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SONORAN CORRIDOR

A REGIONAL ECONOMIC CATALYST

The Crossroad for Prosperity



To the Sun Corridor and Beyond

Enhanced transportation networks lie at the heart of the Sonoran Corridor Master Plan

The Sonoran Corridor will:

- ▶ Provide a gateway for billions of dollars of international trade.
- ▶ Facilitate expansions in existing aerospace, defense and manufacturing sectors.
- ▶ Establish a logistics center proximal to air, rail and surface transportation systems.
- ▶ Link employment centers with Foreign Trade Zones, international trade corridors and research facilities.



Components of the Master Plan

International and Interstate Trade

The Sonoran Corridor sits at a crossroads of national and international trade where billions of dollars in goods travel by road and rail from Mexico through the Tucson region destined for markets throughout the United States. A link between Interstates 10 and 19 will speed the movement of goods, reducing mileage by 40 percent, and spur economic development.

Roadway Transportation - The Sonoran Corridor will enhance transportation links across a vast region in preparation for future growth. It also will be developed using the latest in intelligent transportation technology.

Air Transportation - Tucson International Airport serves 3.7 million passengers and more than 165,000 operations per year. A planned second runway would facilitate more commerce through the Sonoran Corridor.

Rail Services - Increased rail service in the Sonoran Corridor will prompt expansions of the Port of Tucson, which connects Tucson to ports in Asia for less cost than traditional surface transport to Los Angeles. Rerouting the Nogales line will expand opportunities for increased rail access.

Logistics Center - The Sonoran Corridor will set the stage for the region to add to the more than 2.5 million square feet of warehousing and logistics space FedEx Ground, HomeGoods, Port of Tucson, Target.com Distribution Center and Old Dominion Freight Line have major sites in the region.

Defense and Aerospace

The Sonoran Corridor plan provides the infrastructure and capacity for expansion of existing defense and aerospace related manufacturing, technology, distribution and warehousing sectors.

In addition, Pima County has begun development of an Aerospace, Defense and Research Business Park that would connect to the Sonoran Corridor and address the need for supply chain enhancements for Raytheon Missile Systems and other defense, aerospace and related industries.

The business park lies immediately south of Tucson International Airport where it would connect seamlessly with the Sonoran Corridor. With approximately 500 total acres available in planned lots from 24 to 47 acres, opportunities to consolidate and customize properties abound. This park is the initial portion of a larger planned industrial park that will encompass as much as 2,400 additional acres over time.

Ready to grow

\$32 billion

total worth of goods crossed through Arizona's ports of entry

100,000

Arizona related jobs supported by trade with Mexico

Crossroads of Commerce

Pima County sits at the center of

\$4.7 trillion

in economic activity

Mexico: Building on Success

\$16.8 billion

in Arizona exports to Mexico during 2015

\$21 billion

in product transfers through the Nogales Port of Entry

\$2.5 billion

in produce from Mexico through port of Nogales in 2015

319,747

trucks crossed northbound through Mariposa in 2015

1,600

trains entered the U.S. through Nogales in 2015

5 percent

annual increases in volumes at Nogales ports of Entry

Sonoran Corridor – The future of logistics

The Joint Planning Advisory Council for the Arizona Sun Corridor Planning Partnership identified the area around Tucson International Airport as the ideal import distribution location in the Sun Corridor, an economic megaregion that stretches from Nogales north to Prescott.



Gateway to North America

Mexico is planning to spend \$600 million to improve and expand the Port of Guaymas on Mexico's West Coast. When finished, the port is expected to become a major North American import center from burgeoning markets in South America.