# Ports-to-Plains Corridor Advisory Committee

# **Corridor Interstate Feasibility Analysis and Findings**

**Baseline** 

The Baseline analysis assumes only currently planned and programmed projects are implemented along the Corridor by 2050.6 Feasibility analysis considered two options

Interstate Upgrade The Interstate Upgrade analysis assumes improvements to provide a continuous-flow, fully access-controlled facility with a minimum of two lanes in each direction separated by a median within a typical 300- to 500-foot right-of-way.

#### EXTENDING I-27 IS ESSENTIAL TO:

- Improve Connectivity, Safety, and Mobility
- Improve Travel Time and Reduce Travel
   Time Cost
- Improve Freight Movement
- Increase Access to Markets for Energy and Agricultural Products
- Alleviate Congestion and Improve Reliability
- Facilitate the Flow of Goods and International Trade
- Create Jobs and Economic Opportunities
- Increase and Expand the Local Tax Base and State Sales Tax Revenues



The Texas state crash rates indicate the interstate upgrade would have **15 to 25 percent fewer crashes** than a typical US Highway and **35 percent fewer crashes** than a typical State Highway.

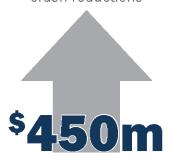
These findings indicate the interstate upgrade would lower crashes over the baseline.

Crash rates = the number of crashes per 100 million vehicle miles.

In 2050, the interstate upgrade estimated crash rate reduction Corridor-wide over



Annual economic benefit resulting from corridor-wide crash reductions







The interstate upgrade will provide a travel time benefit over the baseline due to greater travel speed provided by full access control.

The findings demonstrate the interstate upgrade would provide a travel time benefit over the existing facility.

Travel Time Savings = the amount of time saved due to upgrading the Ports-to-Plains Corridor to an interstate.

The interstate upgrade would reduce

Corridor travel time in 2050 over the baseline.





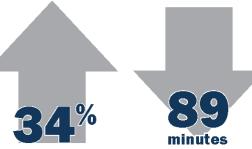
### Freight Movement Findings

The interstate upgrade would **attract truck traffic from nearby parallel routes**, as well as national routes like I-10, I-35 from Laredo to San Antonio, and I-35 to I-70 from Dallas to Denver

Also provide **improved access to international trade gateways** of Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Laredo.

Increase corridor average daily truck traffic over 2050 baseline

Reduce average travel times across the Corridor





## **Energy and Agricultural Products to Market Findings**

The **reduction in travel time, increased market access radius, and increase in route reliability** provided by the interstate upgrade will help the energy industry transport products to market.

The interstate upgrade would create a **fully access controlled facility** for the entire corridor with improved travel times and reliability for freight, including trucks transporting energy and agricultural products to market.

Provide a **safer and more reliable route for trucks** carrying energy and agricultural products to market when traveling through cities and small towns.