



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

NEWS RELEASES

COWBOYS, SHOOT-OUTS AND PORTS-TO-PLAINS???

'Cactus Jack' wants you to meet him at Fort Concho to discuss an issue about a horse and a road, so [REGISTER NOW...](#)

The [Concho Cowboy Co.](#) is coming to town and you can expect fast action, high drama and a glimpse into the Old Wild West during the opening reception at the 14th Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference scheduled for October 19-21, 2011 in [San Angelo, Texas](#).

You can bet your bottom dollar that a whole lotta interesting information will be talked about by a whole lotta interesting folks, ([AGENDA](#)) so round up all your partners and register real soon, ya hear?

This year's conference is co-hosted by the [Texas Department of Transportation](#) and the [City of San Angelo Development Corporation](#).

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14th Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference

Oct. 19-21, 2011
San Angelo, Texas

[What's next for Hwy 85? Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association holds annual meeting](#)

Regional and state leaders gathered, some making their way through construction on U.S. Highway 85, to discuss the very corridor they had just traveled on.

A crowd of approximately 60 people gathered at Outlaws' Bar and Grill in Watford City for the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association's annual meeting.

TRE Executive Director Cal Klewin noted the accomplishments in building up Highway 85 between Williston and Watford City in the past two years...

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- September 21-23 –Presentation at 18th Annual Logistics & Manufacturing Symposium, Laredo, TX
- September 26 - Keystone XL Hearing, Port Arthur, TX
- September 26 - Keystone XL Hearing, Topeka, KS
- September 27 – Keystone XL Hearing, Glendive, MT
- September 27 – Keystone XL Hearing, Lincoln, NE
- September 28 – Keystone XL Hearing, Austin, TX
- September 29 - Keystone XL Hearing, Pierre, SD
- September 29 - Keystone XL Hearing, Atkinson, NE
- September 30 - Keystone XL Hearing, Midwest City, OK
- October 6 – Ribbon Cutting for Kimball Bypass, Kimball, NE
- October 19-21 - Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting, San Angelo, TX



TRANSPORTATION

[TRIP Report: Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America's Heartland](#)

America's rural roads are facing tremendous challenges including deteriorating conditions and a higher fatality rate than other roads and highways, according to a new report released Thursday by TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group based in Washington, D.C.

"The safety and quality of life in America's small communities and rural areas and the health of the nation's economy ride on our rural transportation system. This backbone of the heartland allows mobility and connectivity for millions of rural Americans and provides crucial links from farm to market, moves manufactured and energy products, and provides access to countless tourist and recreational destinations," Will Wilkins, executive director of TRIP, said in a statement...

[President Obama's American Jobs Act](#)

[Texas traffic fatalities on rural roads lead nation](#)

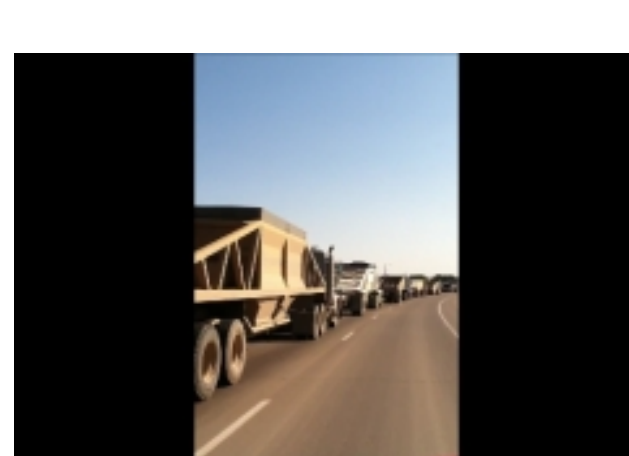
[Chamber Calls for Multi-Year Transport Bill: Business group repeats call for increase in federal fuel tax](#)

[Cantor's infrastructure funding plan offers olive branch to White House](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Trucks Waiting To Go North On US Highway 2 In Williston. NOT RUSH HOUR!Just a normal day of driving in Williston, ND. BOOMTOWN USA!!!](#)

Any questions about the need to improve the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway in North Dakota!



[Drought Creates Opportunities in Ports-to-Plains Region](#)



ENERGY

[Steven Chu: Canadian oil is better choice for U.S.](#)

Energy Secretary Steven Chu is making waves with recent comments that suggest the Obama administration is on track to approve the controversial proposed Keystone XL pipeline that would deliver Canadian oil sands crude to Gulf Coast refineries.

In an interview with energyNOW!, Chu argues that when it comes to importing oil from foreign countries, Canada is a better option for the U.S. than alternatives in the Middle East and elsewhere:

"Having Canada as a supplier for our oil is much more comforting than having other countries supply our oil," Chu said...

[Wind Industry Lobbies for Tax-Credit Extension](#)

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Webinar

Maximize your knowledge and involvement in the Ports-to-Plains Alliance by participating in the next online webinar!

Jack Schenendorf, Federal Transportation Consultant for the Ports-to-Plains Alliance will be presenting the latest information regarding the next transportation reauthorization bill as well as other ongoing legislative issues.

Information about Ports-to-Plains projects, activities and upcoming events will also be discussed.

Space is limited, so mark your calendar and register soon!

[Webinar Registration](#)



[Congressman Randy Neugebauer](#)

'Father of Ports-to-Plains'

Co-chair of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Caucus

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