



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

NEWS RELEASES

2nd Annual Ports-to-Plains Energy Summit

Online registration is underway for the **2nd Annual Ports-to-Plains Energy Summit** scheduled for **April 7-8, 2011** at the beautiful Omni Interlocken Resort in Broomfield (Denver), Colorado. This Summit will emphasize the important role of transportation in the energy industry and its impact on the economy of the Ports-to-Plains region.

Renowned entertainer **Lannie Garrett** will dazzle attendees during the dinner theater on Thursday evening with her show Screen Gems, a nostalgic walk down memory lane with songs from our favorite movies where she will pay homage to the stars and songs that lit up the movie screen.

Register now and join us for this informative and fun-filled event!

Who should attend?

- Energy Industry Leaders
- Clean-Tech Industry Leaders
- Economic Development Professionals
- Chamber of Commerce Professionals
- Environmental Professionals
- Municipal and County Officials
- State Legislators
- Trucking / Logistics Professionals
- Interested Citizens

Topics include:

- The Role of Transportation in the Energy Industry
- Wind Energy Issues throughout North America's Wind Corridor
- The Impact of Biofuels on the Region
- North America's Friendly Supplier of Oil
- Pipelines – Getting the Resource to the Pump
- What is Hydraulic Fracturing and What Does it Mean to You
- Energy Based Economic Development in the PTP Region
- Energy Issues in the New Congress
- Natural Gas Issues in the Corridor

Field Hearing of Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance attended the field hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Oklahoma City, OK on February 24, 2011. The topic of the field hearing was Improving and Reforming our Nation's Surface Transportation Programs.

Southern Ports-to-Plains Trade Workgroup Organizes

The first of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance workgroup met in San Angelo, TX on February 18, 2011 after the West Texas Trade Summit to create a Strategic Plan for the future. This is the first official Ports-to-Plains workgroup developed with a focus on economic development.

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- February 28 - Governor Hickenlooper Launches Colorado's Bottom-Up Economic Development Plan Initiative, Walsenburg, CO
- March 4 - Governor Hickenlooper Launches Colorado's Bottom-Up Economic Development Plan Initiative, Las Animas, CO
- March 4 - Governor Hickenlooper Launches Colorado's Bottom-Up Economic Development Plan Initiative, Limon, CO
- April 7-8 – PTP Energy Summit, Broomfield, CO
- May 1-3 - Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, Regina, SK
- May 2-6 - Ports-to-Plains Fly-in, Washington, DC (Mark Your Calendar Now)
- May 10-11 - Meetings in Saskatchewan
- June 13-14 - 3rd Annual Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees, Breckenridge, CO



TRANSPORTATION

Mexico's Evolving Network of Modern Interstate Roadways, Winter 2011

The Mazatlán-Matamoros Corridor connects the Ports-to-Plains Alliance with the seaport of Mazatlan. The 771 mile corridor will serve as the Port of Mazatlán's gateway to the rest of Mexico, linking it to the Mexican cities of Durango, Torreón, and Saltillo as well as Acuña and Piedras Negras and the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

Transportation Budget FY 2012 by the Administration

U.S. Chamber of Commerce and AFL-CIO support fuel tax increase

Heartland Expressway message heard in US, state capitals

Weather, lack of turnouts impeding megaloads

ATAs Graves: Challenges can be turned to benefit trucking

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Southern Ports-to-Plains Corridor-Video

Food, Fiber and Fuel. Video, created by the City of San Angelo, TX describes the economic opportunities presented by the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor.



2011 West Texas Trade Summit

Ports-to-Plains: From Alberta to the Texas Plains

Michael Reeves, President, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
Lubbock, Texas

Economic Activity and our Southern Neighbors

Lic. Carlos Roman Cepeda Gonzalez, State of Coahuila
Sr. Sotero Soto, CANACINTRA, State of Durango

International Trade Office

Ms. Valeriya Kuripko, Graduate Student
Small Business Development Center
International Business Office
Angelo State University

The Importance of Rail to Ports-to-Plains

Ing. Javier Zamarripa Mora, Texas-Pacifico, Ltd.

Increasing Capacity at our Border Crossing

Lic. Jorge Ramon Montemayor, Director of Economic Development
City of Acuña

Saskatchewan: Improved port of entry could benefit southwest

OIL FROM CANADA

The recently completed Keystone pipeline carries oil from Alberta, Canada, to Chicago and then to a second pipeline would extend to refineries on the Gulf Coast in Texas.

Photograph by: Los Angeles Times, TransCanada Corp.

ENERGY

Canada pipeline deal too costly, officials in Kansas say

Crude oil from western Canada began flowing through a controversial pipeline in Kansas last week.

Supporters say that construction of the Keystone Pipeline - which flows down through the Dakotas and Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri to refineries in Illinois and Oklahoma - provided an economic boon, producing money and jobs...

Oil Sands in Canada and the U.S. Petroleum Imports

Secure oil is the real Alberta advantage

House Limits Funding for EPA's GHG Regulations

Utilities' renewable energy pacts expensive

Panel rules against homeowner who said fracking fouled well

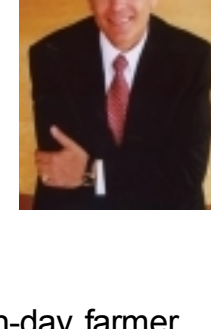
Are taxes or crude oil prices to blame for expensive petrol?

AGRICULTURE

Hold the Thin Green Line

When the United States rationed food during World War II so citizens and soldiers had enough to eat, the Secretary of Agriculture often repeated the slogan: "Food will win the war and write the peace."

I think of these words every time I read an article or see a fringe group attacking the modern-day farmer...



Board Member Spotlight

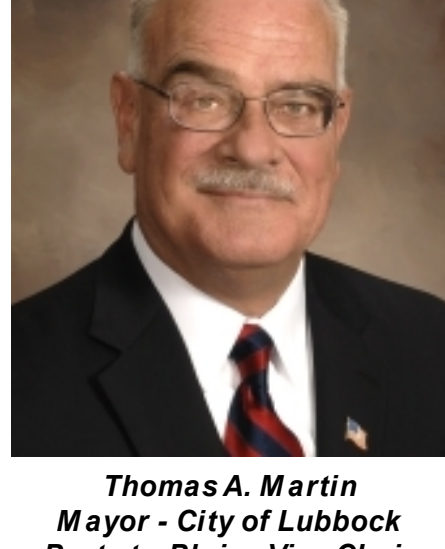
Tom Martin

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Vice Chair

Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin focuses on promoting Lubbock's economic growth and developing more business opportunities in the Lubbock area. He has served on the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors since August 2003 and has served as vice chair since March 2007.

Ports-to-Plains members from the Lubbock area:

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[Texas Tech University](#)
[Lubbock Christian University](#)
[South Plains Association of Governments](#)
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