



CALL TO ACTION: TEXAS SUPPORTERS OF THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance is asking for your support of a proposed feasibility study of the extension of Interstate 27. At this step, this will just look at the feasibility of a future interstate.

We need individuals, local elected officials, local businesses, and non-profit leaders to express their support of this study. The study will determine the possibility of interstate expansion in West Texas beyond the current interstate between Lubbock and Amarillo.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) needs to hear your support for this study. Your name will be added to the letter below and sent to the following transportation officials:

Tryon D. Lewis
Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission

Jeff Austin III
Texas Transportation Commission

Victor Vandergriff
Texas Transportation Commission

J. Bruce Bugg Jr.
Texas Transportation Commission

Jeff Moseley
Texas Transportation Commission

Lt. Gen. Joe Weber
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation

Russell Zapalac
Chief Planning and Project Officer
Texas Department of Transportation

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed feasibility study of the extension of Interstate 27. For more than 15 years we have supported the efforts of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition to improve the transportation infrastructure through West Texas. TxDOT has made great strides in upgrading the corridor, and now is the right time to take a look at the next step which is future interstate designation.

As we all know very well, Texas is a rapidly growing state and the demands on our transportation system are growing exponentially. Furthermore, growth in energy production, agriculture and trade will only increase the stress on the system. Interstate 35 is a vital artery for trade for all of North America but one highway cannot possibly serve the needs of not only Texas but the entire continent. TxDOT obviously understands this and we commend you for proactively addressing this critical issue in many ways. We particularly look forward to the upcoming draft of the State Freight Plan. We see the I-27 feasibility study as an important piece of Texas' planning for future freight movement throughout the state.

This is a long term proposition and the feasibility study is the first step. Interstate 27 was originally designated in federal legislation in 1968 but it was not completed until 1991. If the extension of I-27 is found to be feasible, construction for upgrades to interstate standards will not begin for years, and the entire corridor will take decades to complete. That is why it is so important to take the first step and begin the process today.

Transportation is critical to the state economy and even more crucial to West Texas which depends upon connectivity to move our goods and services to market. TxDOT has an outstanding group of district engineers throughout the Ports-to-Plains region who are great partners. Thank you for what you do to provide this invaluable infrastructure and for your consideration of this very important project.

The City of

San Angelo, Texas

72 W. College Avenue - 76903



Office of the Mayor

July 23, 2015

Honorable Judge Steve Floyd:

Judge Floyd:

I am enclosing a letter from the Ports to Plains Alliance asking for community support for a feasibility study to extend Interstate 27. In my opinion, the most logical route would be to extend Interstate 27 south from Lubbock following the existing Highway U.S. 87, intersecting Interstate 20 at Big Spring, and Interstate 10 at Sonora, and continuing on to Del Rio.

I support Interstate 27 primarily for the safety factor. We need to move traffic, especially truck traffic, through San Angelo as quickly and safely as possible and Interstate highways are far safer than our current roads.

I respect the different opinions about an Interstate running through San Angelo so I ask you to review this letter of support and endorse it with your signature if possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwain R. Morrison".

Dwain R. Morrison

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