



# PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

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## Upcoming Activities of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance

- **October 23** – [Task Force on Texas' Energy Sector Roadway Needs Meeting, Amarillo, TX](#)
- **October 24** – [Energy and Jobs Forum, Houston, TX](#)
- **October 10-11** - [Northern Task Force Meeting, Regina, SK](#)
- **November 23** – [International Unmanned Vehicle Systems Virtual Conference, Online](#)



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE BIG SUCCESS IN MEDICINE HAT

The Ports-to-Plains Annual Conference in Medicine Hat was one of the biggest ever, with more than 220 attendees and three days of great presentations.

"We were overwhelmed by the response of our Alberta partners in terms of registration, sponsorships and just enthusiasm about the conference," said Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves.

With a registration of more than 220, it was one of the best attended Ports-to-Plains Annual Meetings ever. A large majority of the registrants were from Alberta, but there the entire corridor was well represented.

[Click here for access to Conference Photos](#)

Response to the presentations has also been very positive said Reeves.

"One of the most telling signs of how good the speakers were is how full the room stayed throughout the entire conference," said Reeves. "I know we have all been to conferences where it seems like half the attendees are out in the hallway during sessions or leave early, but the information presented was so good that people just didn't want to miss anything."

Copies of all power point presentations made at the conference are available on the Ports-to-Plains Blog at <http://e2.ma.click/86frd/43uhkb/8qrtab/>, <http://e2.ma.click/86frd/43uhkb/ojstab> as well as links below.

Reeves also thanked the event's planners for the conference running smoothly.

"Our staff worked very hard for several months to make sure the events on those few days went smoothly. We also had tremendous help from a great planning committee in Alberta. It would never have been so successful without their efforts.

Members of the planning committee were: Bob Sivertsen, Keith Crush, Lisa Kowalchuk, Walter Valentini, Len Mitzel, Alan Hyland, Bud James, Rick Siddle, Roger Cole, Soren Odegard, Bob Bezpalko, Doug Cameron, Drew Hutton and Cal Klewin.

## Presentations are available by conference session:

- [Updates from Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridors Associations](#)
- [Transportation Challenges – How are Ports-to-Plains Alliance Jurisdictions Addressing the Issues?](#)
- [Taking advantage of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor – Economic Development Successes](#)
- [Economic Impact Beyond the Oil Sands](#)
- [Keynote Address: Exploring Opportunities and Barriers to Greater Trade and Prosperity between Canada and the United States](#)
- [Border Cooperation...Expanding Alternatives](#)
- [Beyond the Canadian Wheat Board – The Future of Agricultural Trade](#)
- [Imaginative Enterprise-Business-from Ports-to-Plains](#)
- [Open Road. Big Opportunity. Rural to Rural Project](#)

## Conference Photos Available

## Media Coverage:

### [Port-to-Plains conference deemed large success](#)

"We have quite a few economic development officers, and not just from Medicine Hat, they're from Oyen, Hanna, Strathmore," said Medicine Hat Mayor Norm Boucher, who also hosted well over a dozen provincial MLAs and two cabinet ministers over the three-day conference.

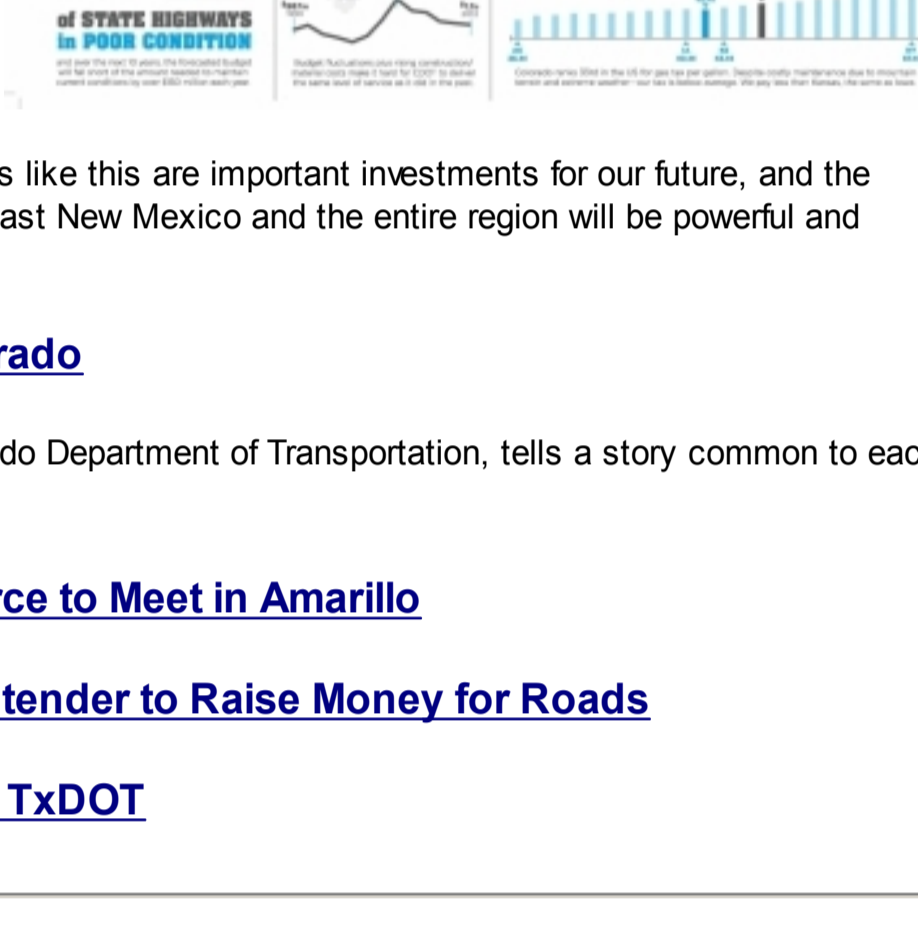
### [Eastern Alberta open for business](#)

