

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 / Stark Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teddy Roosevelt as portrayed by Joe Wiegand

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 / Reese Albert, Inc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scott Decker, City Commission PresidentBrad Bekkedahl, Secretary, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
8:30-8:45 am	9/11 Remembrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brady Lyson 1SG, North Dakota National Guard
8:45-9:15 am	Building for Connection: Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scott Meske, Director North Dakota Transportation Coalition
9:15-9:45 am	Building for Connection: Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sara Otte-Coleman, Director - Tourism and Marketing, State of North Dakota
9:45-10:15 am	Break <i>Sponsored by: Heartland Expressway Association / Lincoln County and Town of Limon, CO</i>	



Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (con't)

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:15-10:45 am	Building for Connection: Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brady Pelton, Vice President, North Dakota Petroleum Council
10:45-11:30 am	Connecting with Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad Bekkedahl, North Dakota State Senator, City of Williston Commissioner • Lauren Garduno, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch and Keynote Address <i>Sponsored by International Bank of Commerce / Wright Asphalt Products, LLC / Earl and Associates</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Sanford, Former Lieutenant Governor, State of North Dakota
1:30-2:15 pm	The Economy of Connections: Trade with Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Garduno, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance • Jorge Ramon, Director of Economic Development, City of Del Rio
2:15-3:00 pm	The Economy of Connections: Trade with Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shane Getson, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Chief Government Whip, and Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridor Development
3:00-3:30 pm	Break <i>Sponsored by Peoples Bank, TX</i>	
3:30-4:15 pm	Congressional Delegation, U.S. Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator John Hoeven-ND • Senator John Cornyn-TX • Senator Ted Cruz-TX • Senator Deb Fisher-NE • Senator Pete Ricketts-NE • Senator Jon Tester-MT (letter) • Senator Steve Daines-MT • Senator Ben Ray Luján-NM • Senator Markwayne Mullin-OK

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (con't)

Time	Topic	Speaker
6:00-9:00 pm	<p>Social and Dinner, Ballroom C</p> <p><i>Social Sponsored by RK&K Engineers/Lubbock Economic Development Alliance</i></p> <p><i>Dinner Sponsored by Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association / Dickinson Convention and Visitors Bureau</i></p>	

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Time	Topic	Speaker
7:00-8:00 am	<p>Breakfast, Ballroom ABC</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Ryan and Ryan International / Hance Scarborough, LLP</i></p>	
8:30-9:30 am	Partnership Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Garduno, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance • Deb Cottier, Chair, Heartland Expressway Association • Cal Klewin, Executive Director, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association
9:30-10:15 am	Congressional Delegation – U.S. House of Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Kelley Armstrong-ND-at-large • Representative Jodey Arrington-TX-11 • Representative Ronny Jackson-TX-13 • Representative Tony Gonzales-TX-23 • Representative Adrian Smith-NE-3 • Representative Harriet Hageman-WY-at-large

Thursday, September 12, 2024 (con't)

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:15-11:00 am	Connecting Using Future Technology	• Jeremiah Kuntz , Aurora Innovations Inc.
11:00-11:15 am	Recap and Closing	• Lauren Garduño , President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Transport to Medora, ND	
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch at Medora Community Center <i>Sponsored by STV, Inc.</i>	
1:00-1:30 pm	Presentation on Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library	• Amy McCann , Director of Community Relations, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
1:30-5:00 pm	Visit Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Construction Site Visit Chateau de Mores Visit Downtown Medora	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Transportation Back to Dickinson	
5:30 pm	Social at Phat Fish Brewery 1031 West Villard, Dickinson, ND 58601	