

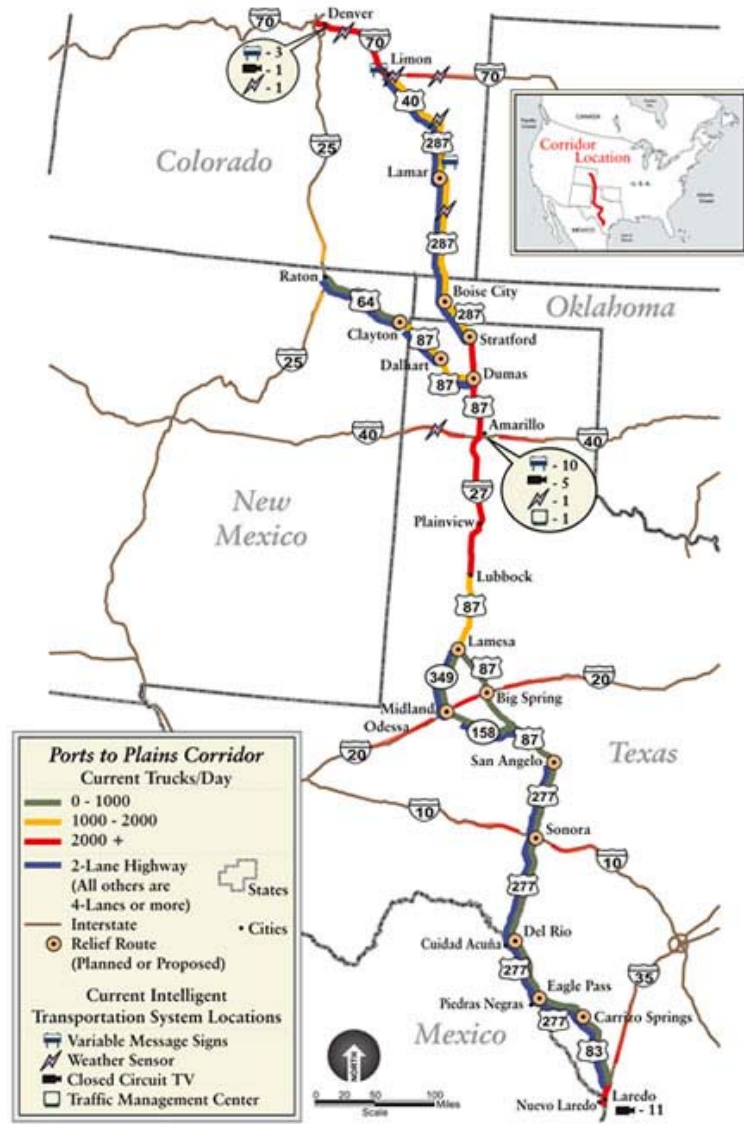


PORTS-TO-PLAINS

T R A D E C O R R I D O R

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The Corridor



- ▶ 1,390 miles corridor length
- ▶ About half of route is either 4 or 6 lane divided, or under design/construction
- ▶ 15 Relief routes planned, totaling 113 miles

Estimated Cost

- ▶ Construction and Expansion - \$2.685 billion
- ▶ ITS Projects - \$47 million
- ▶ RR Crossings - \$10 million
- ▶ Signage - \$300,000
- ▶ Increased Maintenance & Operations - \$125 million
- ▶ **Total - \$2.8 billion**

What is Ports to Plains Coalition

- ▶ 90 + member coalition of cities, counties, economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, colleges and universities
- ▶ Common goal of improving the corridor infrastructure
- ▶ Two full-time staff and one part-time staff in Lubbock, one part-time in Colorado
- ▶ Volunteer board from throughout the corridor
- ▶ Top Washington transportation lobbyist

What Ports to Plains Means

Economic Development

- ▶ Will create more than 40,000 new jobs
- ▶ Economic impact of more than \$4.5 billion
- ▶ Expand tax base
- ▶ Economic benefit of more than 3:1

What Ports to Plains Means

Safety

- ▶ Four-lane divided highway reduces accidents by:
 - Texas – 47%
 - Oklahoma – 44%
 - New Mexico – 33%
 - Colorado – 28%

Ports to Plains Connections



Ports to Plains Progress

- ▶ TxDOT studying options for developing PTP as a Trans-Texas Corridor without tolling
- ▶ US 87 four-laning from Dumas to NM state line underway, completion in 4 – 5 years
- ▶ Relief routes in Del Rio and Big Spring in final design stage
- ▶ Lamesa relief route planning is progressing
- ▶ TxDOT funding doubled since PTP coalition created

