

Ports to Plains Corridor — Nebraska

Economic Impact of Corridor Investment & Long-Run Transportation Efficiency

Construction Phase

Static impact

Construction in Nebraska spans an estimated 221 miles, a total investment of roughly \$3.38 billion. This delivers \$5.82 billion in total economic output and 29,165 jobs across the state economy, including 16,410 direct construction jobs and 12,755 supported indirectly through suppliers and household spending. Each direct job generates an additional 0.78 jobs statewide, and each dollar of direct output generates an additional \$0.80 in statewide output. This construction phase generates a total of \$255.4 million in tax revenue for the state.

For planning purposes, upgrading the Nebraska Ports to Plains corridor to Interstate standards is estimated at approximately \$15.3 million per mile in 2026 dollars, assuming frontage roads are required along approximately 20% of the corridor. Actual costs will vary by segment based on existing highway configuration, structures, interchanges, right-of-way, utilities, environmental requirements, and urban conditions.

\$255.4M TOTAL TAX REVENUE fixed 2022 dollars	1.80× OUTPUT MULTIPLIER total ÷ direct output	29,165 TOTAL JOBS SUPPORTED direct + indirect + induced	\$5.82B TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT fixed 2024 dollars	\$15.3M COST PER MILE corridor construction	221.00 CORRIDOR MILES Nebraska segment
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Impact Channel	Employment (jobs)	Economic Output (\$M)	Description
Direct	16,409.89	3,227.63	Construction activity itself
Indirect	1,774.51	498.42	Supplier & supply-chain purchases
Induced	10,980.19	2,097.56	Household re-spending of wages
Total Impact	29,164.59	5,823.62	All channels combined

Gross Domestic Product: \$3,211.28M (millions of fixed local 2024 dollars) · Personal Income: \$2,155.55M (thousands of current dollars, shown in millions)

Operations Phase — Transportation Efficiency

2055–2080 · 25-year horizon

Expanding the highway system increases transportation access and lowers transportation costs for businesses and residents of Nebraska, supporting a wide range of industries and employment opportunities. This generates sustainable economic growth from \$908 million in 2055 to \$1.96 billion in 2080. Employment reaches 3,433 sustained jobs by 2080 after peaking at 3,441 in 2076. Population reaches 5,954 residents by 2080, having peaked at 6,057 in 2075. Cumulative tax revenue reaches \$1.02 billion over 25 years.

\$1.02B
Total Tax Revenue
2055–2080, fixed 2022 dollars

Sustained Gain for Nebraska, Over Baseline	2055	2070	2080	Peak
Total Employment (jobs)	2,503	3,380	3,433	3,441 (2076)
Population (persons)	922	5,859	5,954	6,057 (2075)
Economic Output (\$B, fixed 2025)	0.908	1.587	1.964	1.964 (2080)
Total Tax Revenue (\$M/yr, fixed 2022)	26.1	42.1	49.0	49.0 (2080)

Employment Distribution — Operations Phase

