



PORTS-TO-PLAINS

ALLIANCE

Securing the Benefits of Commerce to
North America's Energy & Agricultural Heartland

2013 REPORT CARD



Reflections On Another Year Of Progress...



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I am proud to share the accomplishments of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance with you in our 2013 Report Card. It has been an active year for the Alliance as our board of directors and staff continue working every day. When you review what we have done this past year you will certainly have no doubt about the value you receive for your support of Ports-to-Plains.

We saw great progress on construction throughout the corridor. We have a quarter of a billion dollars in projects on the corridor in Texas either completed in 2013, under construction, or set to begin in 2014. Our partners in Mexico cut the ribbon on the Mazatlan-Durango highway, a project that cost about \$2.28 billion and provides a gateway from the Pacific Coast to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. North Dakota is making significant progress with almost \$230 million in projects.

While we are pleased with our successes in 2013 we are already hard at work for a busy 2014. The federal transportation funding bill expires September 30 and we are hard at work to ensure that the new bill meets the demands of adequately funding our transportation infrastructure and the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. This fall Texas voters head to the polls with the option of

dedicating a portion of oil and gas royalties to transportation. This could provide new funding to maintain the Texas' infrastructure which keeps business moving. Colorado may also be considering a ballot question to increase transportation funding in 2014.

President Obama is expected to issue a decision on a permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline in early 2014, a project that will improve market access for Alberta and Bakken oil. Our Alliance has actively supported the Keystone XL Pipeline as the oil industry is an economic engine throughout the entire Ports-to-Plains region.

Recently the need for additional transportation revenue at the federal level is a hot news item. Without additional revenue, the fuel tax short-fall will reduce funding to states by 30-40%. The Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors is on the record encouraging Congress to address the transportation system. Please help us keep you informed on the progress of this discussion which will affect the future prosperity of our nation.

Thank you for your continued support of Ports-to-Plains. Our Alliance works for our members because our members work for the Alliance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John N. Bertsch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John N. Bertsch, CFP
Chairman



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Infrastructure

- More than \$584 million in expansion or reliever projects completed or under construction including over \$371.5 million in Texas and almost \$230 million in North Dakota
- Completion of Mazatlan – Durango Highway in Mexico opening new gateway from Pacific Coast to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. This was an investment of \$2.28 billion by the federal government in Mexico
- Feasibility studies launched in Mexico and U.S. for new bridge at Acuña / Del Rio



Advocacy

- Washington DC Fly In
 - PTP Staff visited 24 Congressional Offices including 12 Senate offices and 12 House offices as a preparation for April Fly-in
 - April Fly-In participants included three from Alberta and U.S. participants included 19 members from seven states
 - Visits were made to 14 Senate Offices, 12 House Offices and to Rep. Bill Shuster (PA) (Chairman of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee), Rep. Nick Rahall (WV) (Ranking Member on Transportation & Infrastructure Committee), Rep. John Duncan (TN) (Vice Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee), and Rep. Petri (WI) (Chair of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee)
- Transportation
 - Texas Freight Mobility Plan Study: Participated in meetings throughout the state to highlight importance of PTP corridor to freight movement in Texas

- Represented on the Colorado Freight Advisory Committee
- Advocacy for Ports-to-Plains University Transportation Center for Tier One status, partnership between Texas Tech University, Colorado State University, University of Oklahoma, University of New Mexico, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Texas A&M International University and Texas Southern University
- Serve on Board of Directors of Transportation Advocates of Texas
 - Bill passed legislature calling for constitutional amendment to invest revenue from state's "Rainy Day Fund" in transportation. Could mean around \$2 billion in additional funding for transportation
- Participated in MPACT64, a coalition of Metro Mayors Caucus, Progressive 15, Action 22, and Club 20, in Colorado developing potential transportation funding ballot initiative
- Serve on Board of Directors of Move Colorado
- Serve on Board of Directors of Economic Development Council of Colorado
- Participated in transportation advocacy meeting focusing on Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Heartland Expressway in South Dakota that included South Dakota Governor, South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development and South Dakota Department of Transportation
- Joined Heartland Expressway Association in meeting with Nebraska Highway Commission
- Energy
 - Developed and submitted Letter to Nebraska Governor Heineman thanking him for approving the new route for the Keystone XL Pipeline signed by over 100 local leaders
 - Developed and submitted letter to U.S. Department of State supporting the Findings of the Supplemental EIS (SEIS) and urging swift finalization of the draft SEIS signed by 227 local community leaders
 - Testimony supporting the Keystone XL Findings of the Supplemental EIS (SEIS) and urging swift finalization of the draft SEIS and submission of written testimony at Keystone XL Pipeline Hearing on Supplemental EIS, Grand Island, NE
 - Participated in the Alberta Trade Mission with Colorado Governor Hickenlooper

