



# PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

## Major Milestones in Texas and Colorado

The Four Lane Expansion Project North of Dalhart, TX on U.S. Highway 87 was completed with a celebration on July 17, 2012. The Kit Carson, CO projects, the final of twenty-four projects of the U.S. 40/287 Ports-to-Plains Corridor between the Colorado/Oklahoma border and Limon, CO, was completed with a celebration on August 2, 2012. See information and photos below.

## Washington Roundup in Colorado

The 2nd Annual Washington Roundup will be held on Friday, August 24 from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., Colorado Springs. Our two US Senators -- Michael Bennet and Mark Udall and the four Congressmen covering the Action 22 and SC Business Partnership Territory (Congressmen Mike Coffman, Cory Gardner, Doug Lamborn and Scott Tipton) have been invited to attend and provide attendees with a State of the Union update. Action 22 anticipates a question and answer segment as well. A special table topic session with congressional staff is scheduled that morning from 9 - 11 am.

**The Ports-to-Plains Alliance has three tickets available to its members as a sponsor of this event. Contact Joe Kiely at [joe.kiely@portstoplains.com](mailto:joe.kiely@portstoplains.com) if you are interested. First come First serve!**

## Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- August 24 - [2nd Annual Washington Roundup](#) for Action 22, Colorado Springs, CO
- September 13-14 - [Southern Task Force Meeting](#), Durango City, Mexico
- October 2-4 - Ports-to-Plains Alliance Annual Conference, Medicine Hat, AB
- October 10-11 - Northern Task Force Meeting, Regina, SK



PM - Thursday, October 04, 2012 11:30 AM (Mountain Time)

[Link to Online Registration](#)

Medicine Hat Lodge Resort Casino Convention Centre  
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Four Lane Expansion Project North of Dalhart, TX on U.S. Highway 87



The Colorado Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance joined in the celebration of the completion of the Colorado Ports-to-Plains Corridor Strategic Project roadway, replacing it with concrete, and upgrading it to a "super-two" configuration -- a wider, two-lane highway, with occasional passing lanes and wider shoulders. "

## Texas: Expansion Project on U.S. Highway 87 North of Dalhart Complete

Ribbon cutting for the completion of the 4 lane expansion project on U.S. Highway 87 North of Dalhart, TX Event held July 10, 2012. Several local elected officials; representatives from the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, S.P.I.R.I.T. 54 and TXDOT were on hand to help celebrate.

## North Dakota: \$2.5 Billion Statewide Infrastructure Plan

## FHWA MAP-21 Summary



**U.S. Representative**  
**Mike Conaway**  
(TX)  
**Ports-to-Plains Alliance Caucus**

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