
From Ports – to Plains to Partners: Advancing Trade Through Border Connectivity

Collaborative pathways for sustainable, responsible generational growth & development:
“Fortress North America”

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- **Politics in Major Projects** – Political winds, and Electoral cycles are too short sighted
- **Attitude:** We are *Can-adian*, *Ameri-Can!*, *Mexi-Can* (Space vs Ports vs Rail vs Road)
- **Fortress North America is needed:** Energy, Food, and Arctic security, Ice Breakers, Critical minerals, enriched uranium, hydrogen, fresh water
- **Port & Rail Service:**, warehousing, labor disputes, real-estate and slow approvals
- **Reputation:** The rest of the world is Leap Frogging us
- **Alignment of trade partners:** Goals, Values, Neighbors, Sea Routes, Friendly Ports, Certainty
- **Conflicting Regulations: Stop or Go?**

Economic Corridors Pathway to Fortress North America

What's New?

- Refresh – Economic corridors 101
- Well Done Premier & Minister of Transportation Economic Corridors
 - “Western Collaboration on the Advancement of Economic Corridors”, National Attention (a rose by any other name)
 - Urging the Federal Government to Put in Place an “Economic Corridor Agency” to Strengthen Supply Chains
- Getting the Politicians to Speak the same Language and Getting Ink on Paper
 - May 21 2025 North Western Provinces Sign MOU for Corridors
 - Several Provinces back each other on Nation Building Projects
 - Utilization of Sub National Organizations
- Tariffs / Trade / Subnational Collaboration / Importance of Integrated Industries / Borders
 - See item 2, Politicians Education (CSG, NCSL, PNWER, Energy Council, Western Governors)
 - Big Picture Conversations
 - (The Chicken Dance, and Dancing Elephants)
 - Taking items of Concern seriously and working on that – AB approach vs Others at the time

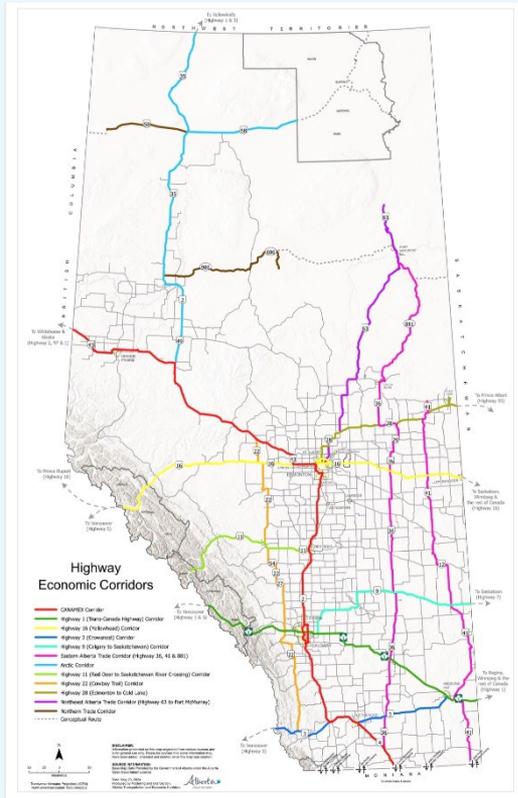
Made in North America - Thoughts

- “Drill Baby Drill” means “Build Baby Build”
- De-Bottleneck ports, roads, rail and air
 - Review Logistical Advantages of Sea access, with ports, rail, road
 - Big picture: North & Mid West with Gulf Coast – Texas to Alaska
 - Rules Needed vs Rules Used vs Wanted
- HAVE the STATE and Provinces Hold the International Crossing Permits
- Land border crossings
 - Critical links, expand volumes, Streamline Process / Regulations, Border Guard Coverage
 - De-bottleneck
- Capitalize on the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement and other trade agreements
- Free trade zones / Pre-Approved Industrial Zones– Flex this model within Corridors
- Secure Stable Trade and Supply : U.S. / Canada / Mexico: “Made in North America”

The How

- “Fortress North America” Food, Energy, Arctic, and National Security are priorities
- Execute (dust off?) Agreements for corridors & Modernize where needed
- MOU’s at the Subnational Levels – States / Provinces
- Identify and designate economic corridors
- Place preapproved Industrialized Zones and Foreign Trade Zones along Corridors
- Shovel Ready vs Shovel Worthy – What is needed vs wanted – no time for make work projects or Simple Politics
- Fast track / pre-approve infrastructure of interest within “Designated Corridors”
- Corridor management policies and authorities – Step outside of the “Political Swings”
- The Alamo – Modern Day Thermopolis – Personal Observation

Putting the pieces together



Thank-you

