



PORTS - TO - PLAINS
ALLIANCE

Securing the Benefits of Commerce to
North America's Energy & Agricultural Heartland



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EXPRESSWAY**

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Mission Statement

Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of communities and businesses whose mission is to advocate a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity through North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico and Canada.



Congressionally Dedicated

- Already has Congressional Designation...
- Important for Eligibility for Federal Transportation Funding





Four-laning of Highway 85

FOUR-LANING HIGHWAY 85 THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXPRESSWAY



"THEY HAVE COMMITTED 50 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS CONTINGENT ON SUCCESSFUL FEDERAL GRANTS AND THEN THERE IS SOME WORDING THAT WAS PUT IN FOR BONDING FOR HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE."

CAL KLEWIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Overweight/Oversize Permitted Loads on US 85





Oversize/Overweight Permit Comparison

Year	U.S. 2 4-lane	U.S. 83 4-lane	I-29 4-lane	I-94 4-lane	U.S. 52 4-lane	U.S. 85 2-lane
2014		22,128	32,300			78,367
2015		15,438	25,460			57,637
2016		13,378	25,068			44,484
2017		11,452	25,332		15,664	45,540
2018	56,203	13,655	25,840	48,503	17,129	51,168
2019	59,816	15,124	25,268	46,963	16,570	51,669
2020	45,056	12,193	23,681	40,378	14,738	33,214
2021 (3 rd)	31,123	7,383	19,024	28,018	10,122	24,809













Long X Bridge



Figure 10. Option LX-3: Remove (i.e., demolition or adoption) the existing Long X Bridge and construct a new four-lane bridge to the east.



Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)

The US Highway 85 Project encompasses approximately 62 miles of roadway in Stark, Billings, and McKenzie counties, North Dakota.

Completed EIS between Watford City and I-94









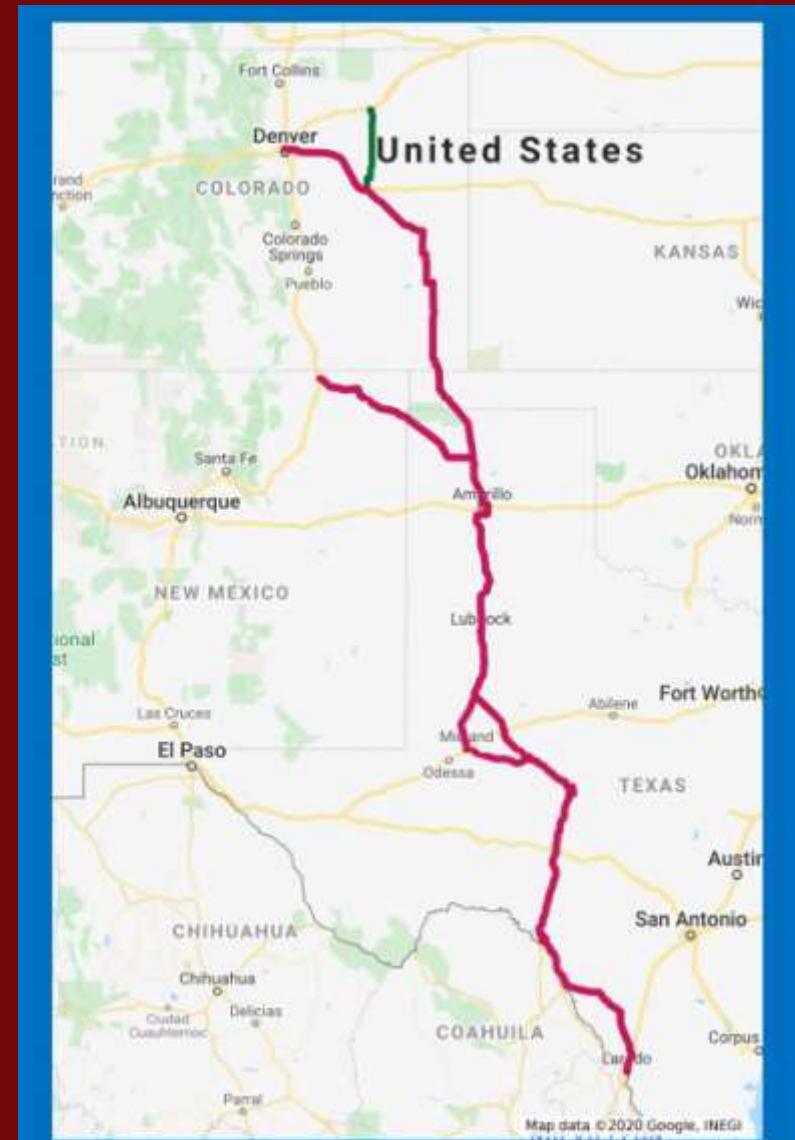
"ROUGH" ROAD

- REMOVE -
- DENTURES -
- TIGHTEN -
- BRA STRAPS



Future Interstate Designation

Initial effort was to designate the Ports-to-Plains and a portion of the Heartland Expressway as a future Interstate Highway





Future Interstate Designation

117th Congress

U.S. House of Representatives
Transportation Infrastructure Legislation –
H.R 3684, the INVEST in America Act

- Included language designating the Ports-to-Plains Corridor in Texas and New Mexico as a Future Interstate Highway
- Oklahoma and Colorado were not included in the designation because Colorado DOT would not support.



Future Interstate Designation

117th Congress

- The infrastructure bill is now caught up in the \$3.5 trillion spending plan for Human Infrastructure that will be considered under Budget Reconciliation rules.
- As a result, the policy items, such as, Future Interstate Designation cannot be included the the Human Infrastructure Bill.



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Thank You

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