

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-19
(Continuing and amending Executive Order 2001-05)

GOVERNOR'S CANAMEX TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01-5 created the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force in order to assist Arizona to become part of an essential trade corridor between the United States, Mexico and Canada and to help the state capture the benefits of a trade corridor to activate and accelerate economic activity throughout the corridor and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) created a preferential trade relationship between Canada, Mexico and the United States and a key component of its successful implementation is the efficient flow of goods, services, people and information between participating nations; and

WHEREAS, trade corridors are geographically designated areas that facilitate the national and transnational movement of goods, services, people and information; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's interests in promoting free trade and capturing its share of trade will be well served by participating in a designated trade corridor and by utilizing the trade corridor to promote trade-related economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's interests can be served by participating in the CANAMEX Corridor, a federally designated trade corridor located in the western portion of North America linking western Mexico to western Canada through the states of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana; and

WHEREAS, the ability to provide direct access to multiple markets and regional transportation distribution centers is critical to a trade corridor's success; and whereas, certain highways in the CANAMEX Corridor must be improved to promote access between markets, reduce freight transportation costs and enhance CANAMEX's regional competitiveness, including by constructing a bridge over the Hoover Dam to accommodate large volumes of commercial truck traffic and expanding US 93 to a four-lane divided highway; and

WHEREAS, under the National Highway System Designation Act, the CANAMEX Corridor was given "high priority designation," and continues to have "high priority designation" in the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- 1) The task force known as the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force ("Task Force") shall be continued and shall serve the purpose of coordinating statewide

CANAMEX efforts and coordinating with other applicable states, provinces and nations in the development of the CANAMEX Corridor.

- 2) The Task Force shall initially be comprised of at least thirty-three members, each to be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor, with a quorum consisting of seventeen members. The Task Force's members shall include:
 - (a) The Governor, who shall serve as chair of the Task Force unless the Governor designates another member of the Task Force to chair meetings;
 - (b) The Governor's Policy Advisors for Transportation, Economic Development and Mexico and Latin America;
 - (c) The Directors of the Arizona Departments of Public Safety, Transportation, Homeland Security and Commerce, the Arizona Office of Tourism, the Government Information Technology Agency and the CANAMEX Project or their designees;
 - (d) One member of the Arizona-Mexico Commission Board of Directors, one member of the Arizona Board of Transportation, and the Governor's NAFTA implementer;
 - (e) Eighteen at-large members representing the business and academic communities and the general public;
 - (f) Additional at-large members to the Task Force as deemed necessary and appropriate; and
 - (g) Members of the Arizona Legislature, the local business community and the academic communities may be called to serve as non-voting, ex-officio representatives to the Task Force.

Except for the Governor, agency directors, and elected officials, members shall not send alternates to represent them at Task Force meetings.

- 3) Committees: The Task Force shall establish the following five standing committees:
 - (a) a Steering Committee;
 - (b) a committee focusing on transportation;
 - (c) a committee focusing on economic development and communications infrastructure;
 - (d) a committee focusing on efficient ports of entry; and
 - (e) a committee focusing on tri-national relationships and regional branding.

Committees shall be comprised of members of the Task Force and additional ad hoc members appointed by the committees as needed. Agency Directors, or their designees, shall chair and staff the committees.

- 4) Duties: The Task Force shall advise the Governor on all matters of the CANAMEX Corridor development and strategy for the State of Arizona. Specific goals and responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Consulting and collaborating with all the states and provinces within the CANAMEX Corridor with the goal of enhancing the safety and efficiency of the CANAMEX Corridor through strategic investment in transportation, telecommunications and economic infrastructure. Involved states and provinces may include, but are not limited to, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, the Mexican States of Sonora, Sinaloa, Nayarit, Jalisco, Guanajuato, Queretaro, Estado de Mexico and Mexico D.F., and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan;
 - (b) Working with the Arizona Departments of Transportation, Commerce, Environmental Quality, and Public Safety, and the Arizona Office of Tourism and the Arizona Congressional delegation to identify funding sources for projects of strategic importance to the CANAMEX corridor's development, such as the integration of regional distribution centers, the completion of the Hoover Dam bypass, improvements to US 93, construction of the I-10/I-19 Interchange and the widening of State Route 85 to four lanes between Interstate 10 and Interstate 8;
 - (c) Focusing on transportation, ports of entry, commerce, communications infrastructure, alliances between the American and Mexican states and the Canadian province of Alberta, and border issues.
 - (d) Identifying cooperative opportunities to be undertaken by the Arizona's Executive Branch with the Executive Branches of the other interested states and provinces of the CANAMEX Corridor, and those opportunities best suited to be undertaken by the business community and other community organizations;
 - (e) Identifying potential inter-regional legislative or policy initiatives, in cooperation with the Arizona Legislature, applicable Arizona agencies, and representatives of other interested states and provinces within the CANAMEX Corridor, that support the development of the CANAMEX Corridor, and working to support implementation of such initiatives;
 - (f) Promoting Arizona as the CANAMEX Gateway and center of Corridor activities, in cooperation with various state agencies and CANAMEX communities;
 - (g) Working to accelerate broadband deployment in rural Arizona and developing a program with other CANAMEX jurisdictions to implement Smart Process Partnerships;
 - (h) Identifying and soliciting financial support from the public and private sector throughout Arizona's portion of the CANAMEX Corridor; and
 - (i) Preparing an annual report of its activities to be submitted to the Governor no later than December 31st of each year. Copies of the report shall be distributed to the Secretary of State, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Director of Library, Archives & Public Records.
- 5) Plans and decisions made by the Task Force are subject to the approval of the Governor.

- 6) The Governor's CANAMEX Task Force shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2004, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix this 5th day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE