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SENATOR ALLARD URGES HIGH-PRIORITY DESIGNATION FOR FINAL SECTION OF GREAT PLAINS INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a letter sent today, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) urged the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to give High Priority Corridor designation to the final section of the Great Plains International Trade Corridor.

Senator Allard said, "As the transportation bill reaches conference committee, I am optimistic that the Chairmen and Ranking Members will make the completion of the Great Plains International Trade Corridor a part of the final legislation. The corridor's completion will be a great boon to the economy of Eastern Colorado and the surrounding region."

The Ports to Plains High Priority Corridor, which runs between Texas and Denver along Highway 287 and Interstate 70, and the Heartland Express High Priority Corridor, which runs between Denver and Rapid City, South Dakota along Interstate 76 and Colorado State Highway 71 are two major elements in the Great Plains International Trade Corridor.

"The Great Plains International Trade Corridor has the potential to provide a huge benefit to the economic development of Eastern Colorado. A complete route will support additional trade and tourism, and bring additional dollars into the Eastern Slope," Senator Allard said.

The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, running from Rapid City, South Dakota to the Canadian border, is the only section of highway in the Great Plains International Trade Corridor that is yet to be designated as a High Priority Corridor. This designation will make the entire corridor eligible for additional federal funding under the borders and corridors program of the transportation bill.

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