

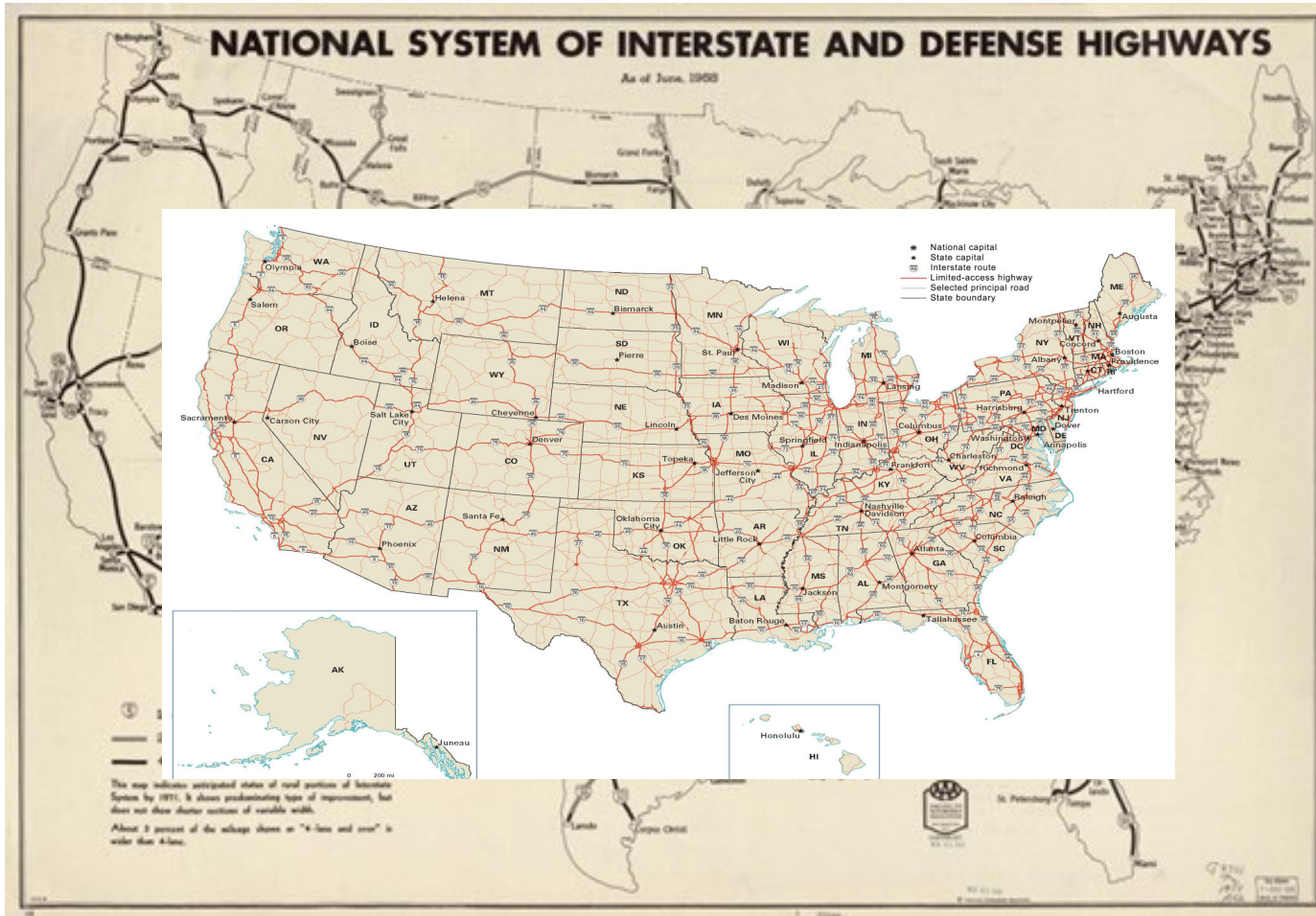
# Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting Close Out

