

**NEW MEXICO**

**BORDER AUTHORITY**

# A Committed State Partner

Investing in infrastructure, policy,  
and binational alignment

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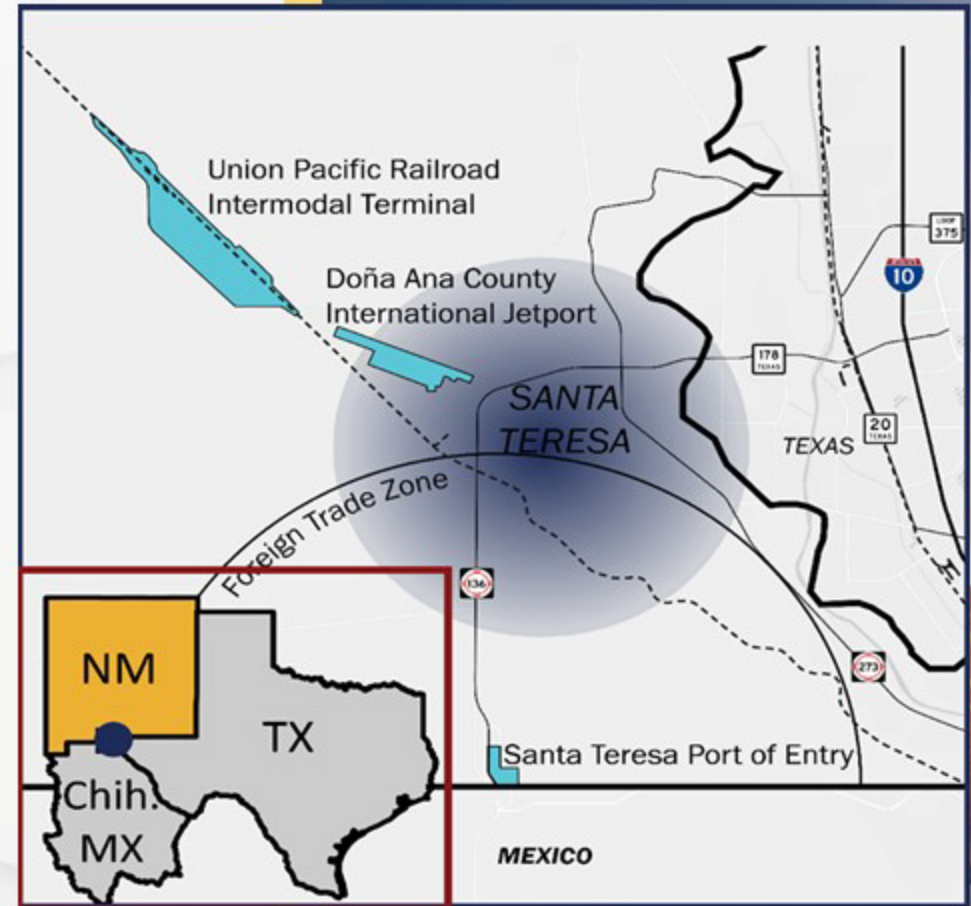
## NM Borderplex: Powering Up for Tomorrow's Trade

### Booming Borderland

- From 2023 to 2024 Santa Teresa's POE Total Trade Value grew from \$28B to \$40B a 43% increase.
- From 2023 to 2024 Columbus' POE TTV grew from \$313M to \$395M a 26% increase.
- Santa Teresa's explosive growth as one of the fastest-growing U.S. ports makes it a vital trade hub for the border.

### Infrastructure at a Crossroads

- Our current infrastructure can't keep pace with this growth, demanding crucial upgrades to unlock our full potential.
- Investing in modern infrastructure means more freight, more jobs, and cementing NM Borderplex's role as a global trade leader.
- Without strategic investment, NM is losing opportunities to other states, who are aggressively investing.





## Santa Teresa: Infrastructure That's Ready to Scale

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## Border Highway Connector

- ☀️ Pete Domenici Hwy intersection improvement study underway
- ☀️ International Jetport Upgrades
- ☀️ Overweight/Oversize Corridor & Zone
- ☀️ Union Pacific Intermodal Facility



Sunland Park

# Border Highway Connector

Santa Teresa/San Jeronimo  
Port of Entry

Puerto de Anapra



## NMBA's Key Projects in Progress

### Dona Ana County

- **Santa Teresa Elevated Tank:** 1M gallon water tank. Construction 35%
- **NMBA POV Parking Lot:** Construction 40%
- **NMBA Commercial Parking Lot:** Construction to start late summer.
- **Border Highway Connector:** Phases A,B,C completed; Phase II Final Design 90%
- **Border Highway Connector Ph2 Study:** Consultant Selected.
- **ST POE Modernization Feasibility Study:** G.S.A. finalized study.

### Luna & Hidalgo Counties

- **Columbus Facultative Wastewater Pond:** Construction 90%
- **Columbus Flood Control Project:** Phase 1 construction 10%, Phase 2 design complete, Phase 3 contractor selected construction to start summer 2025.
- **Columbus Water Storage Tank (Construction Phase):** New project approved in the 2025 legislative session, 250,000 gallons.

## The Border Is Ready. Let's Keep Building

- Support Multi-Agency Collaboration (NMBA, NMDOT, DFA, and NMEDD) for integrated planning, funding alignment, and fast-track implementation.
- Prioritize Capital Outlay & Infrastructure Funding for high-impact border projects
- Support legislation and financing tools that enable large-scale border investments.
- Investing in the border it's strategic. Investments support statewide trade, tax revenue, and job creation, while enhancing New Mexico's global competitiveness.



*Santa Teresa–San Jerónimo  
Infrastructure Collaboration  
Roundtable with África Zepeda,  
Director of Border Affairs, Mexican  
Ministry of Foreign Relations.*



## ■ Binational Vision – San Jerónimo and Plan Mexico



*Meeting with Mexico's Ambassador to the United States, Esteban Moctezuma Barragán, and the Office of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham - Santa Fe, New Mexico.*

Reinforced alignment with federal, state, and local governments in Mexico

NM supports ANAM's Initiative of the San Jerónimo modernization project

San Jerónimo designated as Development Pole in Plan Mexico





*Meeting with Cruz Pérez Cuéllar, Mayor of Ciudad Juárez, and Gerardo Fierro, Executive Director of the New Mexico Border Authority - Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.*

## A Shared Gateway for Binational Growth

Santa Teresa–San Jerónimo: A shared strategic priority



Infrastructure, policy, and binational alignment are in motion



Let's continue building this corridor—together