"It's a ground floor opportunity," said Soren Odegard, the chair of the Northeast Alberta HUB economic development group. "Of a \$193 billion total of major projects that are on the books, almost 67 per cent of all the investment in Alberta will be happening in the east and the north."

## TRANSPORTATION

### [Udall Celebrates Completion of NM Ports-to-Plains Corridor](#)

"Today we are celebrating a success story," said Udall. "I was proud to cosponsor legislation in the House to officially designate the US 64/87 Ports-to-Plains Corridor, and I am proud to be here to celebrate it being open for business. This expanded highway is crucial to the region's economy and the safety of its people. Infrastructure projects like this are important investments for our future, and the value to economic development in Northeast New Mexico and the entire region will be powerful and ongoing."



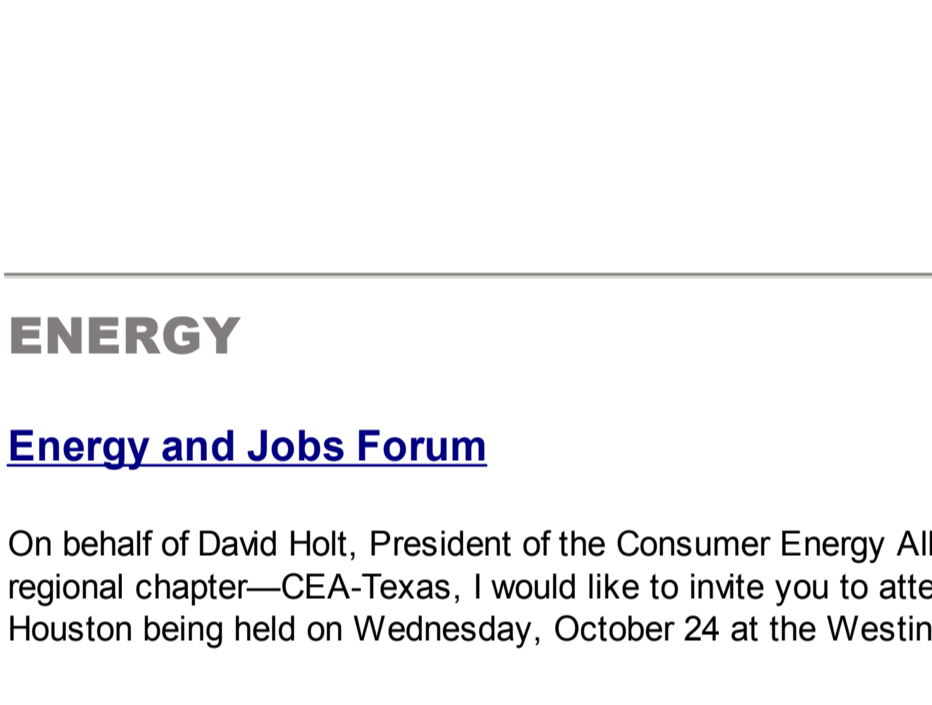
### [State of Transportation in Colorado](#)

This infographic, developed by the Colorado Department of Transportation, tells a story common to each state in the Ports-to-Plains region.

### [TxDOT Energy Sector Task Force to Meet in Amarillo](#)

### [Texas: Fee Hike a Leading Contender to Raise Money for Roads](#)

### [Lubbock Engineer Honored by TxDOT](#)



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / TRADE

### State by State Truck Export Data

This summary will continue a series of items that will release the PTP reports for each of the nine PTP states. Currently available are [Texas](#), [North Dakota](#), [Colorado](#), [Montana](#), [Oklahoma](#), and [South Dakota \(New\)](#)

## ENERGY

### [Energy and Jobs Forum](#)

On behalf of David Holt, President of the Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), and everyone at our newest regional chapter—CEA-Texas, I would like to invite you to attend our Energy and Jobs Forum in Houston being held on Wednesday, October 24 at the Westin Galleria...

### [Transmission project using area wind power set for completion in 2013](#)

The transmission project is part of a statewide competitive renewable energy zone initiative approved by the Texas Legislature in 2005 and aimed to eventually transmit about 18,500 megawatts of wind power from wind farms across the Panhandle and West Texas to such metro areas as Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, said Bobbie Searcy, a spokeswoman for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas...

