

## CANAMEX Corridor (S<sup>3</sup>: Safe, Smart and Secure) Overview

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**Overview** The CANAMEX Corridor is a nationally designated high priority route traversing the states of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana, linking to the Canadian Province of Alberta and the Mexican States of Sonora, Sinaloa, Nayarit and Jalisco.

Organizationally the development of the Corridor is advanced through a multi-state coalition including public and private sector representatives selected by the Governors of the five states. The Governor of Arizona designates a Taskforce representing state directors, and community and business leaders.

The intention is to strategically invest in infrastructure and technology to advance a focused agenda to increase competitiveness in global trade, create jobs and maximize economic potential within the five state region.

Notable accomplishments include 1) \$2.1 M CyberPort allocation for the construction of the Mariposa Port of Entry FAST lanes; 2) \$300,000 for the a GSA Mariposa Port of Entry Redesign Feasibility Study; 3) Completion of the Wi-Fi Security Project for First Responders; 4) Mexican federal designation of the Guaymas -Arizona Multi-modal Corridor and 5) High Priority Visibility of the CyberPort initiative, Ag Seal and Secure, to expedite the movement of Mexican Winter Produce.

**Priorities** **Arizona Task Force, Multi-State Coalition and International Partnerships**

### Arizona Priorities: Marine Ports; Telecommunication; Infrastructure and CyberPort

- Develop in conjunction with identified stakeholders a strategy to position Arizona to capitalize on new marine port development plans and existing trade from LA/Long Beach.
- Collaborate with Sonora and Mexico's Secretary of Transportation and Communication to incorporate the results of the Guaymas to Tucson Corridor Study into a realistic approach for multi-modal corridor growth.
- Advance the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology for Telecommunication infrastructure and Broadband development, specifically to ensure broadband access for communities with a population of 500 and above and cellular service along every mile of the interstate and major highway system.
- Evaluate how the WiFi Security Project for First Responders should be used as the bases for a corridor-wide pilot.
- Implement a Seal and Secure Pilot in Mexico that expedites movement of low risk produce shipments to the Mariposa Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona.
- Identify resources for a proposal to secure domestic and foreign agriculture producer warehouses from a bioterrorism attack/infiltration.
- Cooperate with border communities to secure federal resources and high prioritization for infrastructure enhancements at Arizona border ports of entry.
- Secure state and federal designation of CANAMEX in Arizona
- Develop a statewide freight and logistic strategy.

### Multi-state Coalition

- Complete the Hoover Dam Bypass Project, also referred to as the Colorado River Bridge
- Implement a 511 deployment initiative to incorporate tourism information and increase interoperability between states.
- Launch an aggressive and focused political outreach and marketing campaign to secure funding and to increase visibility.

### Canada

- Broaden collaboration through a multi-dimensional approach rooted in business development as a means to drive growth in the Corridor. Components include policy, trade, infrastructure and research
- Determine merits for inclusion of Alaska into U.S. federal designation.

### Mexico

- Advocate for federal designation of CANAMEX route; multi-state coalition and bi-national work plan resulting in short to long term priorities (e.g., ACE, 911/511, Port Hours of Operation).