Ports to Plains Progress

- ▶ New Mexico broke ground in December, will be completed in four years
- ▶ Have let first three projects
- ▶ Complete four-lane route from San Angelo to Denver upon completion



Ports to Plains Progress

- ▶ Boise City, Oklahoma relief route received final environmental clearance last year
- ▶ Oklahoma received \$36 million in PTP earmarks in SAFETEA-LU
- ▶ Colorado received more than \$25 million in earmarks in SAFETEA-LU and '06 appropriations

Ports to Plains Strengths

- ▶ **Cost effective**
 - Primarily utilizes existing roadway
 - Lower costs in rural areas
- ▶ **Strong unified support**
- ▶ **No air quality concerns**
- ▶ **Room to grow**
- ▶ **Access to three Mexican border crossings**

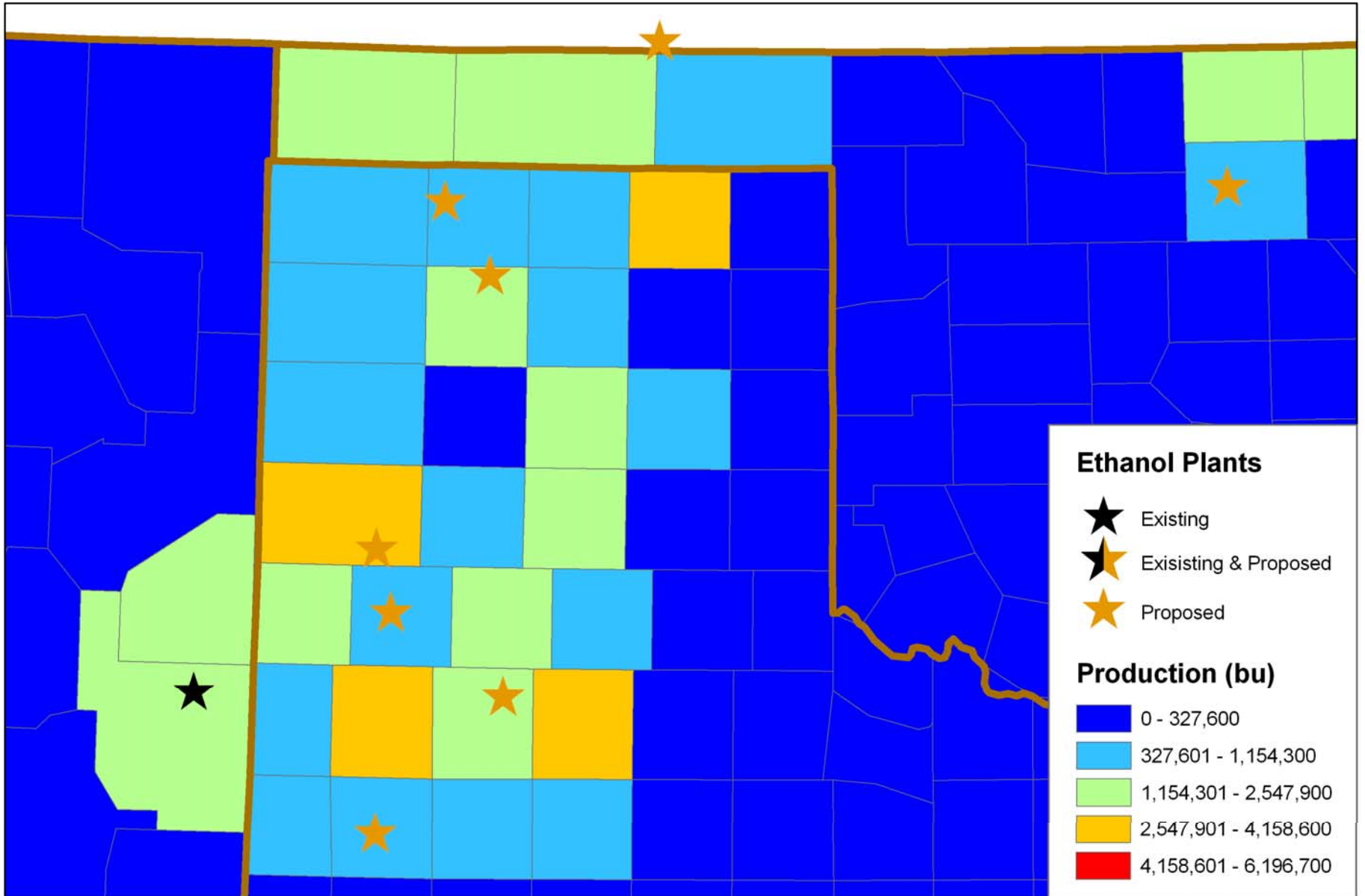
Ports to Plains Challenges

- ▶ Transportation funding can not meet the demands to maintain and expand our infrastructure
- ▶ Low traffic counts
- ▶ Small population centers and bases of support

