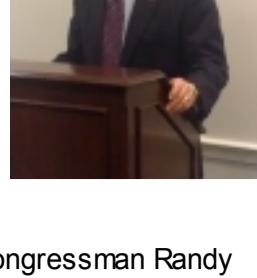


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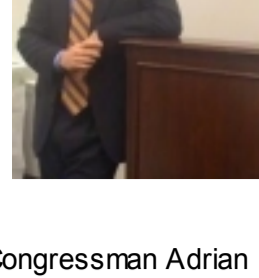
Securing the Benefits of Commerce to North America's Energy and Agricultural Heartland



Alberta MLA and PTP Board Member Len Mitzel; PTP Advisory Board Member Chris Cornell of Reece Albert, Inc., San Angelo; and Charlotte Farmer, San Angelo Mayor Pro-Tempore visit between meetings during the DC Fly-In. [\(Click on image above for larger view.\)](#)



Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX) who also serves as Co-Chair of the Ports-to-Plains Congressional Caucus discusses issues with the Alliance delegation during the Caucus Breakfast in Washington, D.C. [\(Click on image above for larger view.\)](#)



Congressman Adrian Smith (NE) addresses the audience during the Caucus Breakfast expressing his support for the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. [\(Click on image above for larger view.\)](#)



After speaking to the audience during the Caucus Breakfast, Congresswoman Betsy Markey (CO) who also serves as Co-Chair of the Ports-to-Plains Congressional Caucus visits with Don Morrison, PTP Board Member; John Bertsch, PTP Chair; and Michael Reeves, PTP President. [\(Click on image above for larger view.\)](#)



Ports-to-Plains Federal Transportation Consultant Jack Schenendorf speaks to board members and guests during the board meeting in D.C. Topics discussed included the upcoming transportation reauthorization bill along with policy recommendations from the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. Also pictured (l-r): John Bertsch, Chairman of Ports-to-Plains, Plainview, TX; Gil Cisneros, Ports-to-Plains Board Member, Denver, CO; and Mark Masterton, Heartland Expressway Board Member, Gering, NE.

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT IN WASHINGTON, DC

A delegation of 25 from the Ports-to-Plains Alliance was in Washington, D.C. last week, April 26-April 30. While in D.C., the delegation hosted a Caucus breakfast, met with twelve house offices and fourteen senate offices, attended a luncheon hosted by the American Petroleum Institute, as well as attended a breakfast hosted by the Montana and Nebraska Congressional delegations.

At each Congressional Office, our federal elected officials were provided the [SAFETEA-LU RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE](#). This document outlined our Policy and Specific Corridor recommendations drafted over the past several months by the Policy Committee. Their work put together with the assistance of our federal Consultant, Jack Schenendorf and Vice President of Membership and Marketing, Duffy Hinkle, clearly makes the case for the Alliance recommendations. The full document is available by clicking the link above. Please share this with your community and share the message with your federal elected officials when you see them in your home region.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Board of Directors held their second quarterly meeting of the year while in D.C. as well. Board members, guests and staff met on Tuesday, April 27 in the office of Covington and Burling where Ports-to-Plains Federal Transportation Consultant Jack Schenendorf hosted the meeting. During this meeting, board members unanimously voted to receive the first Gold Business Membership into the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. [REECE ALBERT, INC.](#) was represented at the meeting by Chris Cornell (Business Development) of San Angelo, Texas where he will now serve as an advisory board member on the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors. The company is a family-owned, medium-sized heavy construction paving firm headquartered on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor in [SAN ANGELO, TEXAS](#).

Participants attending the DC Fly-In the week of April 26-30 were:

- Michael Reeves, President, PTP (TX)
- Joe Kiely, Vice President, PTP (CO)
- Duffy Hinkle, Vice President, PTP (TX)
- Cal Klewin, Executive Director, TRE (ND)
- Jack Schenendorf, PTP Federal Consultant (DC)
- Deb Cottier, Executive Director, Nebraska Northwest Development Corporation, HE (NE)
- Dave Nix, Board of Directors, PTP (TX)
- Todd McKee, Treasurer, PTP (TX)
- John Bertsch, Chairman, PTP (TX)
- Brad Bekkedahl, Secretary, PTP (ND)
- Justin Bennett, Board of Directors, PTP (NM)
- Gil Cisneros, Board of Directors, PTP (CO)
- Len Mitzel, Board of Directors, PTP (AB)
- Dwain Morrison, Board of Directors, PTP (TX)
- Don Morrison, Board of Directors, PTP (CO)
- Brent Sanford, Watford City Council President, TRE (ND)
- Bob Sivertsen, President of Highway 2 Association, TRE (MT)
- Frank Smith, Board Member - Highway 2 Association, TRE (MT)
- Gene Veeder, Executive Director, McKenzie Co JDA & Tourism Bureau, TRE (ND)
- Teresa Schanzenbach, Executive Director, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, TRE (SD)
- Mark Masterton, County Commissioner - Chair, Scotts Bluff County, HE (NE)
- Chris Cornell, Business Development, Reece Albert, Inc., PTP (TX)
- Gary Mar, Minister-Counsellor (AB)
- Tristan Sanregret, Director, Alberta - U.S. Relations (AB)
- Charlotte Farmer, City Council Member, City of San Angelo, PTP (TX)



Energy Summit Goals Accomplished! Another Summit planned for 2011

The energy produced in the Ports-to-Plains region is crucial to North America's economic security, about 140 attendees learned at the first Ports-to-Plains Energy Summit in Broomfield, Colorado April 8-9. ConocoPhillips was founding sponsor of this event along with several additional sponsors from communities throughout the Ports-to-Plains Alliance.

