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## Infrastructure

- Did you know that the New Mexico Border Authority (NMBA) is more engaged in border development now than ever before in its history? Currently, we are working on 20 projects having to do with infrastructure in and around New Mexico's ports of entries.
- NMBA is working to extend natural gas service from New Mexico to the Jeronimo industrial area, across the border from Santa Teresa. NMBA also is working with the communications industry to extend fiber optics service to Santa Teresa and across the border.



*The Border Authority team meeting with their Mexican counterparts*

## New Mexico's Ports of Entry

### Antelope Wells/Columbus:

- Antelope Wells and Columbus were awarded stimulus funding for port reconstruction and replacement in January 2009. By October, the Department of Homeland Security was re-evaluating projects on both the northern and southern U.S. borders. NMBA assisted our congressional delegation to justify this project, and thus save it, based on security and travel crossing needs. NMBA is coordinating this project with the General Services Administration and the state's congressional delegation to assure that construction funding is included in the federal FY11 budget.

### Santa Teresa:

- A new state safety inspection facility for incoming trucks at Santa Teresa is required by the federal government. Design of the facility is complete and will be ready to bid later this year. The federal government has committed more than \$7 million to the project, however, more than \$3 million in state capital outlay matching funds remains at risk.

## Revenues

- Due to the passage of SB 55 during the 2009 session, NMBA can now own and operate a revenue generating business in an effort to become self-sustaining. Full advantage was taken of the opportunity and NMBA gained control of a failing parking facility. Thus far, there has been a 385% increase in revenue. NMBA will increase its leasing options and create up to seven individual office spaces from its old offices for custom brokers and trade support companies.
- NMBA is doing its share to reduce spending during the current economic recession by carefully monitoring expenditures, one example is cutting travel costs. A 48% savings translates to over \$7,000, and this is only for the past six months.

## Border Crossings and Traffic

- Economic activity along New Mexico's border with Mexico is rapidly expanding, despite the current economic slowdown and violence. The total value of exports and imports processed through Santa Teresa and Columbus totaled almost \$4 billion in 2009, nearly a 250% increase during the past three years. Meanwhile, trade is decreasing at almost all other ports along the U.S. border with Mexico. Most of the increase in New Mexico is attributable to the location of Foxconn, a Dell



*Traffic on the southbound lane of the Santa Teresa Port of Entry*

computer manufacturer, to San Jeronimo, directly across the

border from Santa Teresa. Foxconn is attracting suppliers and logistics companies to the region.

- Hot air balloon teams and their cargo cross into Mexico for the annual celebration of “Fiesta de los Globos” held in Chihuahua City. NMBA assists the pilots in filing the necessary documents for the temporary importation/exportation of their equipment, and to obtain the proper visas for their crews. Sister Cities Chihuahua and Albuquerque have chosen Santa Teresa as their preferred port of crossing due to NMBA support.
- In March 2010, RV Tours will be crossing at Santa Teresa with an average of 25 RVs per caravan and 25 caravans a year. The caravans, which start in Las Cruces, impact the local economy by approximately \$250,000, mostly in fuel and supply purchases.
- NMBA's website ([www.nmborder.com](http://www.nmborder.com)) received approximately 8 million website hits in 2009, for an average of 21,888 hits per day.

## Did you know that?

- By early 2011, Johnson Plate and Tower Fabrication will be manufacturing 250-high wind towers in Santa Teresa, thus creating 150 new jobs?
- NMBA moved into its new office complex in May 2009?
- NMBA works with other state/local agencies, such as DOT, GSD, NMDA, MTD, EDD, and the Tourism Department? It also works with federal agencies, including USDOT, USDA, Commerce Department, CBP, GSA and EPA.



*Trucks heading north into New Mexico through the Columbus Port of Entry*

- New Mexico borders two states with Mexico – Chihuahua and Sonora?
- NMBA signed an MOU with the Office of Mexican Affairs and the Tourism Department to help promote New Mexico communities?