



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

NEWS RELEASES

[Nelson to Co-Chair Rural Transportation Group – Ports-to-Plains Alliance Caucus](#)

Nebraska's Senator Ben Nelson and three colleagues filed to organize the bipartisan Ports-to-Plains Caucus, which will advocate for rural transportation and economic development in Congress. Nelson will serve as Senate co-chair.

The Ports-to-Plains corridor consists of a network of transportation routes across the Midwest, including the Heartland Expressway in the Nebraska Panhandle.

[TxDOT Public Meeting Scheduled in Dumas](#)

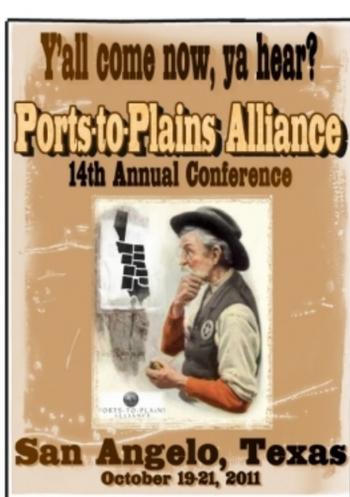
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be hosting a public meeting on **Tuesday July 12, 2011, between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.** at TxDOT's **Dumas Area District Office**. The Office is located at 1249 N Maddox, in Dumas Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss with the public the proposed upgrade of U.S. 87 to a four lane section between Dumas and Hartley.

The information will be available for review any time that day from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dumas Office. If the public has any comments they may record them at the meeting or present them in writing.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed project will be displayed at the meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to F. Howard Holland, P.E., Amarillo District Engineer, P O Box 7368, Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments need to be received no later than 10 days following the meeting.



Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting

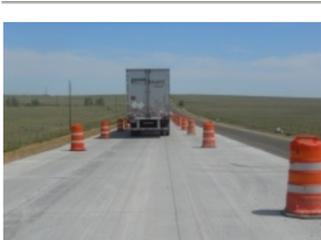
Mark your calendars now and plan to be in San Angelo, TX on October 19-21, 2011.

Every member needs to attend in order to show the commitment of the Alliance to the importance of Rural Transportation.

It takes 'True Grit'

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- June 28 – 30 - 2011 Subcommittee on Highway Transport, San Antonio, TX
- June 29 – Plainview Lions Club, Plainview, TX
- June 29 - Energy on the Rocks, Cheyenne, WY
- July 12 - TxDOT Public Meeting, Dumas, TX
- July 20 - Ports-to-Plains Alliance Board of Directors Meeting, Clayton, NM
- August 29-31 - Canadian Oil Sands Infrastructure Summit, Calgary, AB
- October 19-21 - Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting, San Angelo, TX



TRANSPORTATION

[Another Highway 40/287 Project Begins](#)

U.S. 287 between the Oklahoma border (including U.S. 40 between Limon and Kit Carson) and Denver is Colorado's portion of the Ports to Plains route. Concrete reconstruction of the highway is of primary importance due to its current and future use as a major truck route, its connection to Mexico and potential to attract and serve markets associated with NAFTA and international trade.

[ITD board drops 10-minute rule for future megaloads](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[CP Rail unveils future site of intermodal facility in Regina](#)

Canadian Pacific Railway took a giant step toward relocating its freight yards out of downtown Regina on Friday.

With a literal trainload of VIPs, civil servants, business executives and politicians, the transportation giant officially unveiled the future site of its much-awaited intermodal facility at the Global Transportation Hub being developed on Regina's western edge.

[How free trade deals create U.S. jobs](#)

[Colorado agriculture exports up 32% in Q1](#)



Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall speaks at CP Rail's unveiling of the future site of its intermodal facility at the Global Transportation Hub.



ENERGY

[Martifer makes a milestone: Company completes its first wind turbine tower](#)

High-flying sparks and bright bursts illuminate the noisy clamor throughout the 170,000-square-foot megafacility on the outskirts of San Angelo.

Cynthia Esparza/Standard-Times
Hector Zamora sands the edges of part of a wind tower that had been manufactured and painted at Martifer-Hirschfeld Energy Systems LLC plant in north San Angelo. After this station, the parts are covered and stored until they are shipped.

The bustling workplace at Martifer-Hirschfeld Industries is the scene that local economic development officials envisioned in 2008 when news broke that a new energy business was coming to West Texas.

This one is tied to the wind — not oil...

[Energy on the Rocks: Learn about the Niobrara Oil Play](#)

[It's not just about Alberta: Oilsands generate thousands of jobs, billions in taxes across continent](#)

[Ten Things to Know About Fracking](#)

[Agreements signed for Canada's largest windfarm Study shows Oklahoma's energy sector booming](#)

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For more information on how you and your organization can become involved in the Ports-to-Plains Alliance call (806) 775-3373.

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