

## Final Report

**MLA Len Mitzel to the Ports-to-Plains Board Meeting  
and Texas Transportation Forum  
Austin, Texas  
January 2-5, 2011**

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### **Overview:**

Len Mitzel, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat, represented Alberta at the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Alliance (PTP) quarterly Board of Directors meeting and the Texas Transportation Forum in Austin, Texas, January 2-5, 2011.

### **Mission Objectives:**

The mission was successful in meeting a number of objectives:

1. Profile the province to PTP members and showcase Alberta as a resourceful, responsible energy producer and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S.
2. Work with the PTP and collaborate on common issues and opportunities and exchange ideas.
3. Highlight the importance of efficient trade corridors between Alberta and the U.S., including border issues.
4. Promote Alberta-U.S. ties.

### **Results:**

MLA Mitzel participated in the PTP quarterly Board meeting on January 3, where the business of the organization was discussed. Detailed plans for a second PTP energy conference were reviewed that included plans for sessions on oil sands, oil shale, conventional oil and gas, biofuels and renewable energy, as well as means of attracting policy makers from across the PTP region. The energy conference is set for Broomfield, Colorado, April 6-8, 2011.

With the Mexican State of Coahuila joining PTP as a new member in August 2010, the first board member from that jurisdiction was appointed. The move to expand into Mexico gives the organization added depth in terms of connecting to a larger region as well potential for increased trade. The Board discussed other jurisdictions currently considering membership in the organization, the Mexican states of Durango and Queretaro, as well as Saskatchewan.

MLA Mitzel also participated in the Texas Transportation Forum. The event offered Mitzel the opportunity to gain insight into the transportation initiatives that are underway in Texas and to network with delegates to promote Alberta as a responsible and secure energy supplier to the U.S.

### **Delegation:**

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