

**2017 2nd Quarter report**

The spring cleanup of Highway 85 (The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway) was again successful thanks to the many volunteers that step up and out to clean North Dakota communities and Roadways. The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association has been involved with volunteer groups that take highway litter problems very serious. The volume of litter was down this year from 2016 according to reports from the Williston and Dickinson Districts that disposed of the bags picked up by the volunteers.

HB 1311 passed the 65th Legislative session raising the fines and promoting awareness effort we hope will address this problem along North Dakota’s Highways and make for continuing improvement of the Highway Litter problem.

The agenda for the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Energy & Agriculture Summit - June 13-14 [www.portstoplains.com](http://www.portstoplains.com) in Denver hosted a very interesting slate of speakers and the information shows how important trade is to the Ports to Plains Corridor and the role transportation plays in the efficient delivery of products to the nation and our trading partners.

The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association (TREA) was in attendance for the annual Washington D.C. Ports to Plains Fly In the last week of April, 2017. The meetings were very productive with the alliance House and Senate members and staff.

A highlight I would like to mention was a side meeting with the House Transportation Staff and Senate Staff of the Environmental and Public works committees. They are very aware of the Ports to Plains Alliance goals to grow rural America thru safe and efficient transportation. They strongly recommend that we send written correspondence to administration including the Trump Administration to be included in a plan for a major surface transportation project. We are currently working with Ports to Plains Staff and Washington D.C. Government Affairs Liaison and will summit the letter when appropriate. The Trump Administration will be unveiling specifics of the transportation plan this week June 5-9 2017.

Governor Burgum and Lt. Gov. Sanford have been invited to the White House to meet with the President and Senior Transportation Staff on Thursday June 8, 2017 (link below)

<https://www.governor.nd.gov/news/burgum-accepts-invitation-white-house-meeting-infrastructure-senior-administration-officials>

Below is interesting trade data research by Joe Kiely (Ports to Plains V.P.) for the TRE states that will be included in the correspondence.

**North Dakota**

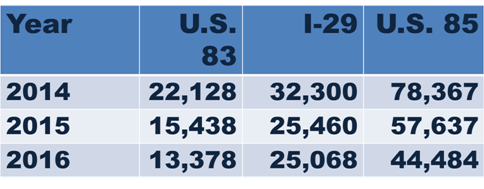
* **Mexico**
  + Truck exports to Mexico in 2016 were valued at $46.2 million and increase of 1,031% since 2004.
    - Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts exports have increased 19,893% to $16.9 million from 2004 to 2016.
* **Canada**
  + In 2016 North Dakota exported $1.1 billion of commodities by truck to Canada, an increase of 209%.
    - By all modes in 2016 of Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes totaled $277 million, an increase of 1,333% since 2004.
    - In terms of agriculture and value added commodities in 2016:
      * Cereals were valued at $70.5 million and increase of 1,138%.
      * $55.2 million of Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits.
      * Edible Vegetables and Roots had a value of 32.6 million, an increase of over 600% since 2004..
* **South Dakota**
* **Mexico**
  + In 2016 there were $209 million of truck exports to Mexico with an increase of 50% since 2004.
  + Agriculture and value added commodities dominate the top ten in total exports in 2016:
    1. Meat and Edible Offal exports were valued at $121.7 million (ranked #1).
    2. $72. 6 million in Food Residues and Waste (ranked #2).
    3. Cereals exports were valued at $11.8 million (ranked #4).
    4. Raw Hides and Skins were valued at $10,459,054 (ranked #5).
    5. $7.9 million in Products of Animal Origin (ranked #6).
* **Canada**
  + Truck exports to Canada were valued at $400.7 million in 2016, an increase of 79.1% since 2004.
  + Again, in total commodity exports, agriculture and value added trade was significant:

Food Residues and Waste were valued at $116 million and increase of 291% since 2004 (ranked #1).

* $58.3 million in Meat and Edible Offal (ranked #4).
* Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils were valued at $8.2 million with an increase of 292% since 2004 (ranked #8).
* **Montana**
* **Mexico**
* In 2016 truck exports to Mexico have grown 332% since 2004 to $16.2 million
  + - Ranked at third in 2016, truck exports by all modes of Edible Vegetables and Roots totaled $5.3 million, an increase of 1,363% since 2004.
* **Canada**
* $422 million of truck exports moved from Montana to Canada in 2016.
  + Tobacco and Manufactured Tobacco; Aircraft; Spacecraft and Parts; and Salt; Sulfur; Plaster and Cement were the leading commodities exported by all modes in 2016. These were valued at $307 million, an increase of 1,289% since 2004.
    - In terms of agriculture and value added, Edible Vegetables and Roots valued at $27.7 million have grown 1,171% since 2

Below is the oversized permitted loads issued over time periods that I know you are familiar with and the 2017 data to April 30 which included U.S. 52.

* **2017:**
* **US83 – 2418**
* **US85- 11656**
* **US52- 3636**
* **I29- 5615**



Planning Work continues on the Watford City to I-94 Phase of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway much of the work is going towards the Draft EIS. Prior to the Draft EIS being published, another Stakeholder Group meeting will be held, the first one was held in Fairfield N.D. on February 8, 2017 . The next steps are publishing the Draft EIS and holding public hearings.

Our work continues to complete the corridor with our alliance partners to provide safe efficient transportation for the traveling public.

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