



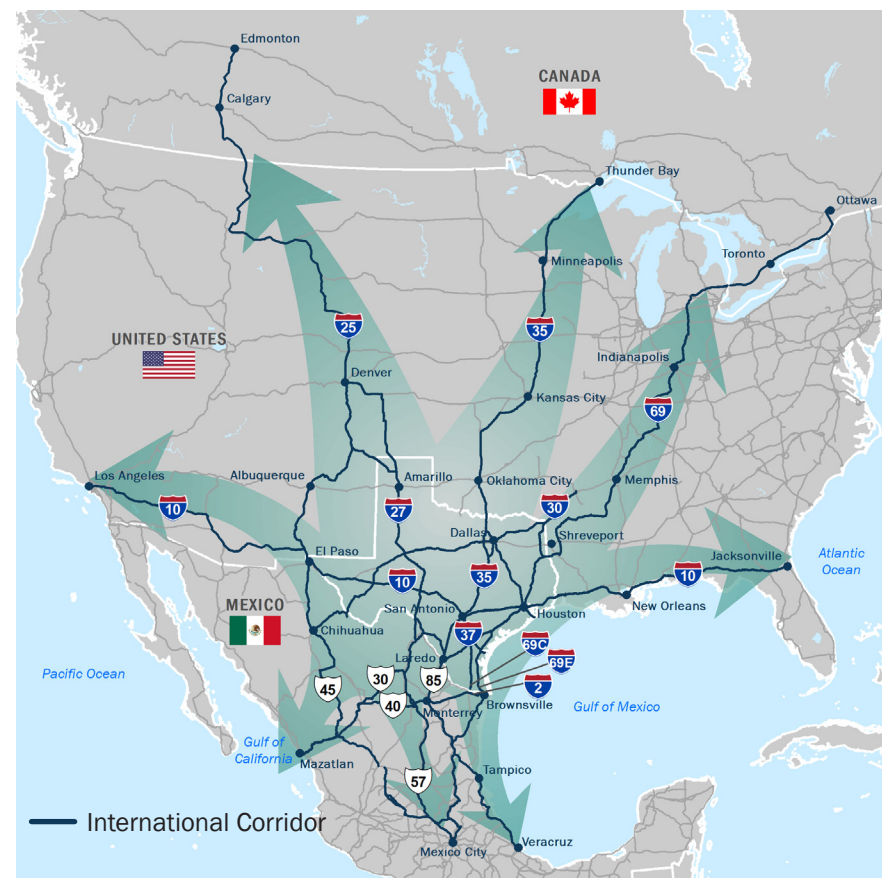
International Trade is a Key Economic Sector for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Future Interstate I-27 Advisory Committee



The Ports-to-Plains Corridor was designated as a future interstate in Texas and New Mexico in the federal Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus appropriations bill. Interstate 27 (I-27) is part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and exists between Lubbock and Amarillo. It is assumed the Corridor will be designated I-27 as it extends south from San Angelo and north from Amarillo. Route numbering is ultimately the responsibility of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the United States Department of Transportation. The **963-mile corridor spans 26 Texas counties** and includes portions of I-20, I-27, I-35, US 83, US 87, US 277, US 287, SH 158, and SH 349.

International Trade

The **Ports-to-Plains Corridor improves freight movement and service with Mexico** throughout the United States, making it faster, safer, and less costly to trade. Northbound commercial vehicle crossings¹ are expected to reach 7.1 million in 2050, an increase of 173% since 2009.



THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR IS VITAL TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE BECAUSE IT CONNECTS WITH THE THREE GATEWAYS OF LAREDO, EAGLE PASS, AND DEL RIO

Imports and Exports Passing through the Ports-to-Plains Corridor

Below are imports from Mexico that will be trucked to states other than Texas and exports from the U.S. to Mexico that will be trucked from states other than Texas and will pass through the Corridor in 2050¹.



Port of Laredo

In 2021, the Port of Laredo was ranked the third largest U.S. port of entry based on its total import/export trade value of \$249 billion³.

Port of Laredo Trade Operation⁴



4.5
Million Trucks
Annually



\$250
Billion in
Trade Annually



60% Increase in commercial traffic in the past 10 years

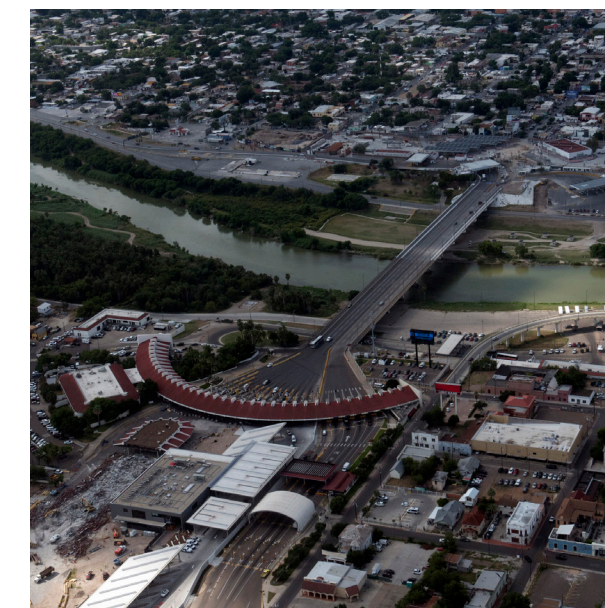
30%

Total U.S. world trade that transits through Texas ports of entry

40%

Total trade between the United States and Mexico

LAREDO, DEL RIO AND EAGLE PASS BORDER CROSSINGS HAD \$262 BILLION IN 2019 CROSS-BORDER TRADE²



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PORT OF LAREDO - TOP INLAND COMMERCIAL PORT OF ENTRY AT THE U.S. AND MEXICO BORDER³

¹TxDOT SAM and Transearch

²United States Customs and Border Patrol Truck Volumes by Bridge, 2009-2018 and Bureau of Transportation Statistics Transborder Freight Data 2006-2019

³Economic Outlook Report, Texas Center, April 2022

⁴Bureau of Transportation Statistics Transborder Freight Data 2006-2019



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