



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

NEWS RELEASES

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives announced Friday afternoon:

"The moment we have been waiting for is finally within reach – we have been given a green light in the form of a floor time commitment for our Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, which will be the key component of a comprehensive jobs package. We hope to see you at our coalition meeting for major stakeholders on Thursday, January 26th at 3PM in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building."



SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual West Texas Trade Summit

hosted by the
Ports-to-Plains Southern Work Group
February 23 & 24, 2012
San Angelo, Texas
at the Stephens Central Library
33 W Beauregard, Downtown San Angelo

The Southern Work Group was established by the Ports-to-Plains Alliance to promote trade relations, transportation networking, and other economic development issues of mutual interest between

Texas and the Mexican states that follow the Ports-to-Plains Corridor to the coastal ports.

Please plan to join us for this important meeting. For more information, email Suzanna.aguirre@sanangelotexas.us.

Modular Construction & Prefabrication North America: The Only Modular Construction Event in North America Dedicated to the Energy Sector

The province of Alberta remains at the forefront of the modular and prefabrication frontier with industry professionals coming from Europe, South America, and the United States, to learn about the latest techniques available for application to the modularization process. New benchmarks in project delivery, engineering design and construction practices continue to transform the construction industry by finding new ways to execute projects on budget and ahead of schedule. This unique conference wholly dedicated to large scale projects in the power and mining sectors will unite professionals from every point along the project supply chain in order to develop a 360° review of modular construction and prefabrication solutions...

To learn more about IQPC's Modular Construction & Prefabrication North America, please visit <http://e2ma.net/go/11605310426/4163090/113195461/25394/goto:http://www.ModularConstructionNA.com>

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Supports Transportation Advocates of Texas

Transportation Advocates of Texas is a coalition of businesses, individuals, associations, chambers of commerce, economic development entities and local governments from across the state working to improve transportation in Texas. By collectively pushing for sustainable, long term financing solutions, TAAoT members made gains in the 83rd Legislative Session...

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- February 2 - [South Dakota Regional Oil Patch Update](#), Belle Fourche, SD
- February 6 - 2012 Colorado Election Energy Summit, Golden, CO
- February 15 - Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- February 15-17 - [Texas Transportation Forum](#), San Antonio, TX
- February 23-24 - 3rd Annual West Texas Trade Summit, San Angelo, TX
- March 26-28 - [Modular Construction & Prefabrication North America](#), Calgary, AB
- April 16-20, 2012 - Washington DC Fly-in, Energy Mini-Summit, Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, DC
- July 19-20, 2012 - Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors Meeting, Limon, CO



TRANSPORTATION

Time to reassess our national transportation program

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance finds this an interesting article addressing national transportation needs and possible funding. Several comments are certainly supported.

"Thinking local is not enough. Flourishing local efforts must be bolstered by a sound national transportation policy complete with a long-term strategic vision, guided with performance benchmarks, and underpinned by adequate revenue sources."

"...We found that not only does the current transportation system contribute to the national deficit by as much as \$100 billion annually, it no longer gives the country a return on investment."

The following statement, however, is troubling and misses the point badly

"It's time that those who benefit the most—oil companies—shoulder more of the burden of the nation's transportation system." ...

The Best Ways to Pay for Our Failing Infrastructure

Harmonizing Large Transport Standards Across Canada and Modular's Role in Future Construction (Podcast)

Truckers want ring road pronto

Retrasan nueva autopista / Delay new highway

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building tomorrow's roads today: Legislators to learn about design-build

Traffic travels through Belfield on the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, also known as Highway 85, Tuesday. Officials are looking into design-build, which allows construction companies who are awarded bids to design and build the project. Though it is not allowed through North Dakota legislation, it could speed up the construction process and help improve the state's road system, said Cal Klewin, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association executive director.



North Dakota Trade through Ports-to-Plains Region – 2004-2010

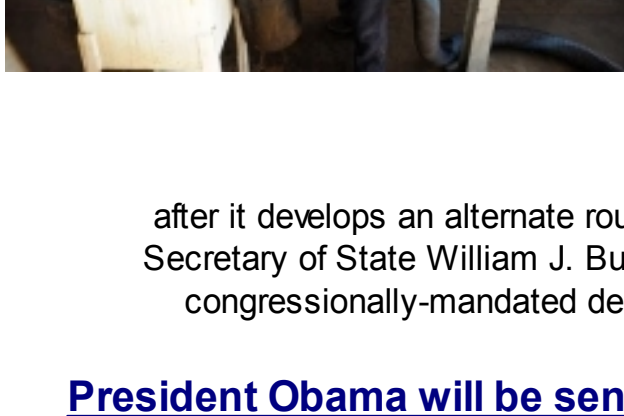
Oklahoma Trading through the Ports-to-Plains Region -- 2004-2010

South Dakota Trade through Ports-to-Plains Region – 2004-2010

Texas Trade through Ports-to-Plains Region – 2004-2010

Wyoming Trade through Ports-to-Plains Region – 2004-2010

The State of American Business 2012 -- Address by Thomas J. Donohue President & CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce



ENERGY

Looks like the decision is made on Keystone. How disappointing for our economy!

The Obama administration will announce this afternoon it is rejecting a Canadian firm's application for a permit to build and operate a massive oil pipeline across the U.S.-Canada border, according to sources who have been briefed on the matter.

However the administration will allow TransCanada to reapply after it develops an alternate route through the sensitive habitat of Nebraska's Sandhills. Deputy Secretary of State William J. Burns will make the announcement, which comes in response to a congressionally-mandated deadline of Feb. 21 for action on the proposed Keystone pipeline...

President Obama will be sending a clear message with Keystone XL decision

Steffy: Oil in, gasoline out, and U.S. benefits

Hoeven: Pipeline Will Transport Bakken Crude More Safely and Efficiently, Provide Greater U.S. Energy Independence

TransCanada steps up Keystone PR campaign

Keep the lights on

Ports-to-Plains Webinar on January 20, 2012

(Video)

- Federal Update
 - Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bill
 - House Transportation Reauthorization Bill
- Details on Washington D.C. Spring Fly-In
- Transportation Advocates of Texas Update



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Without your leadership and support, our continued success would not be possible.

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