



Coahuila Municipalities Join Together to Advance Ciudad Acuña–Torreón Multimodal Highway Corridor

Agreement signed during Ports-to-Plains Alliance conference establishes framework for infrastructure, trade and economic cooperation

CIUDAD ACUÑA, Coahuila — Nearly 300 government, transportation, business and community leaders gathered in Ciudad Acuña on Sept. 9 for a full day of the 2026 Ports-to-Plains Alliance Annual Conference, highlighted by the signing of an intermunicipal Memorandum of Understanding aimed at advancing the Ciudad Acuña–Torreón Multimodal Highway Corridor.

The Acuña program, which ran from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., brought together participants from Mexico, the United States and Canada for presentations and discussions on cross-border trade, the Del Rio Port, economic development, nearshoring and reshoring, manufacturing, investment and international supply chains.

“This agreement brings 20 Coahuila municipalities together around a shared vision for safer transportation, stronger supply chains and expanded economic opportunity,” said Lauren Garduño, president and CEO of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance.

“The Ciudad Acuña–Torreón Multimodal Highway Corridor is an essential connection between Mexico’s industrial and commercial centers, the international border and the future I-27 corridor.

“By coordinating infrastructure planning, investment and economic-development efforts, these communities are strengthening their individual economies while building a more competitive and resilient North American trade network.”

The MOU brings together participating Coahuila municipalities to promote the modernization, expansion and preservation of highway infrastructure along the Ciudad Acuña–Torreón segment. Other objectives include attracting investment, integrating supply chains, expanding commercial opportunities, promoting trilateral tourism and developing joint strategic projects.

The agreement also calls for technical working groups focused on infrastructure, logistics, mobility and economic development; information sharing; promotion of highway and logistics projects; public and private investment; and coordinated efforts to improve roadway safety and freight transportation.

Witnesses signing the agreement represented Mexico, the United States and Canada, including Coahuila Secretary of Economy Luis Eduardo Olivares Martínez; Ports-to-Plains Alliance President and CEO Lauren Garduño; Del Rio Mayor Al Arreola; Lubbock Mayor Mark McBrayer; Lubbock County Judge Curtis Parrish; and Alberta MLA Shane Getson, Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridor Development.

Acuña Mayor Emilio Alejandro de Hoyos Montemayor emphasized the human impact of stronger regional connections during the conference. “We share much more than geography,” he said, pointing to the importance of transportation infrastructure in improving quality of life for families and future generations and better connecting the region to North America.

The MOU provides for an Intermunicipal Technical Committee and a Regional Follow-Up Technical Committee to coordinate future corridor initiatives with the Government of the State of Coahuila and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance.

The MOU is a declaration of intent outlining cooperation among the participating municipalities. The agreement provides for an initial four-year term beginning upon signature.

About the Ports-to-Plains Alliance

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance is a grassroots, nonprofit coalition of communities, businesses and advocates working to expand and improve transportation infrastructure from Texas to North Dakota and ultimately to Canada and Mexico. Its mission is to promote development of a modern, efficient and safe interstate highway corridor that supports economic growth, agriculture, energy, tourism, supply chains and international trade.