

# 2024 Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference Agenda

(Subject to Change)

September 10-12, 2024  
All Conference Sessions at Astoria Hotel and Event Center  
363 15th St W  
Dickinson, ND 58601



## Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Time	Topic	Speaker
5:30-7:00 pm	Opening Reception and Registration at Astoria Hotel and Event Center, Ballroom D  <i>Sponsored by Hunter Industries, LTD</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teddy Roosevelt as portrayed by Joe Wiegand</li></ul>

## Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time	Topic	Speaker
7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast and Welcome to Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference, Ballroom ABC  <i>Sponsored by Kimley-Horn</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scott Decker, City Commission President</li></ul>
8:30-8:45 am	9/11 Remembrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SGM Scott Obrigewitsch, North Dakota National Guard (invited)</li></ul>
8:45-9:15 am	Building for Connection: Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scott Meske, Director ND Transportation Coalition</li></ul>
9:15-9:45 am	Building for Connection: Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sara Otte-Coleman, Director - Tourism and Marketing, State of North Dakota</li><li></li></ul>
9:45-10:15 am	Break  <i>Sponsored by: Heartland Expressway Association</i>	



10:15-10:45 am	Building for Connection: Energy	•
10:45-11:30 am	Connecting with State and Federal Resources	•
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch and Keynote Address <i>Sponsored by International Bank of Commerce / Wright Asphalt Products, LLC</i>	• Doug Burgum, Governor, North Dakota (invited)
1:30-2:15 pm	The Economy of Connections: Trade with Mexico	•
2:15-3:00 pm	The Economy of Connections: Trade with Canada	•
3:00-3:30 pm	Break <i>Sponsored by Bowman County, ND</i>	
3:30-4:15 pm	Partnership Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lauren Garduno, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance</li> <li>• Deb Cottier, Chair, Heartland Expressway Association</li> <li>• Cal, Klewin, Executive Director, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association</li> </ul>
6:00-9:00 pm	Social and Dinner, Ballroom C <i>Social Sponsored by RK&amp;K Engineers</i> <i>Dinner Sponsored by Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association</i>	
<b>Thursday, September 12, 2024</b>		
Time	Topic	Speaker
7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast, Ballroom ABC <i>Sponsored by Ryan and Ryan International</i>	•
8:30-10:30 am	Congressional Delegations	•

10:00-11:00 am	Connecting Using Future Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeremiah Kuntz, Aurora Innovations Inc.</li> </ul>
11:00-11:15 am	Recap and Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lauren Garduño, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance</li> </ul>
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Transport to Medora, ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch at Medora Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
	<i>Sponsored by STV, Inc.</i>	
1:00-1:30 pm	Presentation on Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amy McCann, Director Of Community Relations, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum</li> </ul>
1:30-5:00 pm	<p>Visit Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Construction Site</p> <p>Visit Chateau de Mores</p> <p>Visit Downtown Medora</p>	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Transportation Back to Dickinson	
5:30 pm	Social at Phat Fish Brewery 1031 West Villard, Dickinson, ND 58601	