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6 of the Top 10 Ag Producing States in the Nation
Oil and Gas Corridor

8 of the top 10 oil producing states
5 of the top 6 natural gas producing states
8 of the top 10
Wind Power States

10 of the top 15 states for wind energy capacity
BOISE CITY, OKLAHOMA RELIEF ROUTE NOW OPEN
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reliever Route in Boise City, Oklahoma
- Dumas, Texas U.S. 87 Overpass
- Four-lane divided highway through the entire corridor in New Mexico completed late winter/early spring
CURRENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Texas – Oklahoma – Colorado - New Mexico

- Texas has $121.8 million of current expansion and reliever projects under construction; a part of $282 million in current expenditures by TXDOT along the corridor.
- $8.1 million currently under construction in Oklahoma
- $65 million currently under construction in Colorado
- $28 million currently under construction in New Mexico
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES MORE THAN $230 MILLION IN PORTS-TO-PLAINS PROJECTS

SEPT. 29, 2011

"We are excited to see this many projects move forward and we appreciate the Texas Transportation Commission seeing the importance of Ports-to-Plains to West Texas.” - Michael Reeves, Ports-to-Plains President
Federal Advocacy
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KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

September 20, 2011

The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary, U.S. Department of State
520 Washington St.
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Support for Keystone XL Pipeline – National Interest Determination

Dear Secretary Clinton:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Keystone XL pipeline and to urge you to approve the project by granting the Presidential Permit needed for construction to begin. We fully support this project because we believe it is in the best interest of our constituents and the entire country.

Our communities are members of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, a grassroots coalition of cities, counties, businesses, economic development organizations and chambers of commerce from a ten-state, 2,200 mile long transportation and economic development corridor that stretches from Texas to Alberta, Canada.

Keystone XL will provide significant economic benefits for our region. The pipeline is expected to create approximately 20,000 manufacturing and construction jobs in the United States. It could also generate more than $2.2 billion in tax revenues to the Keystone XL corridor states. At a time when state and local governments across the country are struggling to balance their budgets, these employment and revenue benefits are critical to our region.

The pipeline is also critical to our country’s efforts to reduce our dependence on Middle East and Venezuela oil, by increasing our access to supplies from Canada, our neighbor and loyal ally, as well as domestic supplies from the Bakken Formation in Montana and North Dakota. Relying upon regimes that are in many cases unstable and untrustworthy to the United States is simply bad energy and national security policy. We have seen the effects of our economy from oil spills caused by turmoil in these regions. It is much preferable to develop stable, secure domestic and Canadian sources. By providing refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast with more than 700,000 barrels of oil each day from domestic and Canadian resources, this pipeline will dramatically reduce our reliance on oil from unreliable and often unfriendly sources.

As leaders from the region that the Keystone XL pipeline will traverse, we applaud the Department of State’s thoroughness during this approval process and appreciate the multiple meetings with stakeholders. We look forward to the expansion and enhancement of the Keystone project, which is a vital component for our region’s economic growth. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Position]

[Organization]

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New Initiatives

- Southern Ports-to-Plains Trade Task Force organized by City of San Angelo leadership

- Implementation of Ports-to-Plains Webinars to keep members informed

- Assisting Texas Tech, University of New Mexico and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in the development of an application for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor University Transportation Center.
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

Membership Opportunities
Membership Applications
Current Members

The regional, national, and international agents within the Ports to Plains Alliance are what set this effort apart. The Alliance has given the Heartland Expressway more legitimacy because it is a part of something which represents the future of our economic security and growth.” — John Hoehnke, Communications Director, Heartland Expressway Association, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

“I consider Porta-to-Plains a window to the world for our community. With the expansion of the Porta-to-Plains Corridor we have the opportunity to promote our goods and services to those moving across this great country.” — John Beritche, Porta-to-Plains Chairman, Plainview, Texas

“Porta-to-Plains has been an incredible asset for our community in regards to our economic development efforts. Our membership allows us to reach a larger network of potential leads, market our community and give us a great partner in each project we work. Our membership and relationship with PTP has helped us in recruiting several businesses; and that more than justifies the cost! The recognition that any size community gains from participating is invaluable, and failing to be a part of this coalition is simply foolish.” — Mike Running, Executive Director, Dumas Economic Development Corp.

“The staff and volunteer leadership of PTP are working tirelessly for the mobility needs of our rural corridor across three countries. Their efforts have already proven extremely valuable in getting transportation projects funded

Participate in the Porta-to-Plains Alliance by becoming a member! The energy behind our growth and success is our members who are united by a principal mission: to promote trade, investment, infrastructure development and intermodal connectivity throughout the Porta-to-Plains region, and partnering with other groups who are equally dedicated to a renewed, robust Heartland economy.

The Porta-to-Plains Alliance is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) Corporation headquartered in Lubbock, Texas and operates through partner offices throughout the Alliance region. Membership is open to local governments, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, education agencies, international states and provinces, and private businesses.
A MAN WITH TRUE GRIT

Building a 2300-mile economic development corridor takes TRUE GRIT...

And We’ve Got It.