



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 & Welcome Reception Ramada by Wyndham, 2101 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
7:30 PM	Kickoff Mixer Gin House Jazz Club, 900 Pecan St, Del Rio, TX Live Jazz • Hors d'oeuvres • Mariachi Del Rio	
Wednesday, September 9, 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	Speaker(s)
7:00–8:00 AM	Breakfast Ramada by Wyndham <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
8:30 AM	Departure to Acuña, Mexico – Passport, Pass Card, Global Entry or SENTRI Card Required <i>Sponsored by:</i>	Topics and Speakers TBD
	Translation Services will be available	

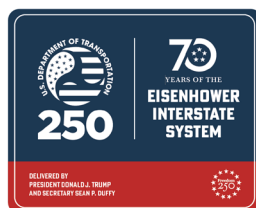


Thursday, September 10, 2026

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>	
8:30–9:45 AM	Meetings Del Rio Civic Center – Pecan Ballroom, 1915 Veterans Blvd, Del Rio, TX <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
8:30–9:15 AM	From Trade Route to Strategic Asset: I-27, Border Security, and Emergency Response	TBD
9:15 – 9:45 AM	From Designation to Delivery: A Federal Funding Pathway for Future Interstates	Jennifer Sheperd, Hance Scarborough LLP, Managing Director & Senior Policy Advisor
9:45–10:15 AM	Break No. 1 Snacks / Water / Coffee / Aguas Frescas <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
10:15 –11:45 AM	Meetings Del Rio Civic Center – Pecan Ballroom <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	ASREC Ports: Advancing Secure, Redundant, and Economic Gateways from Designation to Delivery	TBD
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Impact of the Del Rio Port: A Strategic Border Gateway for Trade, Jobs, and Regional Growth	TBD



12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch & Keynote Del Rio Civic Center – Red Oak Room <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Meetings Del Rio Civic Center – Pecan Ballroom <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Bridging Growth: The Economic Case for Extending I-27 Toward the Rio Grande Valley	TBD
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Planning the Case for Investment: Future I-27, Port Access, and the Border Master Plan	TBD
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break Snacks / Water / Coffee / Aguas Frescas <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
3:30 – 5:30 PM	Meetings <i>Sponsored by:</i>	Topics and Speakers TBD
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Bridging Ports and Corridors: Advancing Cross-Border Trade Infrastructure	- Del Rio - Puerto Verde - TBD
4:15 – 4:45 PM	USMCA and the Corridor Economy: Moving Trade from Border to Market	TBD
4:45 – 5:15 PM	Technology-Driven Corridors: Lessons for Moving from Designation to Delivery	Tracy Forester, Halff, ITS Practice Leader
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Building Momentum: Key Takeaways and Action Items	Lauren Garduno, Ports-to-Plains Alliance, President/CEO
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening Event Main Street Social & Food Truck Fest	



	Downtown Del Rio • Music • Food Trucks • Border Culture <i>Sponsored by:</i>	
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