Lauren Garduño President/CEO

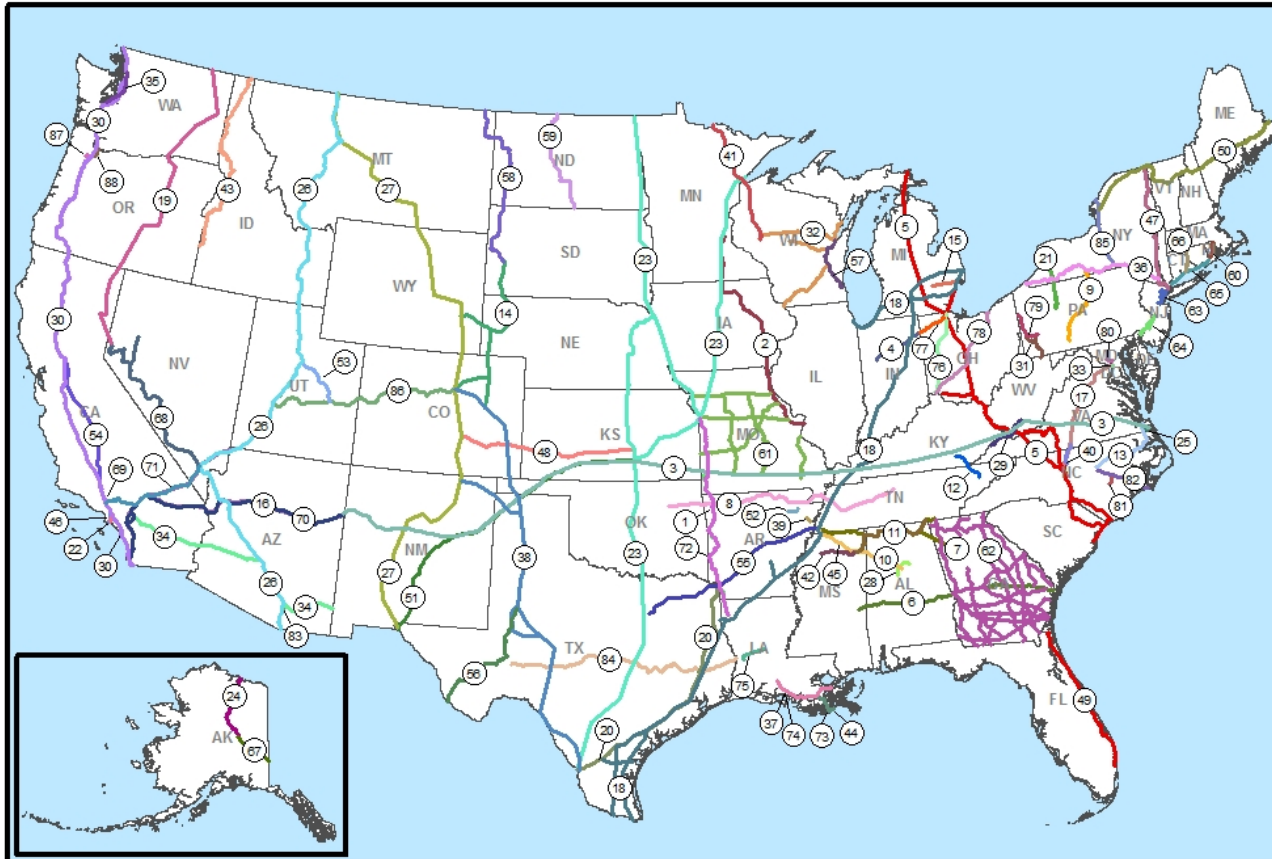








## Congressional High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System

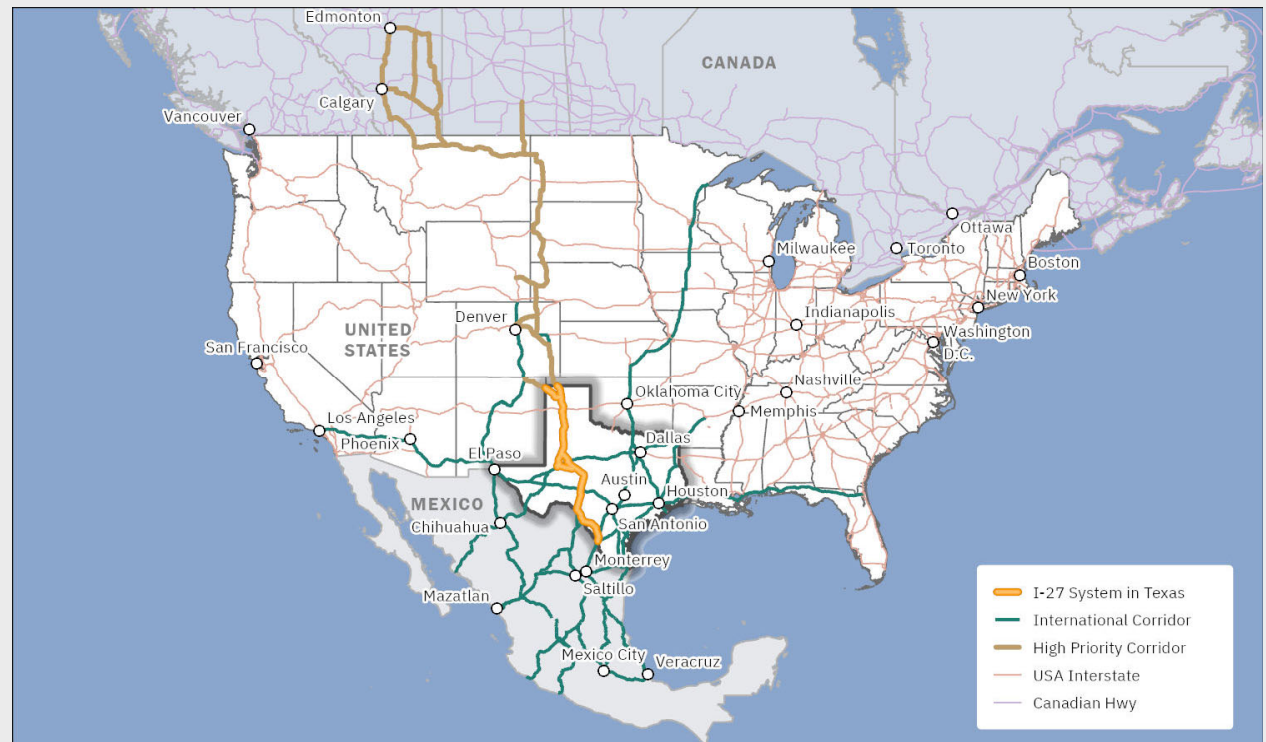


Notes:  
\*\*Corridor numbers correspond to statutory listing in Section 1105(c) of ISTEA, as amended.  
\*\*Colors are added for clarity only.  
\*\*Corridors based on information available as of December 4, 2015.  
\*\*In some corridors, alignments are in project development stage.

December 16, 2015

## Ports-to-Plains System

- The Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill designated the Ports-to-Plains Corridor from the Texas-Mexico border to Raton, New Mexico as a future interstate.
- Once constructed to interstate standards, the estimated mileage of the I-27 system in Texas and New Mexico is 1,050.





