



## 2022 PORTS-TO-PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*The Future Is Now*

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Big Spring, Texas

September 14-16, 2022

### Wednesday, September 14, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	<p><b>Opening Reception at Hotel Settles</b></p> <p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Hotel Settles</p> <p><b>Welcome to Big Spring and Howard County</b></p> <p><b>Robert H. Moore III</b>, Mayor, Big Spring (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Katheryn Wiseman</b>, Howard County Judge (confirmed)</p>
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### Thursday, September 15, 2022

7:00 am	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>Sponsored by The Bank &amp; Trust</p> <p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Hotel Settles</p>
8:00 am – 8:30 am	<p><b>Welcome to Big Spring and Ports-to-Plains Conference</b></p> <p><b>Mark Willis</b>, Executive Director, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Debbye ValVerde</b>, Executive Director, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce (confirmed)</p> <p><b>John Osborne</b>, Chairman, Ports-to-Plains Alliance (confirmed)</p>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p><b>Local Benefits NOW</b></p> <p><b>Brint Ryan</b>, Chairman and CEO, Ryan, LLC (confirmed)</p>
9:00 – 9:30 am	<p><b>Mexico Progress Happening Now</b></p> <p><b>Jorge Ramon</b>, Economic Development Director, City of Del Rio Economic Development (invited)</p>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<p><b>Beginning NOW: The Benefits of the Interstate Highway</b></p> <p><b>Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.</b>, Manager, Corridor Planning Branch, TxDOT Transportation Planning &amp; Programming Division (confirmed)</p>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<p><b>Break</b></p>

10:30 am – 11:15 am	<p><b>Texas Border Value is NOW</b></p> <p><b>Caroline Mays</b>, Director of Planning and Modal, Texas Department of Transportation (invited)</p>
11:15 am - Noon	<p><b>New Mexico Opportunities NOW</b></p> <p><b>Vincent Soule</b>, Deputy Director, Eastern Plains Council of Governments (confirmed)</p>
Noon	<p><b>Lunch and Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Sponsored by Big Spring Economic Development Corporation</b></p> <p><b>Kent Hance</b>, Hance Scarborough (confirmed)</p>
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	<p><b>Alliance Partnership Progress</b></p> <p><b>Cal Klewin</b>, Executive Director, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Deb Cottier</b>, Chair, Heartland Expressway Association (confirmed)</p> <p><b>John Osborne</b>, Chair, Ports-to-Plains Alliance (confirmed)</p>
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<p><b>Federal Lobbying to Create NOW</b></p> <p><b>David Pore</b>, Partner, Hance Scarborough (confirmed)</p>
2:45pm – 3:15 pm	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	<p><b>Looking North NOW</b></p> <p><b>Chelsie Herian</b>, Executive Director, Box Butte Development (confirmed)</p>
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<p><b>Social and Dinner</b></p>

## Friday, September 16, 2022

7:30 am	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>Sponsored by Kimley-Horn</b></p> <p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Hotel Settles</p>
8:30 am – 9:15 am	<p><b>Let's Make This Happen NOW</b></p> <p><b>Jodey Arrington</b>, U.S. Representative, 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (to be invited)</p> <p><b>Charles Perry</b>, Texas State Senator, District 28 (to be invited)</p> <p><b>TBD</b></p> <p><b>TBD</b></p>
9:15 am – 10:00 am	<p><b>Energy Now</b></p> <p><b>Tracee Bentley</b>, President and CEO, Permian Strategic Partnership (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Brad Bekkadahl</b>, North Dakota State Senator, Williston City Commissioner and Ports-to-Plains Board Member (tentative)</p>

10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Improving Agriculture NOW</b> Kody Bessent, CEO, Plains Cotton Growers (confirmed)
11:00 am - Noon	<b>Creating NOW Out of the Future</b> John Osborne, Chairman, Ports-to-Plains Alliance (confirmed)