

NAFTA Highway: Mid-Continent Trade and Transportation Corridor

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From Hudson Bay to the Gulf of Mexico — in the name of reducing travel time, transport and trade processing costs.

The Mid-Continent Trade and Transportation Corridor consists of a series of interconnected transportation systems, including: rail, road, air and marine shipping, that run through the centre of North America from the Arctic Port of Churchill in Manitoba, through the American Heartland to Mexico.

The key cities along the Corridor include: Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Kansas City (Kansas), Kansas City (Missouri), Oklahoma City, Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Monterrey, Guadalajara and Mexico City. This would be part the Corridor system that Canadian Prime Minister denied existed to the Canadian people.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) focuses on the development and maintenance of efficient and safe transportation systems, a goal shared by the the Province of Manitoba and it's NGO supporters, seeks to develop the Corridor but fails to see it's long term ramifications for Canadians, Americans and Mexicans alike.

Development of the Corridor includes enhanced inter-jurisdictional coordination and investments in order to:

Reduce travel time, transport costs and **trade processing costs**

Ensure and enhance transportation **security and safety**

Making improvements such as these have the *potential* to enhance economic development throughout the corridor.

Canada, the United States and Mexico conduct over \$2.5 billion in trilateral trade each day or about \$990 billion in trade annually.

The Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg and surrounding area have undertaken various corridor development activities over the last decade and will continue to work with stakeholders to foster relationships that result in increased economic development opportunities.

At the northern limit of the Corridor, the Port of Churchill in Manitoba provides North America with marine access to and from global markets, and is linked to southern

transportation routes by rail. Winnipeg has a major intermodal transfer centre and Provincial Highways No. 75 and 29 south connect the province with the United States Interstate system I-29 and I-35. I-35 connects the United States to Mexico through the southern Port of Laredo.

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