# Sustainable Freight Transportation: Paper Review, Discussion, and Paper Assignment

The sustainability of the freight transportation system is an important topic, with many open research questions. In this project, you will review one paper that addresses some aspect of sustainable freight transportation. You will then discuss this paper with your peers, and present a synthesis of the group’s papers. After a class-wide discussion, you will be asked to articulate one important and unresolved question you recommend for future research.

Task 1:

Read the paper assigned to you and write a 1 page summary of the following format:

Article title

Author(s)

Publication type (report, book, article)

Is the publication peer reviewed?

What is the author’s financial interest in writing the article?

Do you believe the article contributes to the development of a more sustainable freight transportation system? If so, how? Be sure to clearly define sustainability in this context, and consider primary and secondary effects of any change.

Does the article propose any metrics for evaluating the sustainability of the freight transportation system? If so, do you believe these are useful metrics? Can you make any suggestions for improvements?

Task 2:

Share your summary with the other members of your class group and together, prepare a 5 minute summary of these articles. This should not just summarize the individual articles, but compare and contrast the articles. How are they similar, how are they different?

Task 3:

As a group, present your 5 minute summary to the class and listen to the summaries from the other groups. As a class we will summarize the state of knowledge on sustainability of the freight transportation system, agree upon useful metrics, and identify outstanding research needs.

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| Group | Name | Paper |
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