



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

NEWS RELEASES

Ports-to-Plains Work Plan Released

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance released its 2011 Work Plan for June through December 2011. Major activities include Federal Advocacy, Energy Summit (Follow-up on 2011 and 2012 Planning), Annual Meeting, Southern Border, Northern Border, Economic Development Tours, Membership, Media, Social Media and Website. This plan will continue to be available and status' updated. [Click here](#) for report or go to the [Ports to Plains website](#) and click on What's New on the left side of the page.

This work plan addresses only the activities of the Alliance and does not address international work with Alberta or the state level efforts of Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, Heartland Expressway Association and the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association. Activities focused on transportation at the state levels will continue.



Ports-to-Plains Releases New Map of the Alliance Corridor on Portstoplains.com

The Google-based interactive map is designed to provide basic information on the backbone highway corridor, the economy of the region and quick contact information to our members. The map allows users to select layers, zoom and select data from each layer. Layers may be displayed or hidden by checking or unchecking the boxes at the top of the map. Users may zoom the map using the tool on the left side of the map. The map shows all the connections to other roadways down to local streets as a user zooms in.

[Click here for the new map.](#)

Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now and plan to be in San Angelo, TX on October 19-21, 2011. Every member needs to attend in order to show the commitment of the Alliance to the importance of Rural Transportation.

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- June 13-14 - 3rd Annual Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees, Breckenridge, CO
- June 14 – Panhandle Area Planning Commission, Amarillo, TX
- June 18-20 - Western States Transportation Alliance Annual Meeting, Bismarck, ND
- June 16 – New Mexico Transportation Commission, Raton, NM
- June 20 – Lubbock Economic Development Association, Lubbock, TX
- June 28 – 30 - 2011 Subcommittee on Highway Transport, San Antonio, TX
- June 29 – Plainview Lions Club, Plainview, TX
- July 20 - Ports-to-Plains Alliance Board of Directors Meeting, Clayton, NM
- August 29-31 - Canadian Oil Sands Infrastructure Summit, Calgary, AB
- October 19-21 - Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting, San Angelo, TX



TRANSPORTATION

Inhofe predicts transportation bill will fall short

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, despite what another key player called a breakthrough on the next major transportation bill, predicted that effort will fall far short of a much-delayed six-year measure.

"It is going to end up a two-year bill," the Oklahoma Republican said, conceding he shares the disappointment that states and others will no doubt voice.

Jim Inhofe: The senator says he is disappointed, but the money isn't there for the six-year measure.

"We can't do it. The money is just not there." To even get that scaled-down version through with the support of his fellow Republicans, Inhofe said he had to give in and make elimination of all earmarks part of the announcement issued last week by a group of key transportation players in the Senate...

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Shale Boom in Texas Could Increase U.S. Oil Output](#)

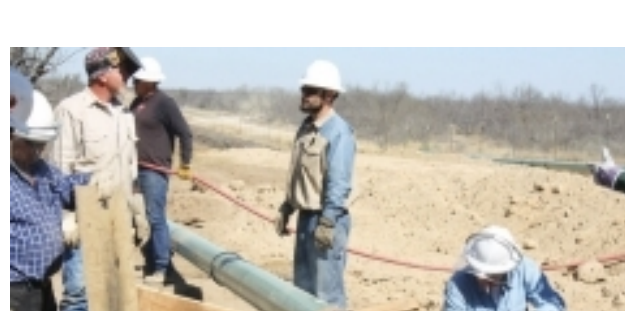
Until last year, the 17-mile stretch of road between this forsaken South Texas village and the county seat of Carrizo Springs was a patchwork of derelict gasoline stations and rusting warehouses.

Now the region is in the hottest new oil play in the country, with giant oil terminals and sprawling RV parks replacing fields of mesquite. More than a dozen companies plan to drill up to 3,000 wells around here in the next 12 months.

The Texas field, known as the Eagle Ford, is just one of about 20 new onshore oil fields that advocates say could collectively increase the nation's oil output by 25 percent within a decade without the dangers of drilling in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico or the delicate coastal areas off Alaska...

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Eagle Pass Business Journal



ENERGY

[EPA chief Lisa Jackson says natural gas production is 'a good thing'](#)

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency told a House committee Tuesday that she favored natural gas production and said she didn't know of any "proven case" in which hydraulic fracturing had affected drinking water...

[The Northwestern Transport Corridor – The Key to Oil Sands Expansion? \(Podcast\)](#)

[Canadian Oil Sands Infrastructure Summit](#)

[Midwest power transmission project targets Kansas wind](#)

Lisa Jackson U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator

Board Member Spotlight

[Richard \(Buzz\) David](#), CECD joined the [Amarillo Economic Development Corporation](#) (AEDC) in July 2004 as its President & CEO.

Buzz has more than twenty-five years experience in economic development in the private and public sectors. Prior to his move to Amarillo, Buzz served as the Director of Economic Development for Pinellas County, Florida; held a number of management positions during a fifteen year career with Florida Power Corporation and worked in economic development agencies with the cities of Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida.

Buzz is a graduate of the University of South Florida with majors in business administration and political science. He is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and is a Certified Economic Developer (CECD). He was selected as the "Eunice Sullivan Economic Development Professional of the Year" in 2004 by the Florida Economic Development Council.

He is active in his profession holding memberships in CoreNet Global, Industrial Asset Management Council (IAMC), International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC), High Ground of Texas, and is past-chairman of the Florida Economic Development Council. Buzz also serves on the boards of the Amarillo Entrepreneur Alliance, Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation and the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor.

Buzz is married to Amy, who is the Programs Coordinator at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. His after hours activities include hunting, fishing, golf, riding his Harley and four-wheeling in his Jeep.

"Transportation is critical to Amarillo's economic viability and the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor is a key asset in our community's ability to bring goods to the global marketplace," stated Buzz.

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Members in the Amarillo area include:

[City of Amarillo](#)

[Amarillo Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Amarillo Economic Development Corporation](#)

[Panhandle Regional Planning Commission](#)

[Amarillo College](#)

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