



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

NEWS RELEASES

Washington DC Fly-in

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance is in Washington DC this week advocating for a policy focus in the transportation reauthorization on transportation corridors that connect the resources of energy, food and fiber produced in largely rural areas to markets in urban areas. Nineteen representatives will meet with twenty-five congressional offices and the Alliance Board of Directors will hold the quarterly meeting from May 3-5, 2011.



With the apparent reality that there is no support for increasing transportation revenue, the highway trust fund getting smaller and no mechanism to fund specific projects, the programs that will be contained in the reauthorization bill are more important than ever. The current SAFETEA-LU legislation contains 108 surface transportation programs. There are discussions about additional programs addressing high speed rail and liveable communities. We will remind our federal delegations that fuel tax can no longer support the current transportation system and certainly not the growing highway needs. We no longer have the ability to fund the variety of programs, much less expand those programs. The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission recommended just ten programs that would focus on core federal priorities.

As a result, our message will be that the programmatic structure of the new legislation should reflect the important and unique transportation needs of rural America.

- **Rural Connectivity and Mobility:** There should be a focus on upgrading and modernizing the portion of the national transportation network which provides connectivity and mobility for America's small communities and rural areas.
- **Freight Transportation:** There should be a focus on freight movement, including freight movement in rural corridors on the national network.
- **Rural Safety:** There should be a focus on rural safety, especially narrow, two-lane rural roads which often have fatality rates well above four-lane, divided urban highways. These overburdened two-lane roads are carrying much of the food and fuel destined for our nation's major metropolitan areas.

Take a moment today to pick up the phone and leave a message for your U.S. Representative and Senators and tell them to listen to the importance of the message they will hear from the Ports-to-Plains Alliance this week. Tell them it is important to your community's economy.

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- May 1-3 - Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, Regina, SK
- May 2-6 - Ports-to-Plains Fly-in, Washington, DC
- May 10-11 - Meetings in Saskatchewan
- May 22-25 - WINDPOWER 2011, Anaheim, CA
- June 13-14 - 3rd Annual Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees, Breckenridge, CO



TRANSPORTATION

[Dalrymple Signs Historic Investment Package for Statewide Transportation Infrastructure](#)

North Dakota recognizes the importance of infrastructure in their two year budget approved yesterday. Significant investment is being made to state and local highways. Certainly there are lessons here about the value of the energy industry and the recognition of the legislature and the governor that highways are critical to the economy.

[America's transport infrastructure: Life in the slow lane](#)

[The public must demand better solutions to traffic](#)

[State of Texas Transportation: Report from the 2030 Committee](#)

[Heartland route reps ask county to join alliance](#)

[A Transportation Bill for Rural America](#)

[Best of the TxDOT Podcast: Texas' Focus on Rural Roadways Reducing Fatalities](#)

[US Senate May Have To Consider Smaller Highway Bill -Sen Baucus](#)

[Government Shutdown Averted: Transportation Suffers Significant Spending Cuts](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Marketing professor receives grant to study trade between US, Canada: Ports-to-Plains Region](#)

Donna Davis, associate professor of marketing, has been awarded a grant by the Canadian Studies Faculty, a government agency for a cross-border research project under the direction of the Rawls College of Business.

The project focuses on global supply chain management, or how goods and services are processed, Davis said, and her primary focus at the moment is understanding border transactions and business relations between the United States and Canada...



ENERGY

[Let's get real about the oil sands](#)

The oil-sands debate must be about environmental performance, economic growth and jobs, and energy security and reliability – all are important...

[URGENT: Tell the Federal Government to Expand Access to Onshore Energy Resources](#)

[Gas prices and industry earnings: A few things to think about the next time you fill up](#)

[Oil Without Apologies](#)

[State Department Releases Keystone XL Pipeline Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#)



Ports-to-Plains 2011 Energy Summit

[Watch for more Energy Summit picture collages in future newsletters!](#)

Board Member Spotlight

[Sid Cauthorn](#)

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Past Chair and Current Board Member



Sid Cauthorn

Sid Cauthorn serves as President and CEO of The Bank & Trust, s.s.b. located in Southwest Texas. He is a 1984 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Agriculture Economics. After working with the Texas Department of Banking for seven years, Cauthorn returned to Del Rio in 1993 and took the helm of The Bank & Trust in 1999.

Board Member
Ports-to-Plains Alliance

President & CEO
[The Bank & Trust](#)

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Members in Sid's area are:

[City of Del Rio](#)

[Val Verde County](#)

[Del Rio Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#)

PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE STAFF

Michael Reeves
President
5401 N MLK Blvd. #395
Lubbock, TX 79403
P: 806-775-2338
F: 806-775-3981
michael.reeves@portstoplains.com

Joe Kiely
Vice President of Operations
PO Box 9
Limon, CO 80828
P: 303-586-1787
F: 719-775-9073
joe.kiely@portstoplains.com

Diffy Hinkle
Vice President of Membership & Marketing
5401 N MLK Blvd. #395
Lubbock, TX 79403
P: 806-775-3373
F: 806-775-3981
diffy.hinkle@portstoplains.com

Cal Klew in
Executive Director
Theodore Roosevelt Expressway
PO 1306 22 E Broadway
Williston, ND 58802
P: 701-577-8110
cal@trexpressway.com

Debbie Stevenson
Executive Assistant
5401 N MLK Blvd. #395
Lubbock, TX 79403
P: 806-775-3369
F: 806-775-3981
debbie.stevenson@portstoplains.com

John R. Hoehne
Communications Director
Heartland Expressway Association
2620 College Park
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
P: 308-630-6555
mailto:cal@trexpressway.com



www.portstoplains.com

LEARN • PARTICIPATE • JOIN
5401 N MLK Blvd. Unit #395 | Lubbock, TX 79403 | Ph:(806)775-3373

This email was sent to .
To ensure that you continue receiving our emails, please add us to your address book or safe list.

[manage](#) your preferences | [opt out](#) using [TrueRemove](#)®

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

[Subscribe](#) to our email list