

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-14

(Continuing and amending Executive Orders 2001-05 and 2003-19)

GOVERNOR'S CANAMEX TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01-5 created the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force 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 such a trade corridor by accelerating 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 receiving the benefits therefrom are advanced through its participation in the CANAMEX Corridor, a federally designated trade corridor linking western Mexico to western Canada through the states of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana; and

WHEREAS, the CANAMEX Corridor provides an opportunity for establishing a competitive global trade platform by capitalizing on regional economic strength to achieve the mutually beneficial objectives of the member states; 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); and

WHEREAS, the realization of a dynamic Corridor requires the innovative use of technology, process and infrastructure.

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 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 be comprised of at least nineteen members, each to be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor, with a quorum consisting of ten 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 International Affairs and Transportation;
- c. The Directors or their designees of the Arizona Departments of Transportation, Homeland Security and Commerce, the Arizona Office of Tourism, the Government Information Technology Agency and the CANAMEX Project;
- d. One member of the Arizona-Mexico Commission Board of Directors;
- e. Five 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. Additional members of the local business community and the academic communities may be called to serve as non-voting, ex-officio representatives to the Task Force or its committees.

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

3. The Task Force shall establish a steering committee and additional committees as needed to:
 - a. Promote the development and implementation of new border and/or system wide technologies and processes;
 - b. Promote the development, expansion and construction of new border ports of entry and/or infrastructure projects to fully capitalize on the potential of the CANAMEX Corridor;
 - c. Promote marketing of the CANAMEX corridor;
 - d. Promote economic development and tourism growth within the Corridor;
 - e. Establish benchmarks and performance metrics for success and to evaluate progress on an annual basis; and
 - f. Educate elected officials at all levels within the U.S., Mexico and Canada about the importance of the CANAMEX Corridor.

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. The Task Force shall advise the Governor on all matters related to the CANAMEX Corridor development and the State of Arizona's strategies related thereto. 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 stimulating economic growth and 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;
 - c. Focusing on transportation, ports of entry, commerce, communications, and border infrastructure, alliances between the American and Mexican states and the Canadian province of Alberta;
 - d. Identifying cooperative opportunities to be undertaken by Arizona's Executive Branch with the Executive Branches of the other interested states and provinces of the CANAMEX Corridor, as well as opportunities 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. Positioning 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, particularly along the CANAMEX Corridor;
 - 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, 2006, 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 10th day of June Two Thousand Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