### Opening Strategic Trade Gateways

The strategic trade gateways at Laredo, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass connect Mexico with Texas and the US



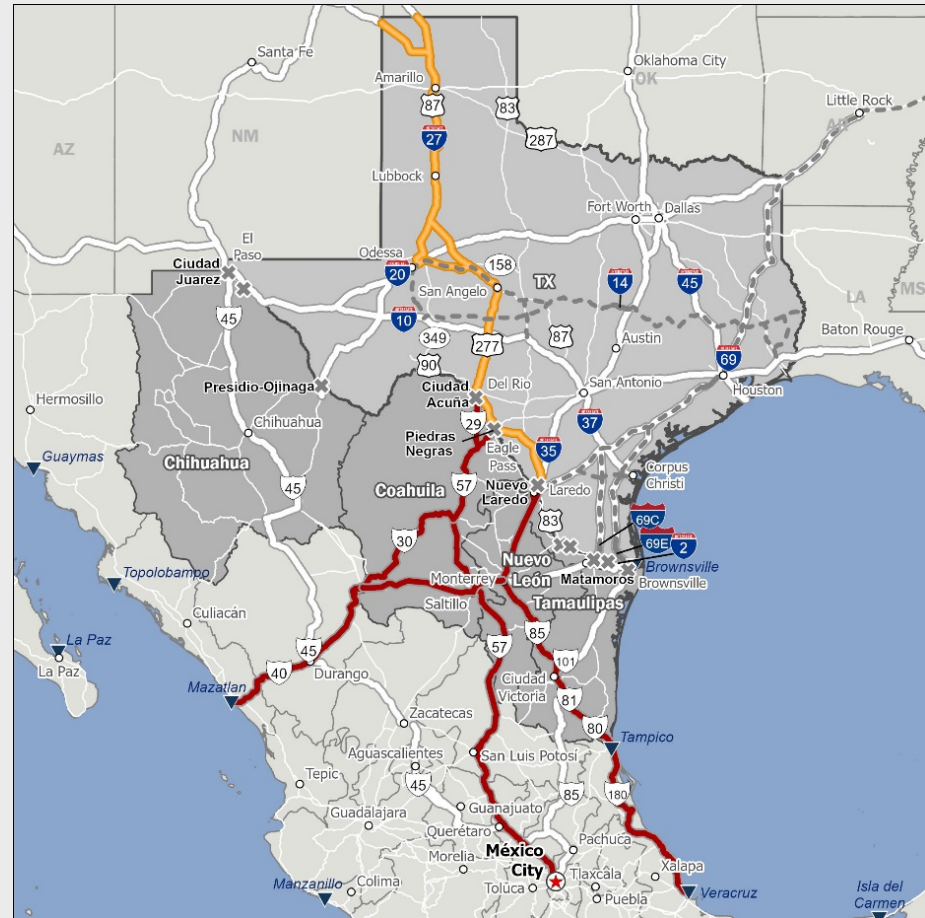
### Competing Internationally

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is vital to the continued viability of the international trade gateways



### Accessing International Trade

The Ports-to Plains Corridor will provide improved access to the trade gateways



## Opportunities for Multimodal, Emerging Technology, and Ancillary Infrastructure



- Transit
- Rail
- Port Connections
- Truck Parking Areas
- Active transportation
- Electric Vehicles
- Connected and Automated Vehicles
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Safety Rest Areas
- Future Technologies

