

Ports to Plains Corridor — Montana

Economic Impact of Corridor Investment & Long-Run Transportation Efficiency

Construction Phase Static impact

Construction in Montana spans approximately 85 miles at \$25.15 million per mile, a total investment of roughly \$2.14 billion. This delivers \$5.28 billion in total economic output and 25,250 jobs across the state economy, including 13,822 direct construction jobs and 11,428 supported indirectly through suppliers and household spending. Each direct job generates an additional 0.83 jobs statewide, and each dollar of direct output generates an additional \$0.85 in statewide output. This construction phase generates a total of \$366.1 million in tax revenue for the state.

Cost per mile (\$25.15 million) reflects Montana-specific terrain and construction costs. It is a preliminary planning assumption supplied by the Ports to Plains Alliance for this corridor scope, not a REMI model output. Actual costs will vary by segment based on existing highway configuration, structures, interchanges, right-of-way, utilities, environmental requirements, and urban conditions.

\$366.1M TOTAL TAX REVENUE fixed 2022 dollars	1.85× OUTPUT MULTIPLIER total ÷ direct output	25,250 TOTAL JOBS SUPPORTED direct + indirect + induced	\$5.28B TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT fixed 2024 dollars	\$25.15M COST PER MILE corridor construction	85.00 CORRIDOR MILES Montana segment
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Impact Channel	Employment (jobs)	Economic Output (\$M)	Description
Direct	13,822.33	2,855.19	Construction activity itself
Indirect	1,468.47	435.17	Supplier & supply-chain purchases
Induced	9,959.48	1,984.70	Household re-spending of wages
Total Impact	25,250.29	5,275.07	All channels combined

Gross Domestic Product: \$2,926.61M (millions of fixed local 2024 dollars) · Personal Income: \$2,021.78M (thousands of current dollars, shown in millions)

Operations Phase — Transportation Efficiency 2055–2080 · 26-year horizon

Expanding the highway system increases transportation access and lowers transportation costs for businesses and residents of Montana, supporting a wide range of industries and employment opportunities. Economic output declines by \$80 million in 2055 as early adjustment costs outweigh gains, then turns positive, reaching \$206 million in gains by 2070 and \$315 million in gains by 2080. Employment reaches 342 sustained jobs by 2080, and population grows to 1,592 residents. Cumulative tax revenue over 2055–2080 totals \$146.0 million.

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Total Tax Revenue

2055–2080, fixed 2025 dollars

Sustained Gain for Montana, Over Baseline	2055	2070	2080	Peak
Total Employment (jobs)	–280	242	342	342 (2080)
Population (persons)	–59	1,120	1,592	1,592 (2080)
Economic Output (\$B, fixed 2025)	–0.080	0.206	0.315	0.315 (2080)
Total Tax Revenue (\$M/yr, fixed 2025)	–5.6	8.8	13.4	13.4 (2080)

Employment Distribution — Operations Phase

