Key Commerce Corridors

10 Things You Need To Know

1. **Arizona is in a global competition** for quality jobs, economic growth, and prosperity. A strong export-based economy, supported by excellent surface transportation connections to major markets, positions us to compete successfully.

2. "Export based" economic activity means **products manufactured here and sold elsewhere bring new money to our state.**

3. **Surface transportation is the foundation** for exports—manufacturers rely on materials and supplies delivered by truck and a reliable transportation network to move the goods they produce to major consumer markets elsewhere.

4. **Arizona is uniquely positioned** to connect export producers to three of the largest consumer markets in the United States (southern California, Dallas, and Houston areas), along with the emerging market in northwest Mexico.

5. **Strengthening connections to neighboring major consumer markets** aligns with the economic development priorities of the Arizona Commerce Authority.

6. The combined regional production of Phoenix, Tucson, Los Angeles, San Diego, Dallas, and Houston would be the 10th largest national economy in the world—larger than South Korea, Canada, Russia, and many others.

7. Other **Key Commerce Improvements at the international border and domestic truck ports of entry** also facilitate export and trade.

8. The **Key Commerce Corridors are major interstates that criss-cross Arizona:** Interstates 8 and 10 connect us to California and the Pacific Rim, as well as Texas and the eastern US. Interstates 17 and 19, and the future Interstate 11 connect us to the emerging market in northwestern Mexico and growing cities to the northwest and northeast.

9. Since the 1970s the basic carrying capacity of Interstates 8 and 10 has remained virtually unchanged while substantial growth has occurred and is expected to continue here, in California, and in Texas.

10. The **Key Commerce Corridors plan proposed $20 billion in improvements over the next 20 years to drive high-quality job creation.** Productive industries will be attracted to our favorable business climate and quality of life over other states that have increasingly challenging tax and regulatory policies.