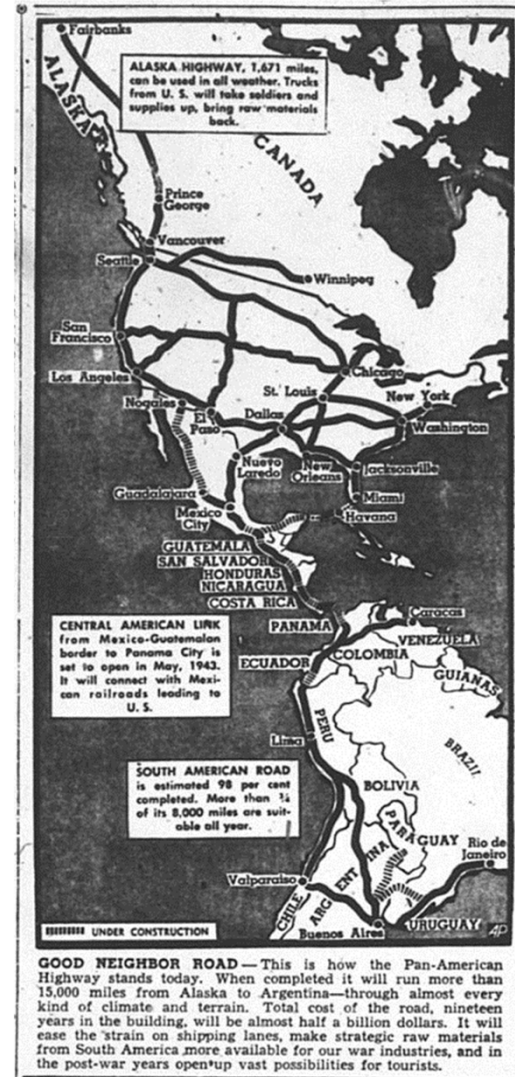


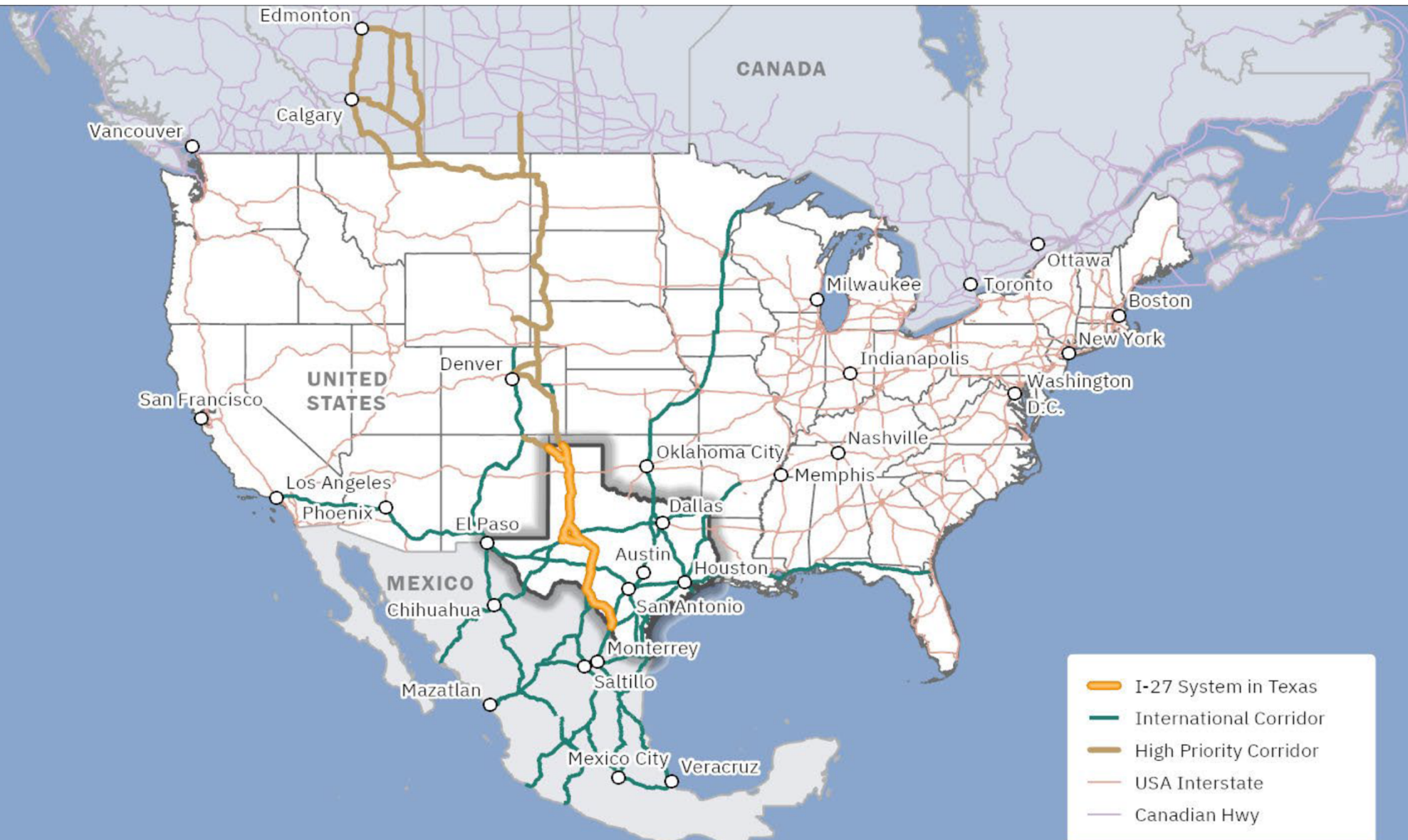
## Importance of Political Influence and Advocacy

