

Dallas NAFTA Trade Corridor to Sign Historic Agreement with Panama Canal Authority; Agreement to Strengthen Port of Dallas as an Inland Hub for International Trade

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Who: Dallas Councilman Bill Blaydes, Project Chair, Dallas
NAFTA Trade Corridor and other Dallas City Councilmembers
Alberto Aleman Zubieta, Panama Canal Authority
Administrator
Adsinar Cajar Bocek, Consul of Panama, Houston, TX
Dallas County Commissioner Maurine Dickey and other Dallas
County Commissioners
Wayne Middleton, Mayor of Balch Springs, Texas

What: The NAFTA Trade Corridor will hold an international signing ceremony with the Panama Canal Authority outlining an agreement to strengthen the Port of Dallas as an inland hub for international trade and commerce. This historic agreement will promote the all-water route from Asia to Dallas via the Panama Canal and the Port of Houston and will be a major factor for economic growth. The Panama Canal serves more than 140 transportation routes from every corner of the world and is a critical global link between ports, commodities and consumers.

The NAFTA Trade Corridor includes the City of Dallas, Dallas County and the City of Balch Springs. The Dallas area is strategically located as an inland hub for international trade because it is situated at the intersection of five interstates, three major rail lines and various state and U.S. highways. The overall plan includes expanding the River of Trade Corridor Coalition, developing the Port of Dallas, a linear/foreign/freeport trade zone, an inland port of pre-clearance and a cargo airport.

When/Where: Friday, Dec. 9, 2005
11 a.m.
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla Street-Flag Room (6E-North)
Dallas, TX 75201