CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:
INFRASTRUCTURE AS A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

Arizona COG Directors Association
Leadership Meeting
August 26, 2010
Distressed (Foreclosed & Pending) Residential Properties
As of June 2010
57,180 Properties

Source: Information Market
Map Prepared by Maricopa Association of Governments. July 2010

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Construction Employment
Metropolitan Phoenix
January 1990 to June 2010

June 2010: 86,300 construction jobs
May 1995: 86,100 construction jobs
June 2007: 185,600 construction jobs

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce, Research Administration
Proposition 400 Sales Tax Collections

Graph showing sales tax collection trends from January 2006 to July 2010.
California Population: **60 M** by 2050!

- **People**
- **Businesses**
- **Second homes**
- **Tourists**
- **Commercial Vehicles**

Mexico’s fastest growing states are in the north (Sonora, Chihuahua, and Nuevo Leon)

**Key CONNECTIONS to Guaymas, Hermosillo, Punta Colonet**

**Navajo Nation** relates more to New Mexico

**Eager/Springerville** provide shopping/services to Western New Mexico

**High-tech industry along I-25**

**ST. GEORGE:** Scottsdale of Utah?

**Tourism and Recreation**

**Las Vegas**

**Grand Canyon**

**Bedroom community**

**I-17 Extension?**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Transportation infrastructure**

**agriculture**

**Out of land?**

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❯ Commercial Trucking
  ➢ Distribution throughout Southwest USA
  ➢ Elevation in Central Arizona (SR-89/SR-69)
  ➢ US-95/SR-95 Corridor
  ➢ CANAMEX

❯ Natural Resources
  ➢ Copper in Safford Area

❯ Emerging Industries
  ➢ Welton Oil Refinery
  ➢ Warehousing

❯ Sun Corridor
  ➢ Prescott
  ➢ Phoenix
  ➢ Tucson

❯ Recreation and Tourism
Better Connections to Las Vegas & Pacific Northwest

Canamex Route

Improves highway connections in the Sun Corridor

Provides alternative to I-5 in California
Alliance, Texas

- Investment: $7.1 bil
- 31.2 mil sq ft
- Direct jobs: 28,000
- 243 companies
- 17,000 acres
Higher speed or true high speed rail?

Link Mega-Regions
High Speed Linkages within Arizona

Phx – Tuc in an hour?

Increases effective market

Improves global competitiveness

Florida’s High Speed Rail Plan

Solar Powered SunRunner?
Commuter rail serving the metro areas
Construction started in 1973
Project completed in October 1, 1993
25 years for funding
23 more years to substantially complete.

Most Significant to the Valley

The following list is a ranking of the most significant business news stories based on votes from the Leaders & Legends who attended the roundtable:

1. The build-up of our freeway infrastructure.
2. The real estate bust of the '80s and its implications.
3. The impact of America West as a hometown airline linking the Valley nationally.
4. The passage of the groundwater management act.
5. The increase in stature of our state universities.
6. Central Arizona Project.
7. The building of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.
8. The boom/bust cycle that seems to characterize Arizona business.
Arizona Job Training Program

The Arizona Job Training Program supports the design and delivery of training plans that meet unique industry standards and challenges.

Under the “Net New Hire” portion of the grant program, businesses can apply for grants that return up to 75% of the costs of training net new employees in jobs that meet wage criteria. The “Incumbent Worker” portion of the grant program will allow for training that upgrades the skills of your existing employees. The Incumbent Program can reimburse employers up to a maximum of 50% of allowable training costs.

PROGRAM NOTICE:
Legislation was recently passed that authorized the transfer of $22,217,200 from the Job Training Fund to the general fund to help offset the State’s FY2009 budget shortfall. Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R20-1-205, the Department cannot award a grant to an employer that meets the eligibility criteria unless sufficient funds are available. Therefore, this Program is on hold until further notice. Program updates will be posted as they become available.
National, provincial, and metropolitan transportation policy is closely coordinated among the three levels and is linked to other policy goals, the most prominent ones being economic development and what the Chinese call “social harmony.”

This strong linkage often results in a unified vision of what is necessary in the transport sector to achieve policy goals.

The Chinese government at all levels targets investment on those components of the transportation system that best advance national goals.

As a result, the evolving Chinese transportation system is focused on excelling in markets dominated by international trade.
Sustainable Economy

Economic Development Strategy

- Tax & Regulatory Policy
- Education & Job Training Policy
- Infrastructure Investment Policy
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