- In **June 2019**, Governor Greg Abbott signed Texas **House Bill 1079** introduced by **Senator Charles Perry and Representative Four Price**, which directed TxDOT to conduct a comprehensive study of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.
- In **March of 2022**, the Texas and New Mexico portions of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor were designated by Congress as a future interstate highway. **(Cruz, Cornyn, Heinrich, Lujan, Arrington, Cuellar, Fernandez)**
- In **March 2024**, you can finally put a number on it. **“Future IH 27”** In December 2023, Arrington's bill passed the House. In March 2024, Cruz championed it through the Senate.

The Good Neighbor Road on November 27, 1942. This was a news article on the completion of the Pan American Highway.

“It will ease the strain of shipping lanes, make strategic raw materials from South America more available for our war industries, and in the post-war years open up vast opportunities for tourists.”





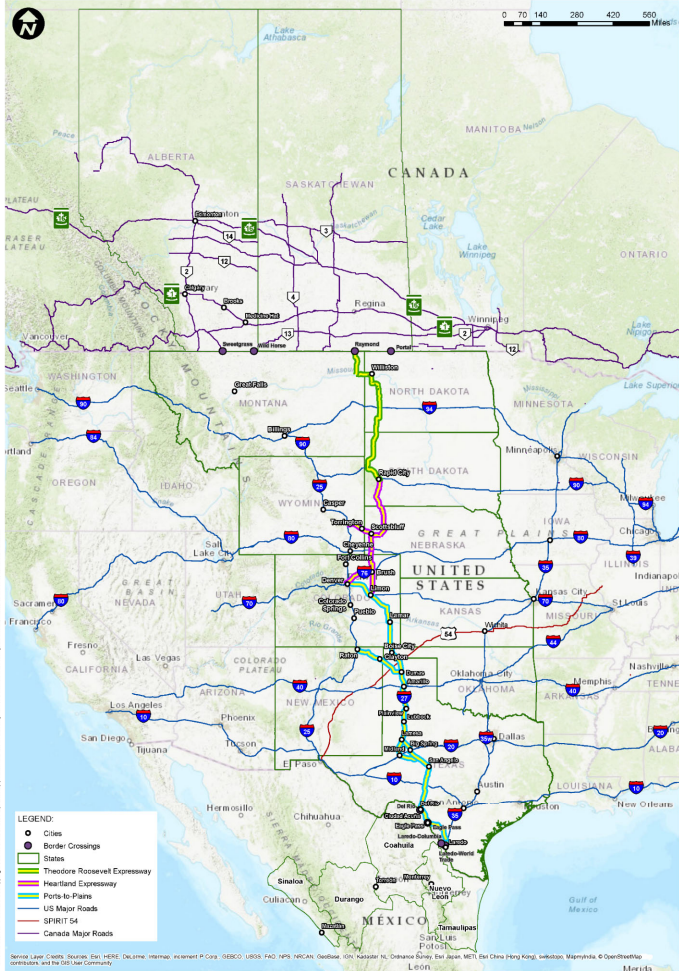
# Ports to Plains Trade Alliance

PORTS TO PLAINS CORRIDOR

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“ADVOCACY IS AN ACTIVITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP THAT AIMS TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS WITHIN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS.(WIKI)”



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE CORRIDOR MAP

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