Ports to Plains Opportunities

- ▶ NM Gov. Bill Richardson made PTP a top priority in GRIP
- ▶ Trans Texas Corridor vision of completing entire corridors
- ▶ Alternatives to tolling for revenue generation
- ▶ Create balanced growth for all states
- ▶ Need to alleviate congestion

2005 Sorghum Production and Ethanol Plants

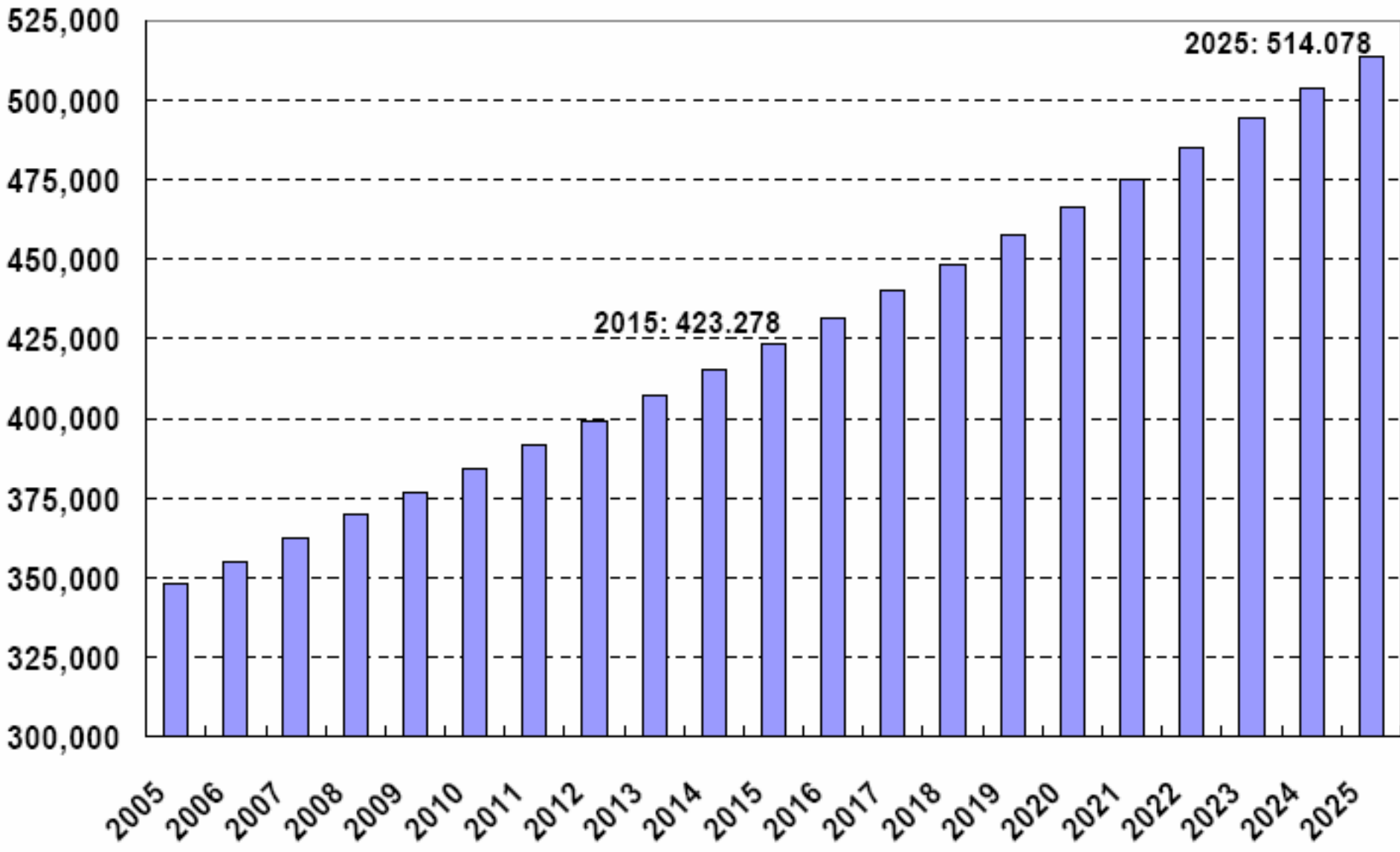


Ethanol Traffic Impact

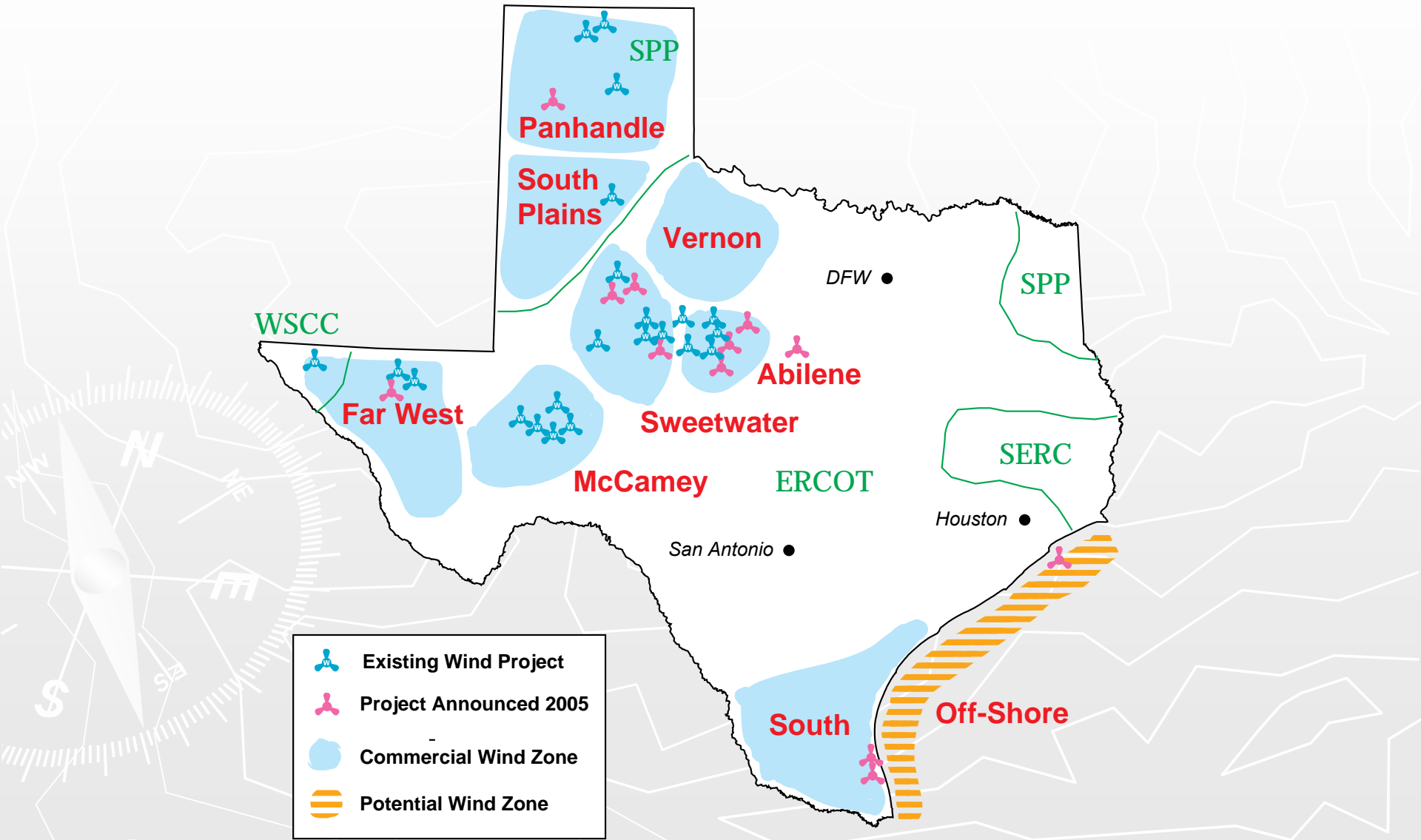
Capacity (MGPY)	30	50	100
Grain In (Trucks/yr)	11,080	18,467	36,934
Grain In (Trucks/day)	30	51	101
DDGS Out (Trucks/yr)	8,733	14,555	29,110
DDGS Out (Trucks/day)	24	40	80

TEXAS ENERGY FORECAST

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Commercial Wind Zones in Texas



Major Challenge for Wind Energy

- ▶ Infrastructure – transmission lines from production facilities to metropolitan areas
- ▶ Ports to Plains can serve as backbone for new transmission lines



Rail Component

- ▶ TxDOT, CDOT studying freight rail opportunities in the region
- ▶ High demand due to coal, ethanol, dairy, cotton industries growth
- ▶ Potential for developing distribution network from center of country outward
- ▶ Looking to short-line carriers and toll railroads
- ▶ Completes north-south rail network

South Central Rail Network



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More information

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