



**Theodore Roosevelt
EXPRESSWAY**



**PORTS-TO-PLAINS
ALLIANCE**

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

Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association Accomplishments

- **FAST Act**

The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association, working with the Ports-to-Plains Alliance was able to successfully advocate for specific programs that were included in the federal transportation reauthorization legislation called the FAST Act

- **Formula Freight Funding to Each State**

For the first time in history, states are receiving federal formula funds to directly benefit freight movement. This means that North Dakota receives \$7,933,570; Montana receives \$13,142,861; and South Dakota receives \$9,016,413 in average annual payments for the next five years.

- **Discretionary Freight Funding Opportunities for Each State**

The FAST Act established a Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects program as a competitive grant process with dedicated funding specifically for freight projects. The competitive grant program includes \$4.5 billion nationally from 2016 through 2020, an annual average of \$900 million.

North Dakota has submitted an application for the replacement of the Long X Bridge in North Dakota.

- **Critical Rural Freight Corridors**

The FAST Act expanded the definition of Critical Rural Freight Corridors to include both energy and agriculture production area. Critical Rural Freight Corridor score higher when freight funding decisions are made in the programs described above. North Dakota is eligible to identify 150 miles; Montana 188 miles; and South Dakota 150 miles.

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Working with the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association successfully advocated Federal Highway Administration to release guidance to states on the process of designating Critical Rural Freight Corridors.

Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association will continue to encourage state DOTs to designate portions of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway.

- Initiation of Environmental Impact Statement Process for U.S. 85 from Watford City to Interstate 94
- Completion of the Four-lane from Williston to Watford City including the Relief Route at Watford City
- US Highway 85 Clean-up

Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association coordinated the Spring Clean-up of U.S. Highway 85. The large groups of volunteers represented the majorly populated areas along Highway 85—Bowman, Bowman County, Williston, Belfield and Watford City—and several state and regional entities such as the N.D. Association of General Contractors, the N.D. Petroleum Council, N.D. League of Cities, Vision West, N.D. Tourism Department, N.D. Motor Carriers, Theodore Roosevelt-Medora Foundation, N.D. Association of Oil and Gas Producing Counties, McKenzie County Tourism and Western Dakota Lions Clubs.

- Port of Raymond Reduced Hours

Continue to oppose efforts of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to reduce hours at the Port of Raymond in Montana at the northern end of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway.

- North Dakota Legislature

Ongoing advocacy by the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association for infrastructure needs of western North Dakota.

- 18th Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference in Williston ND

Attracted the international Conference which highlighted the energy development in western North Dakota.