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Economic Development and Trade
 - Testified before Texas House Committee on International Trade and Intergovernmental Relations on importance of transportation to trade
 - Participated in “Beyond the Border Cross Border Security and Economic Development Tour” hosted by Canadian Consulate, Cascadia Center, and PNWER
 - Passed resolution opposing Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling
 - Meetings with Coahuila Gov. Ruben Moriera and Secretaries of Infrastructure and Economic Development
 - Meeting with Mexican Senator Hilda Flores
- Network and Involvement with other Advocacy Organizations
 - Attended Can-Am Border Trade Alliance meeting in Ottawa
 - Attended State Ag Rural Leaders Annual Summit in Vancouver, BC
 - Attended Western Governors Association in Park City, Utah
 - Attended SPIRIT 54 Annual Conference in Pratt, KS
 - Associated General Contractors of Texas legislative day at Texas Capitol
 - Participated in panel on Transportation at Pacific Northwest Economic Region Winter Meeting
 - Participated in Western States Transportation Association Spring and Fall Meetings
 - Presentation on Federal Transportation Funding to Progressive 15 Fall Meeting
 - Hosted meeting with Alberta transportation minister and Texas transportation commissioner

Membership

- **New Members:** Hirschfeld Industries (TX); Republic Services (TX); Progressive 15 (CO); Paintearth Economic Partnership Society (AB); Prairie Development Corp (CO); County of Paintearth (AB); Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SK)
- Contracted new Vice President of Mexico Operations to recruit new members from Mexico

Data Services

- Updated Trade Data Summaries from 2004 through 2012 for each state in the Region including Domestic Trade and North American Trade through Key Border Crossings
- Summarized Data on Truck and Container Movements from Canada to U.S. from 2009 to 2011



Promotions / Events

- 16th Annual Ports-to-Plains Annual Conference
 - 207 attendees and largest number of sponsors in Ports-to-Plains conference history
 - Held 2nd Annual Business-to-Business Meeting in conjunction with conference
- Ports-to-Plains Energy Conference in Washington, DC
- Southern Work Group Meeting in San Angelo, Texas
- Northern Work Group Meeting in Wainwright, Alberta
- Hosted Ports-to-Plains Pavilion at National Supply Chain Forum in Calgary, Alberta
- Launched redesigned portstoplains.com
 - Updated both front side (the Look) and backside (the data management) to provide a better user and management experience
 - Interactive map was expanded in new site to include more information including location of construction projects
 - Designed to provide more accurate and timely information to its public users as well as strengthen its advocacy and research information portal



2013 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE CORRIDOR

State	Corridor	Type	Description	Total Funding	Comments
Nebraska	Heartland Expressway	Planning	Environmental Assessment -- U.S. Highway 385 - Junction L62A to Alliance	\$600,000	Delayed by Swift Fox Study
Nebraska	Heartland Expressway	Planning	Heartland Expressway Corridor Development and Management Plan	\$555,750	Awaiting Final Publication; Delayed by Swift Fox Study
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	S.W. Watford City Reliever Route	\$60,512,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 2 -- Montana/North Dakota State Line to Junction U.S. 85	\$14,322,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 2 -- Trenton Corner to Junction U.S. 85	\$4,284,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 85 -- 0.5 miles West of County Road 27 to South of Alexander	\$29,199,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 85 -- 7.5 Miles North of Grassy Butte	\$5,883,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 85 -- Alexander to Junction of US Highway 2 - Widening, pavement, passing/climbing	\$31,014,000	Completed
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 85 -- North of Alexander to County Road 16	\$36,376,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 85 -- Watford City to 0.5 Miles West of County Road 27	\$26,769,000	
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	U.S. 85 -- Watford City to Williston-- Passing/climbing lanes - 29.43 miles	\$5,606,000	Completed
North Dakota	Theodore Roosevelt Expressway	Construction	Williston Temporary Truck Reliever Route	\$15,956,000	Completed
South Dakota	Heartland Expressway	Construction	U.S. 385 -- From Nebraska Border North to JCT U.S. 18 at Oelrichs -- Grading, Structures and Surfacing -- 12.5 miles	\$25,172,062	Project is currently 60% complete.
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	Big Spring Reliever Route	\$64,036,772	Prop 12v2
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	I-27 Frontage Road Conversion in Plainview (Hale County), from FM 3466 to SH 194	\$18,164,172	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	Loop 335 -- Hester Road to N Coulter Street, Amarillo -- Construct Interchange	\$5,431,751	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	Loop 335 -- I-27 to BNSF RR, Amarillo -- Expand Roadway	\$37,377,431	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	S.H. 349 -- Widen to 4-Lane and Rehabilitate from S.H. 176 to Dawson County Line -- 16.7 miles	\$44,889,189	Prop 12v2/Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	S.L. 306 - Construct Interchange - at FM 765, Tom Green County	\$5,987,628	Completed
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	S.L. 306 - Construct New Lanes - U.S. 87 N 2.925 mi, Tom Green County -- 2.885 miles	\$6,183,975	Completed
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	SH 158 -- Midland County Line to RM 33 -- Construct New Lanes	\$35,104,217	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	SH 158 - RM 33 to Sterling County Line -- Construct New Lanes	\$20,662,731	Traditional



