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H.R. 7148, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 Delivers \$19.24 Million for Ports-to-Plains Alliance Projects

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The **H.R. 7148, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026**, signed on February 3, 2026, delivers **\$19.24 million** in federal funding to advance critical planning, safety, and infrastructure projects across the **Ports-to-Plains Alliance corridor**, strengthening regional connectivity, freight mobility, and progress toward Future Interstate development.

Texas Investments

August Pfluger secured **\$1.0 million** for **Future Interstate Planning between San Angelo and Sonora**. This funding will advance schematic design, environmental review, and planning for the proposed I-27 segment, positioning the project for inclusion in the Texas Unified Transportation Plan and supporting long-term regional economic development.

Ronny Jackson secured funding for two major projects:

- **\$1.0 million** for **State Loop 335 – Upgrade to Freeway** in Amarillo (TxDOT Project ID 2494-02-011), supporting conversion of the corridor to a controlled-access facility with main lanes, ramps, frontage roads, multimodal accommodations, and four multi-level interchanges to improve safety and mobility.
- **\$1.0 million** for **Interstate Planning and a City Location Study at Dumas**, advancing alignment planning connecting the City of Dumas with US 87, a key step in maintaining momentum toward I-27 implementation.

Jodey Arrington successfully advocated for two projects in Lamesa:

- **\$640,000** for a **Study of Lamesa Operational Improvements / Interstate Upgrade Options**, evaluating near-term traffic flow improvements at a critical I-27 split location.
- **\$5.0 million** for **Operational Improvements in Lamesa**, converting existing US 87 and Business 87 (Dallas Avenue) into one-way pairs to enhance safety and traffic flow while future interstate planning continues.

New Mexico Investments

U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján secured **\$1.6 million** for **Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Planning** between Raton and Clayton, including an **I-27 / I-25 Interchange Alignment Study**. Funding supports alternative analysis, environmental documentation, and preliminary design for a segment that is already four-lane divided, as well as City Location Studies for Des Moines and Capulin.

Teresa Leger-Fernandez championed **\$1.0 million** for **Interstate Planning and a City Location Study at Raton**, assisting the New Mexico Department of Transportation in determining the future alignment between US 87 (Future I-27) and I-25 to support economic development and regional connectivity.

Colorado Investment

Lauren Boebert secured **\$2.0 million** for the **SH 71 Corridor Improvements Project** along the **Heartland Expressway**. The project, included in CDOT's 10-Year Plan, will advance reconstruction, shoulder widening, safety improvements, operational upgrades, and Intelligent Transportation Systems across approximately 27.5 miles in eastern Colorado.

Nebraska Investment

Deb Fischer championed **\$6.0 million** for **Heartland Expressway safety enhancements** between Chadron and the Nebraska–South Dakota state line, strengthening a critical north–south trade corridor.

Ports-to-Plains Alliance

Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 200 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway and Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com/>.

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