

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)**

### **INLAND PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY (2008)**

The Tioga Group Inc. led a multi-firm team analyzing the feasibility, costs, and benefits of an inland intermodal development in Southern California. SCAG and other agencies are confronting serious long-term freight mobility issues. Straightforward capacity increases that worked in the past—more highways, larger ports—are not enough for the future.

Inland Ports and related initiatives have been proposed as solutions to freight mobility issues. This comprehensive study documented the basic goals and purposes of an inland port and includes 29 case studies of successful and unsuccessful inland port development efforts. The work included site selection and analysis of regional benefits and community impacts.

#### **Basic Inland Port**



The purpose of this project was to determine whether and how inland port concepts could be implemented to reduce truck Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT) and generate other public benefits in the SCAG region.

The study team concluded that the inland port/rail shuttle concept is sound and would benefit the region. Rail shuttle service to the heavily developed central part of the Inland Empire is technically feasible and would reduce net truck VMT. However, as the study progressed, community acceptance issues emerged as a barrier to a feasibility that is insurmountable at this time.