



ADOT's Mexico and Border Strategy



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What the Roadmap Tells Us...

- ◆ Trade is vital because it brings in new wealth from outside
- ◆ Make it here and sell it there
- ◆ High value tradable goods need reliable access to highways, rail, air, and the intermodal points that connect them
- ◆ The international market is an underdeveloped opportunity, especially top trading partner Mexico



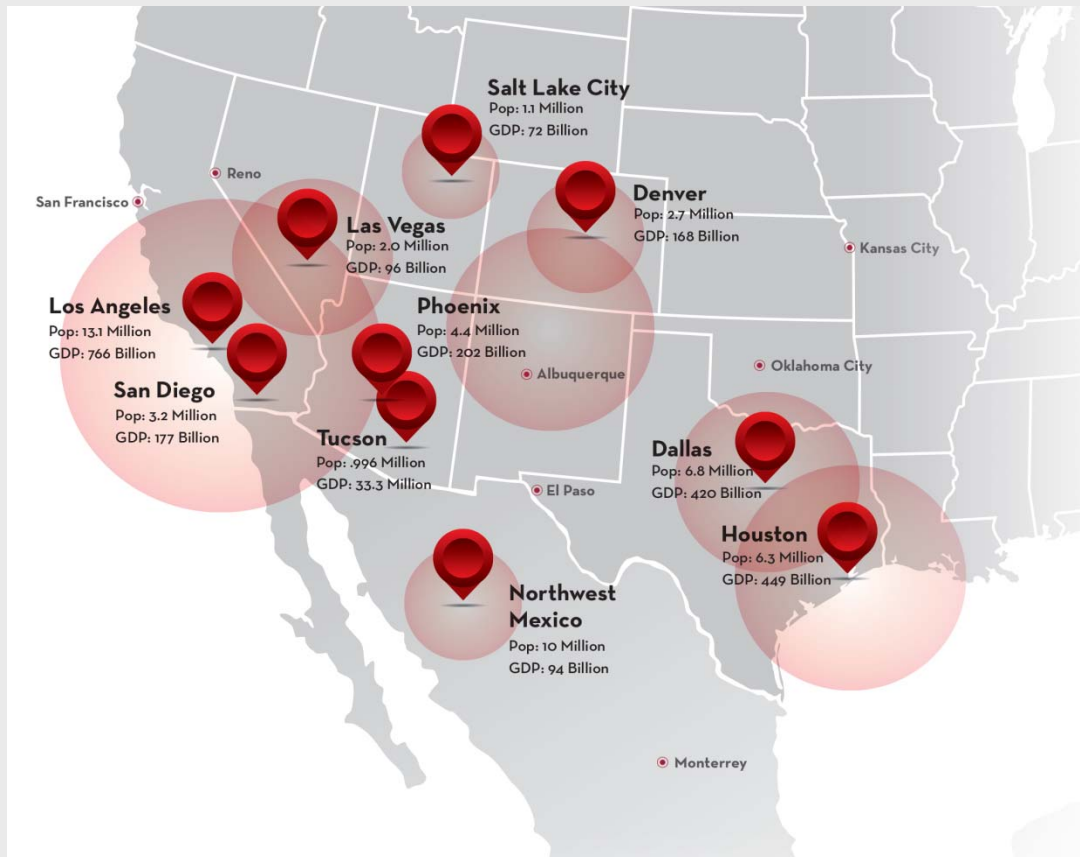


ADOT's Response

- ◆ *Seek stable resources* and take advantage of tools such as P3s
- ◆ *Understand Mexico's economy, supply chain, and infrastructure priorities*
- ◆ Work on *relationships*, not just projects
- ◆ Work on *improving the entire corridor* from Mexico City to the northern border of Arizona, and beyond



Why Work Together?



- ◆ Bilingual region centrally located to major consumer markets in Mexico and the US
- ◆ Arizona-Mexico as a platform for R&D, production, marketing and distribution for North America and the world



Key Commerce Corridors



GOAL: Develop and properly resource an integrated transportation system supportive of Arizona's economic goals.



Mariposa Reconfiguration

- ◆ US \$250 Million port expansion almost completed
- ◆ Ribbon Cutting October 15, 2014
- ◆ Will double if not triple throughput for inspection pick up
 - ◆ From 4 to 8 cargo lanes
 - ◆ From 4 to 12 car lanes
 - ◆ Dedicated pedestrian and bus facilities



- ◆ Dedicated southbound inspection facilities
- ◆ Working to modernize SR-189 connecting POE to Interstate 19



Mexico Highway 15 – High Speed Corridor



- ◇ Principal gateway between Western United States, Mexico and Canada
- ◇ Connects some of Mexico's most important cities
- ◇ Improvements needed to the Commercial Corridor in Nogales Sonora. South of Nogales, the highway is also in poor condition.
- ◇ Delays at military checkpoint at Querobabi continue to make MX15 Corridor very inefficient



Delays At Querobabi



- ◆ Delays at Querobabi Military Inspection point continue
- ◆ Impacts the flow of trucks, cars and buses the move all along Pacific Coast of Mexico destined for the US market
- ◆ Countermands all gains of the investment made at Mariposa Port of Entry
- ◆ Willing to explore ways to make inspection more effective and efficient, including donation of equipment
- ◆ **How can we work with the Mexican military authorities?**



Mexico Highway 15 – Some Success!

- ◆ Commitment of nearly **\$1 Billion** in improvements from Sinaloa to the border!
- ◆ Improvements underway to commercial corridor in Nogales Sonora
- ◆ Commitment of funds from US Embassy in Mexico City to provide technology and training to Mexican military officials at Querobabi





Rail Connectivity with Mexico

- Rail crossings at Nogales are growing substantially
- Critical to long-term competitiveness of the region
- Union Pacific and Ferromex are undertaking projects to improve passage through Nogales
- First time in over 40 years shipped produce from Sinaloa to Nogales by truck, then via rail to Baltimore
- Great interest to look at other perishable commodities





Douglas and San Luis

- ◆ Existing Port of Entry in Douglas is overburdened
- ◆ Strategy to relocate commercial operations to a new port of entry west of existing port
- ◆ City of Douglas issued an RFQ and chose a Development Team
- ◆ Southbound waits at San Luis I exceed 2 hours
- ◆ Some High-Impact/Low-Cost projects are underway
- ◆ Long term solution is to allow cars to cross at San Luis II





Other Actions

- ◆ Speeding completion of SR 189
- ◆ TTCA and renewed emphasis on manufacturing production, and global trade
- ◆ Development of State Freight Plan and emphasis on border infrastructure
- ◆ Undertaking a corridor study from central Mexico to Northern Arizona, including rail



Thank you!