## NORTHERN TASK FORCE STRATEGIC PLANNING



Developing a strategic plan for the partners on the northern end of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance corridor was the focus of the Northern Task Force Strategic Planning Meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan on October 10 – 11. About 30 people, primarily from Saskatchewan, Alberta, North Dakota and Montana attended the two day meeting that featured tours of local industrial facilities, presentations from each sub-region, Saskatchewan cabinet ministers and planning sessions for how communications can work together to further Ports-to-Plains goals on the northern end of the corridor. The meeting was co-hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan and sponsored by the Global Transportation Hub, Brandt Industries, and Potzuz Construction Inc.

"Focusing upon items on interest to a regions including two Canadian provinces and two U.S. states show clearly the common interests of the Northern Region of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance," said Joe Kiely, Vice President of Operations of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. "Participants had asked to develop clear outcomes, and I believe the process was successful."

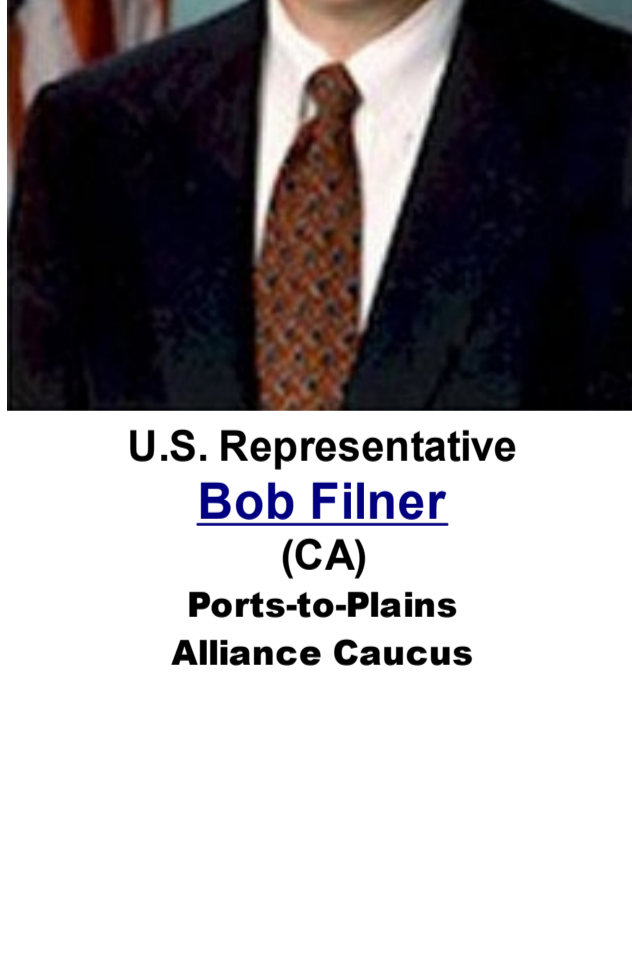
The planning sessions produced broad goals of establishing a strong business case for the corridor; working with US and Canadian border officials to improve border service levels and ensure security; working with partners to develop common corridor programs, regulations and permitting requirements; developing an understanding of the importance of transportation and infrastructure planning; and developing other infrastructure such as telecommunications and highway and border technology.

Minister of the Economy Bill Boyd delivered a keynote address to the meeting where he explained the importance of trade to Saskatchewan, and that participating in activities such as the Northern Task Force meeting are indicative of the importance the province places on its trade relationship with the United States.

The group also toured the Global Transportation Hub, Brandt Industries and a ClearWater Clarification project.

"It was a productive meeting, and I think it built nicely on the momentum from the Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference in Medicine Hat the week before," said Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves.

The draft Strategic Plan is being finalized and will be distributed soon.



**U.S. Representative**  
**[Bob Filner](#)**  
(CA)

**Ports-to-Plains Alliance Caucus**

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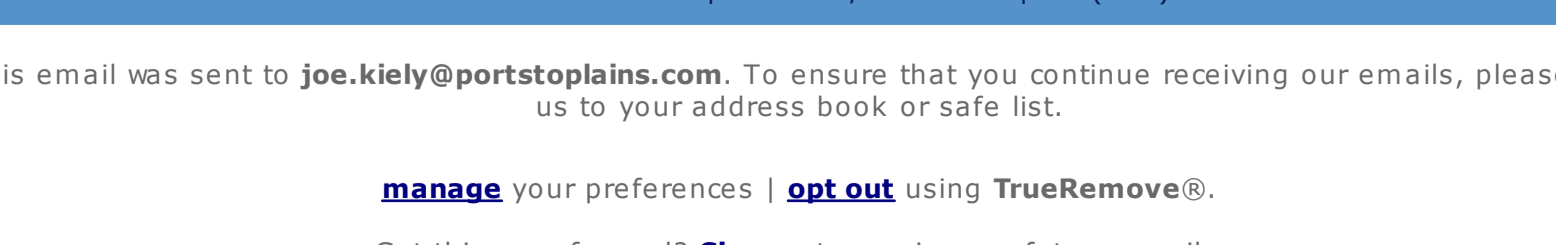
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