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Governor's **CANAMEX** Task Force

EXECUTIVE ORDER

On June 5, 2003, Governor Janet Napolitano issued Executive Order 2003-19 with the purpose of continuing the use of the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force through December 2004. Specifically, the Task Force:

- Coordinates with other political subdivisions along the CANAMEX Corridor to enhance the safety and efficiency of the Corridor through strategic investment in transportation, telecommunications and economic infrastructure.
- Pursues funding sources for projects of strategic importance such as the Hoover Dam Bypass, US 93 and I-10/I-19 interchange and the widening of State Route 85.
- Focuses on transportation, ports of entry, commerce, communications infrastructure, border issues and alliances between the American and Mexican states and the Canadian provinces of Alberta
- Identifies opportunities to be undertaken by the Executive Branch with other interested States or provinces as well as the business community and other community organizations.
- Identifies inter-regional legislative and policy initiatives and works to support those initiatives.
- Promotes Arizona as the CANAMEX Gateway and center of Corridor activities in cooperation with various state agencies and CANAMEX communities.
- Works to accelerate broadband deployment in rural Arizona
- Prepares and annual report of its activities to be submitted to the Governor and other public officials.



Since its inception in 1995, the **CANAMEX Corridor** has grown to become the cornerstone for the seamless and efficient transportation of goods, services, people and information between Canada, Mexico and the United States.

As the implementation of NAFTA moves toward fruition, the CANAMEX Corridor will broaden its initiatives to harvest the benefits of increased trade, tourism and economic activity within the region.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Assisted in securing \$86 million in federal funds for the Hoover Dam Bypass, in addition to \$7.2 million for the ports of entry, and \$5.1 million in Safety Enforcement Transportation Infrastructure funds (SETIF) for border safety projects.
- Support for TOPAZ, ADOT's Shared Resources Project and other rural telecommunication initiatives.
- Pooled state resources to fund the development of a five-state Smart Tourist Corridor.
- Support for the Mexican CANAMEX Coalition and Mexican federal designation of the CANAMEX highway as a priority corridor.

MEETINGS

The Task Force meets quarterly in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower, 1700 W. Washington in Phoenix, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are public. Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting in the lobby of the Executive Tower. Please visit the CANAMEX website at www.canamex.org for meeting dates and times.

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