"As individual states and provinces, we can only accomplish a fraction of what we can achieve working together to strengthen cross-border trade and develop sustainable businesses that benefit all of us," ConocoPhillips representative Jim Hand told the audience. "Ports-to-Plains presents an opportunity to speak as one voice setting aside partisan politics to achieve long-term economic prosperity." Jim Hand is the vice president of Summit Phase 2, a steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) facility located in the Athabasca region of northern Alberta.

Other featured speakers included Alberta Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations Iris Evans and U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith. All presentations are available online at [www.portstoplains.com](#). Topics included the development of Alberta's oil sands, wind energy potential, natural gas opportunities and new job potential in the energy industry.

From oil fields in Alberta to the wind farms in Texas, the Ports-to-Plains region is a major supplier of America's energy. The energy industry employs thousands of people throughout our communities, and the corridor is an essential part of supporting the industry.

The Ports-to-Plains region includes 6 of America's top 10 oil producing states, plus the Province of Alberta that has the world's second largest recoverable oil reserves. Canada is the largest foreign supplier of oil to the United States. Natural gas is also abundant as 5 of the top 6 natural gas producing states are on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. The region is also a major supplier of renewable energy. PTP is home to 7 of the top 10 wind energy states, and nearly 25% of America's ethanol refining capacity.

"The energy industry is not just important to our local economies, but our national economy. We saw the effects that spiking energy costs had on the economy a couple of years ago, and understand the importance of developing all of our energy resources to create jobs and have a thriving economy," said Reeves.

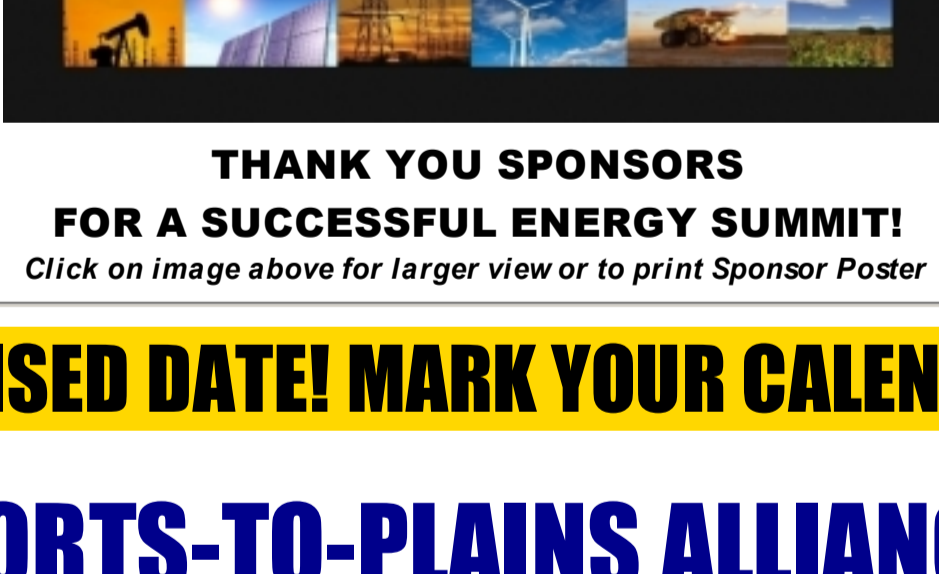
The energy industry is heavily dependent upon a solid transportation infrastructure. For example, it takes 8 trucks to carry the materials for a single wind turbine, many of them oversized loads. One proposed wind farm would put an additional 20,000+ trucks and 40,000+ pilot cars on the highways. Another projection estimates that a single oil well requires more than 1,000 trucks from construction to full operation.

"Ports-to-Plains is not just a local project, it is definitely a corridor of national significance. It is a matter of national and economic security to develop our energy resources here in North America and not rely upon overseas nations who in many cases have been outright hostile to us," said Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves.

"We are thrilled with the summit and have received overwhelmingly positive response. We will definitely do it again next year," said Reeves. "It highlighted a major employer in our region and how we can work together to create jobs and improve our energy security in the future."



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PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 8-10, 2010
Rapid City, South Dakota

Freight Stakeholders Focus Groups in Texas

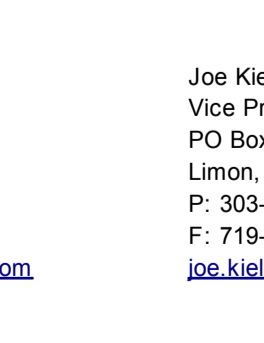
The Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are conducting a study that directly pertains to freight stakeholders. As part of this study, CTR is hosting six Freight Stakeholder Focus Groups to:

- Share information collected regarding freight trends observed
- Discuss any needs, issues, and bottlenecks pertaining to the freight transportation system
- Identify any needed infrastructure improvements, and
- Explore policies, strategies, and performance measures that TxDOT can consider for implementation.

[Click here for more information about the Freight Stakeholder Meetings](#)

17th Annual Logistics & Manufacturing Symposium slated Sept. 15-17 in Laredo, Texas

The [Laredo Development Foundation](#) in coordination with the Logistics and Manufacturing Association, Port Laredo and Texas A&M International University will host the 17th Annual Logistics and Manufacturing Symposium on September 15-17, 2010 at Texas A&M International University's Student Center. [More information on this event](#)



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