

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BELEN

# From Hub City to Growth Hub

An overview of the infrastructure, housing, industry, and quality-of-life investments positioning Belen for intentional growth.

**3**

Interstate access points from I-25

**925**

New housing units in progress

**130-150**

Annual infill housing permits

Logistics

Infrastructure

Downtown

# 1. A multimodal logistics advantage

Belen combines interstate, freight rail, passenger rail, and aviation assets in one market.



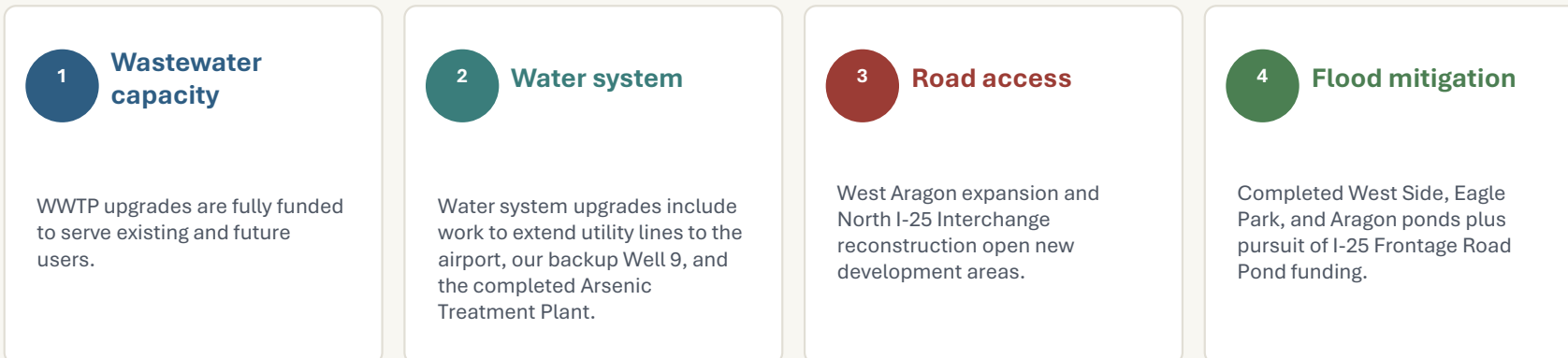
Sources: City of Belen briefing data; BNSF; Rio Metro; Belen Regional Airport public data.

## 2. Infrastructure is being built ahead of demand

Funded utilities, roads, access, and drainage projects reduce development risk.

### Why this is important

Economic development follows certainty: capacity, access, and resilience.

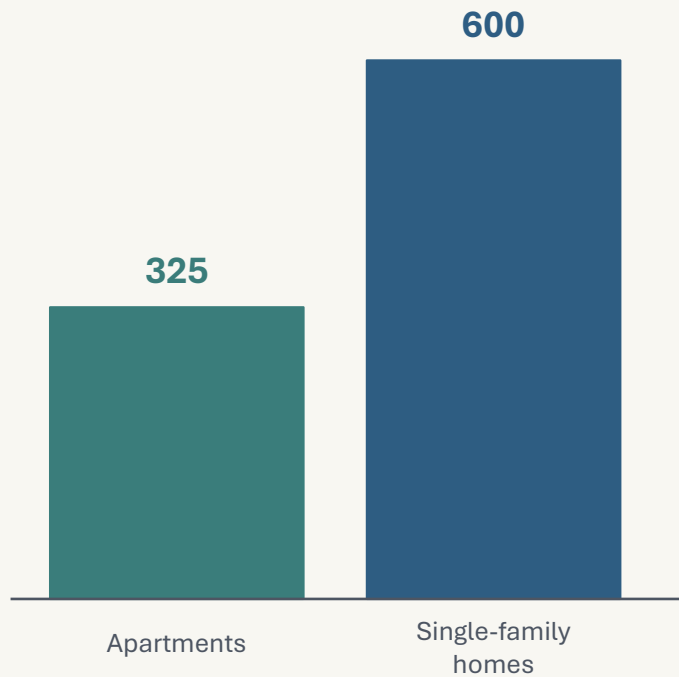


Sources: City of Belen briefing data; capital project and grant information provided for this presentation.

### 3. Housing growth is creating market momentum

New subdivisions, apartments, infill, and retail are expanding Belen's customer and workforce base.

#### New units in progress



**925 total planned/new units**

#### Three subdivisions in progress

New residential growth includes planned retail components.

#### 130-150 permits/year

Ongoing infill housing adds steady growth beyond major subdivisions.

#### Zoning modernization

Updated ordinances and tiny homes discussion can expand housing choices.

Source: City of Belen briefing data, 2026.

## 4. Industry, energy, and film diversify the economy

Belen is growing beyond a single-sector development strategy.



**Core message: Belen can compete for industrial users while also building place-based economic activity in clean energy, film, and downtown investment.**

Sources: City of Belen briefing data; Film Belen; public project information.

## 5. Place-making turns growth into community value

Downtown, parks, trails, and recreation make Belen more attractive for residents, visitors, and investors.



### Historic Downtown

Great Blocks final phase improves Becker Avenue and First Street, creating a stronger pedestrian connection from Rail Runner into the downtown core.

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#### Economic impact

Better streetscapes support restaurants, retail, events, tourism, and private reinvestment.

### Parks & Recreation

Long-term parks plan already underway  
Completed Eagle's Nest Skatepark  
New pump track and additional skatepark features in progress  
Anna Becker Park and Vivian Fields renovations underway  
Funding pursuit continues for remaining parks

**Quality of life is workforce infrastructure.**

Source: City of Belen briefing data; Great Blocks, parks, and capital project updates.