

## **Consolidated Notes from Transportation and Logistics Workshop**

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### **Challenges**

- Hours of service, freight cost, weight limits
- Being able to open up markets to small coops. Shipping containers would help but having trouble finding containers and folks knowing that is an option. Small coops need help on how to set up and how to get into shipping containers
- Weight limits
- Transportation keeping the highway system in good shape; maintaining the roads i.e. funding of roads - lack of funds.
- Moving heavy loads in and out of inter modal environments;
- Moving cattle in and out of the state
- Declining rail service
- Lack of rail access in western Kansas.
- Lack of 4 lane highways, especially north and south, in western Kansas.

### **Solutions**

- **WEIGHTS**
  - Harmonized weight limits on state and local roads surrounding intermodal facility.
  - Keep an open line of communication among truckers, associations, railroads, etc concerning truck weights
  - Harmonize weight limits with surrounding states.
- **RAIL - INTERMODAL ACCESS**
  - More shared rail, intermodal, and trans load access.
  - Want to grow access to port services in western KS; need to help find access or connect to ocean transportation.
  - Funding for shipping container infrastructure.
- **Freight Routes**
  - Continue to prioritize freight corridors of significance in the western third of the state.