Updates from the Upstream Partner

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Who We Are...
The Ports to Plains Connection
Strong Partnerships = Stronger Global Presence

- 80 communities with significant transportation assets
- Connected throughout all of North America through Ports to Plains Alliance
- Sophisticated marketing materials and online presence
- Federal and Provincial funding support
- Ability to impact policy at Provincial & Federal level
Current EATC Priorities

- Follow up on the findings of the Wild Horse Border Crossing Study
- Impacting policy i.e. through review of the Provincial Transportation Strategy
- Pursuing business cases as developed through Value-Added Ag study
- Exploring ways to partner and leverage the strengths of Ports to Plains
Wild Horse Border Crossing

- Study complete and under review by committee
- Next step will be the development of a business case for upgrades and enhancements
- Partnership with Montana is critical
  - City of Havre
  - Bears Paw Development Corporation
- City of Medicine Hat
Alberta Transportation Strategy

- Still several review processes before the study will be made public; caucus review, cabinet approval, external stakeholder engagement
- EATC will be participating in engagement & feedback process
- The strategy will be very high level; direction-setting, but not prescriptive
Highway 36

- North / South corridor extending the length of Alberta
- Opportunities to be an important international transportation route
Value- Added Agriculture Study

- Identifying both individual and cluster opportunities
- Detailed Business Cases for each participating region that leverage transportation, power and water advantages
- Will result in targeted marketing and investment attraction activities
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Thank you...