors, AGs) and regulators (e.g., DoT, STB) about the transportation problems facing the industry
- Reach out to various transportation associations (ATA, AAR, AWA) and their member companies to make them aware of the difficulties the industry is experiencing and explore possible solutions
- Monitor, identify and/or craft legislative solutions including participation in infrastructure spending legislation, transportation improvement and oversight proceedings, etc.
- Work with transportation coalitions to craft realistic solutions

Specifically:

- Monitor the developments surrounding the Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) for trucks identifying possible solutions without jeopardizing truck safety
- Urge more private investment in railcars to carry scrap including gondolas and boxcars
- Monitor the deployment of Positive Rail Systems to prevent train accidents that disrupt rail lines
- Join forces with other industries to foster a new generation of truck drivers
- Monitor labor negotiations between port workers and port operators to prevent dockworker strikes or worker slowdowns
- Work with waterways and ocean shipping associations and coalitions towards increased capacity and infrastructure improvements
- Advocate with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and Department of Transportation (DoT), Federal Maritime Commission (FMC), and other regulatory agencies