



2026 Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference Agenda
Del Rio, Texas, and Acuña, Coahuila
September 8-10, 2026

Tuesday, September 8, 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	Speaker(s)
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Registration Ramada by Wyndham, 2101 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX	
7:30 PM	Kickoff Mixer Gin House Jazz Club, 900 Pecan St, Del Rio, TX Live Jazz • Hors d'oeuvres	• Alvaro “Al” Arreola, Mayor, City of Del Rio • Emilio Alejandro de Hoyos Montemayor, Mayor, Ciudad Acuña • John Osborne, Chair, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
Wednesday, September 9, 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	Speaker(s)
7:00–8:00 AM	Breakfast Ramada by Wyndham <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
9:00 AM	Departure to Acuña, Mexico – Passport, Pass Card, Global Entry or SENTRI Card Required	
	Translation Services will be available	



10:30 AM	Registration Opens Grand Real Hall (Salón Grand Real) Hotel Villa Real Calle Nicolás Bravo 645, Zona Centro, 26200 Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Welcome and Remarks	• Emilio Alejandro De Hoyos Montemayor, Mayor, Ciudad Acuña • Lauren Garduño, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Remarks from Governor of Coahuila	• Ing. Manolo Jiménez Salinas, Governor of the State of Coahuila of Zaragoza (invited)
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Update from Del Rio Port	• Liliana Flores, Port Director, Port of Del Rio
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Signing of the Memorandum Of Understanding Between the Mayors, Judges, and State Authorities	
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Remarks by the National President of CANACINTRA	• Dra. María de Lourdes Medina Ortega, National President, National Chamber of the Transformation Industry (CANACINTRA)
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Lunch	
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Remarks by State of Coahuila Attorney General	• Mtro. Federico Fernández Montañez, State of Coahuila Attorney General (invited)
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Nearshoring Vs Reshoring. Mexico's New Challenge	• Samuel Peña Guzmán, Professor, Tecnológico de Monterrey; International Business and Foreign Investment Specialist



4:00 – 4:30 PM	Livestock Industry Presentation	• Eng. Sergio Siller, Technical Advisor, Coahuila Regional Livestock Union
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Industrial Development	• Grupo Amistad
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Aerospace & Defense Manufacturing	• Howmet Aerospace
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Mexico Manufacturing Network	• Caterpillar (invited)
6:00 – 6:30 PM	Consumer Products Manufacturing and Supply Chain	• Newell Brands
6:30 – 7:00 PM	Automotive, Commercial Vehicle, and Electronics Supply Chain	• PKC Group
7:00 – 7:30 PM	The Right Way	• Luis Ángel Urraza Dugay, Director of Economic Development, Municipal Government of Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila • José Santos Gómez Arizpe, President, CANACO Acuña — National Chamber of Commerce, Services and Tourism of Ciudad Acuña • Keila García Altamirano, President, CANACINTRA Acuña — National Chamber of the Transformation Industry, Acuña Delegation
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner Old Military Fort Museum Museo del Antiguo Cuartel Militar Pino Suárez 1. Col. 28 de Junio CP 26350. Ciudad Acuña, Acuña	
9:00 PM	Departure to Del Rio, Texas	

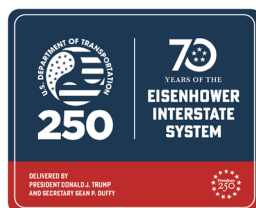


Thursday, September 10, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	Speaker(s)
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7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Ramada by Wyndham, 2101 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
8:30–9:15 AM	From Designation to Delivery: A Federal Funding Pathway for Future Interstates	Jennifer Shepard, Managing Director & Senior Policy Advisor, Hance Scarborough LLP
9:15 – 9:45 AM	From Trade Route to Strategic Asset: I-27, Border Security, and Emergency Response	Fabian E. Mendoza Jr., COL, F.SAME, USA, (RET), Army Program Manager, SVP - TBD
9:45–10:15 AM	Break No. 1 Snacks / Water / Coffee / Aguas Frescas <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Impact of the Del Rio Port: A Strategic Border Gateway for Trade, Jobs, and Regional Growth	Liliana Flores, Port Director, Port of Del Rio
11:00 – 11:45 AM	ASREC Ports: Advancing Secure, Redundant, and Economic Corridors from Designation to Delivery	Lauren Garduño, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance Shane Getson, MLA and Parliamentary Secretary of Economic Corridors, Legislative Assembly of Alberta
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch & Keynote Del Rio Civic Center – Red Oak Room <i>Sponsored by:</i>	Marc Williams, Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation



2:00 – 2:30 PM	Bridging Growth: The Economic Case for Extending I-27 Toward the Rio Grande Valley	Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI)
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Planning the Case for Investment: Future I-27, Port Access, and the Border Master Plan	TxDOT
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break Snacks / Water / Coffee / Aguas Frescas <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Bridging Ports and Corridors: Advancing Cross-Border Trade Infrastructure	- Del Rio - Eagle Pass – Homero Balderras, City Manager, City of Eagle Pass - Brownsville – Pete Sepulveda Jr., Executive Director, Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority
4:15 – 4:45 PM	USMCA and the Corridor Economy: Moving Trade from Border to Market	Daniel Covarrubias, PhD, Director, Texas A&M International University's (TAMIU) A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development
4:45 – 5:05 PM	Technology-Driven Corridors: Lessons for Moving from Designation to Delivery	Tracy Forester, ITS Practice Leader, Halff
5:05 – 5:30 PM	Building Momentum: Key Takeaways and Action Items	Lauren Garduño, President/CEO, Ports-to-Plains Alliance



6:00 – 9:00 PM

**Evening Event | Main Street
Social & Food Truck Fest**

Downtown Del Rio • Music • Food
Trucks • Border Culture

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