



ADOT Mexico and Border Activities Update

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Arizona-Mexico Relationship



- ◆ \$14.1 billion = 2013 Arizona's bilateral trade with Mexico (up from \$13.2 billion)
- ◆ 48.3 million = 2013 Number of people that crossed the border between Arizona and Mexico (up from 42 million)
- ◆ 16.3 million = 2013 number of cars (up from 15 million)
- ◆ 763,000 = 2013 number of trucks (up from 754,000)
- ◆ 1,800 = 2013 number of trains (up from 1,300)
- ◆ \$450+ million = Investment in border infrastructure in the past 7+ years



Why work together?

- ◆ Binational 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





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



Commercial Corridor At Nogales

- ◆ Improvements on Mexican side still pending include:
 - ◆ Repaving of Corridor
 - ◆ Construction of additional lane 1 KM long
 - ◆ Construction of new aduanas 4 KM south of the border
 - ◆ Pedestrian drop off and pick up
 - ◆ Improve maintenance and fencing
 - ◆ Deploy appropriate signage
- ◆ **WORKING ON: Completion of improvements be completed on Mexican side – shorter term and longer term**





Delays at Querobabi



- ◆ Delays at Querobabi Military Inspection point continue to make MX15 Corridor very inefficient
- ◆ 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 in order to make inspections more efficient?**



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 watermelons from Sinaloa to Nogales by truck, then via rail to Baltimore
- Great interest to look at other perishable commodities





Highway 15 – High Speed Corridor



- ◆ One of the principal US-Mexico trade corridors
- ◆ Principal gateway to Western United States and Canada
- ◆ Connects some of Mexico's most important cities, including Mexico, D.F., Guadalajara, Mazatlan, Culiacan, Cd. Obregon and Hermosillo
- ◆ **What are Mexico's plans to enhance reliability and efficiency in the corridor?**



Douglas and San Luis

- ◆ Existing Port of Entry in Douglas is outdated and 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 1 to 2 hours
- ◆ Some High-Impact/Low-Cost projects are underway
- ◆ Long term solution is to allow cars to cross at San Luis II





Other Activities Along the Border

- ◆ Opening of the new Arizona trade office in Mexico City
- ◆ Speeding completion of SR 189 in Nogales
- ◆ TTCA and renewed emphasis on manufacturing and production, and on global trade
- ◆ Development of State Freight Plan and emphasis on border infrastructure



Thank you!