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State	Corridor	Type	Description	Total Funding	Comments
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	SH 158 - Roadway Repair - 4.0 miles east of I-20 - 4,222 miles	\$8,779,233	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	SH 158 -- Sterling County Line to U.S. 87 -- Construct New Lanes	\$23,053,403	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	Sonora City Limits Project -- on US 277 and Loop 467. Converting approximately two miles of road surface from asphalt to concrete pavement.	\$7,270,692	Completed
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 277 - Construct Passing Lanes - .42 mi N of RM 2129 to 8.5 miles south of Schleicher County Line, Sutton County and Schleicher County - 22 miles	\$6,869,671	Completed
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 277 - Construct Passing Lanes - 0.97 mi S to 0.24 miles south of Mineral Wells Rd., Tom Green County - 12.6 miles	\$2,913,925	Prop 12v2
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 277 - Construct Passing Lanes - Allen Rd to Schleicher County Line, Tom Green County	\$6,781,064	Prop 12v2
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 83 - Widen and Rehabilitate Roadway - Asherton S City Limits to .333 N of FM 133 -- 10.134 miles	\$17,237,602	Prop 12v2
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 87 Construct Interchange 700' North of N Intersection of LP 493 and 300' South of S Intersection of LP 493	\$11,877,468	Prop 12v2
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 87 Replace Bridge - at Canadian River, Potter County	\$4,124,215	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 87 Replace Bridge - at LP 335, Potter County	\$7,195,486	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 87 Replace Bridge - at Mobley Avenue, Potter County	\$1,890,394	Traditional
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	U.S. 87 Widen and Rehab Roadway - E of US 385 & Moore County Line, Hartley County, 12.463 miles	\$24,285,068	Prop 12v2
Texas	Ports-to-Plains	Construction	Widen Loop 20 to 4 lanes from Cielito Lindo to Mangana-Hein Road, Webb County	\$11,417,278	Completed
			TOTAL	\$627,782,177	
			PLANNING	\$43,336,234	
			CONSTRUCTION	\$584,445,943	

PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE MEMBERS

MUNICIPALITIES:

City of Abernathy - TX
City of Amarillo - TX
City of Big Spring - TX
City of Boise City - OK
Town of Clayton - NM
City of Del Rio - TX
City of Dumas - TX
Town of Eads - CO
City of Eagle Pass - TX
City of Hale Center - TX
City of Happy - TX
City of Lamar - CO
City of Lamesa - TX
Town of Limon - CO
City of Lubbock - TX
City of New Deal - TX
City of O'Donnell - TX
City of Plainview - TX
City of San Angelo - TX
City of Sonora - TX
City of Tahoka - TX
City of Tulia - TX



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AGENCIES:

Amarillo EDC - TX
Adams County ED - CO
Big Spring EDC - TX
Canyon EDC - TX
Community Futures Southwest - SK
Del Rio Area Dev. Foundation - TX
Dumas EDC - TX
Finney County EDC - KS
I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership - CO
Lamesa EDC - TX
Levelland EDC - TX
Lincoln County EDC - CO
Lloydminster EDC - AB/SK
Lubbock EDA - TX
Maverick County Dev. Corp. - TX
Metro Denver Economic Dev. Corp - CO
Midland Development Corp - TX
Paintearth Economic Partnership Society - AB
Plainview/Hale County Ind. Found.- TX
Port Alberta - AB
Prairie Development Corp - CO
Progressive 15 - CO
Prowers County Dev. Inc. - CO
Saskatchewan Economic Dev. Assoc. - SK
San Angelo Dev. Corp. - TX
Sonora Industrial Dev. - TX
Veterans Memorial Hwy Assoc. - AB

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE:

Amarillo Chamber - TX
Big Spring Area Chamber - TX
Chamber of The Americas - CO
Dalhart Area Chamber - TX
Del Rio Chamber - TX
Dumas/Moore County Chamber - TX
Eagle Pass Chamber - TX
Lamesa Chamber - TX
Lubbock Chamber - TX
Medicine Hat & District Chamber - AB
Plainview Chamber - TX
Plainview CVB - TX
San Angelo Chamber - TX
Sonora Chamber - TX

