Ports to Plains Annual Conference
October 1st, 2009 - Lubbock, Texas

Len Mitzel, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Cypress – Medicine Hat
Alberta – The Northern Anchor
The Wild Horse Border Crossing is important in linking Alberta with Ports to Plains states.
Alberta – The Northern Anchor

- **Alberta - Northern Anchor** of this transportation ladder across the western United States

- “They’re just like us...they are us!”

- Agriculture & energy heartland of North America
Alberta

Significant economic activity last 5 years

Result: unprecedented growth - predictions Alberta will grow to 5,000,000 people by 2028.

Calgary

Provincial GDP in 2008 was $291.7 billion

$100 Billion more than 2004 when GDP was $189.7 billion.
# Total International Exports of Goods by State

## 2004-2008 Average (USD Billions)

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Oil Sands

► Naturally occurring mixtures of sand or clay, water & thick, heavy petroleum (bitumen)

► Largest concentration of oil sands in the world

► Alberta’s 3 areas contain 1.7 trillion barrels of bitumen in place – not all is recoverable
Energy
Proven Oil Reserves

PROVEN WORLD RESERVES OF OIL

BILLIONS OF BARRELS

SAUDI ARABIA  CANADA  IRAQ  VENEZUELA  RUSSIA  USA  MEXICO
U.S. Benefits from Alberta’s Energy

- Over US$50 billion in economic benefits!
- “Canada - the world's most energy-secure nation”¹
- Study¹ ranks top oil-producing nations on ability to export petroleum safely to rest of the world
  - Norway #2
  - Indonesia least secure
  - Saudi Arabia – largest source - #8

Who would you rather buy your oil from?

¹ Energy Security Index compiled by Energy Security News & The Washington Times
Alberta’s 3-year Capital Plan allocates over $5.8 billion for highway infrastructure.
Tourism

Economic Development
Economic Development

Ramsay's Stockman Center & Feed Processing
(403) 578-COWS (2697)

"Minimize Price to Maximize Production"

Government of Alberta
Alberta Highway System

- Alberta’s highway system is rated highly by standards of width, quality, weight capacity, maintenance & length
- Two National Highway systems (TransCanada #1 & TransCanada #16)
- Four & six lane systems connecting Alberta with the rest of Canada.
Alberta Highway System

Alberta roads designed & regulated to handle loads up to 140,000 lbs
Alberta & Pacific Gateway

- Prince Rupert offers the shortest existing land / sea route from North America to Asian markets.
- Prince Rupert - 436 miles / 36 hours sailing time closer to Shanghai than from Vancouver, &
- Over 1000 miles/ 68 hours closer then Los Angeles.
Prince Rupert

- one of the deepest harbors in North America allowing the port to handle some of the world’s largest ships.

- linked to CN Rail & its North American rail network & TransCanada highway system
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