STATE & PROVINCIAL :

Province of Alberta, CA

- Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor
- Battle River Alliance for Economic Development
- Alberta HUB
- Palliser Economic Partnership

BUSINESS INVESTORS:

Hirschfeld Industries Inc. - TX
Reece Albert Inc. - TX
Republic Services - TX
Texas-Pacifico Railroad - TX

OTHER INVESTORS:

Amarillo College - TX
The Bank & Trust - TX
Canadian Badlands LTD - AB
Central 57 Importers & Exporters - TX
Colorado Motor Carriers Association - CO
Ehler & Hettler - TX
Lubbock Christian University - TX
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission - TX
Peoples Bank Lubbock - TX
South Plains Association of Governments - TX
SPIRIT 54 - TX/NM/OK/KS
Texas Tech University Tech MRT- TX
Wayland Baptist University - TX



COUNTY GOVERNMENTS:

Cypress County - AB
Cimarron County - OK
Colfax County - NM
County of Paintearth - AB
Flagstaff County - AB
Hale County - TX
Howard County - TX
Kiowa County - CO
Lincoln County - CO
Lubbock County - TX
Moore County - TX
Sherman County - TX
Sterling County - TX
Sutton County - TX
Swisher County - TX
Tom Green County - TX
Union County - NM
Val Verde County - TX



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE PARTNERS

Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Alliance Investors:

City of Williston - ND
Black Hills Community Economic Development - SD
City of Bowman - ND
City of Watford City - ND
City of Culbertson - MT
Fisher Industries of Dickinson - ND
Slope Electric Co-Op - ND
Bowman County - ND
Williams County - ND
McKenzie County - ND
Billings County - ND
Dickinson & Stark Co. - ND
Slope County - ND
Kiewit Infrastructure Group
Dunn County
Belfield Chamber
Culbertson Chamber
Bainville, MT
Montana-Dakota Utilities
City of Belfield
First Community Bank
ND Assoc. of Oil & Gas-Producing Counties
Montana Hwy 2 Assoc.
SW REAP
Oftedahl Construction
Timber Creek Land Resources
Missouri Basin Well Services
Northern Improvement
T. Roosevelt Medora Foundation

Heartland Expressway Association Alliance Investors:

Alliance Chamber
Alliance Times Herald
Alliance Tractor
Aulick, Shane (in kind)
B&C Steel
Box Butte County
City of Alliance
City of Chadron
City of Crawford
City of Gering
City of Scottsbluff (in kind)
City of Terrytown
City of Torrington, WY
Dawes County
Eagle Communications Inc.
First State Bank
JG Elliot Company
Kimball County
Kosman Inc.
Murphy Tractor
Panhandle Area Development District
Panhandle Rural Electric
Regional West Medical Center
Scotts Bluff County
Valley Bank

Ports-to-Plains Alliance 2013 Event Sponsors:

Amarillo Economic Development Corp
Texas Department of Transportation
Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association
Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council
The Bank & Trust
Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor
• Palliser Economic Partnership
• Alberta HUB
• Battle River Alliance for Economic Development
Lubbock Economic Development Alliance
City of Del Rio/Del Rio Chamber of Commerce/Del Rio Area Development Foundation
TransCanada
Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau/Williston Economic Development
Government of Alberta
ConocoPhillips
Valero McKee Refinery
Hirschfeld Industries
Reece Albert Inc.
Return to Rural
Texas Pacifico
Yellowhouse Machinery
Big Spring Economic Development Corp.
Central Alberta Access Prosperity
Dumas Economic Development Corporation
Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce
Heartland Expressway Association
High Ground of Texas
Hugo Reed & Associates, Lubbock
Junewarren-Nickles Energy Group
Lamesa EDC/City of Lamesa
Laredo Development Foundation
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
Medicine Hat & District Chamber of Commerce
MEG Energy
Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
Peoples Bank
Plainview-Hale County Industrial Foundation/City of Plainview/
Plainview Chamber of Commerce
Progressive 15
Republic Services San Angelo Area
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce
Stratford Grain
Texas Motor Transportation Association
Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business
Town of Clayton/Union County Community Dev. Corporation/
Clayton/Union County Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Motor Carriers Association
Dumas-Moore County Chamber of Commerce
Fuller & Sons Construction
Investment Centers of America
Limon-Lincoln County Foreign Trade Zone
Republic Services Amarillo Area
S.P.I.R.I.T. 54
Texas Good Roads
Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business
Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor
Alberta's Industrial Heartland