

We realize that new demands need to be paid for and maintained jointly by unified public, private, and tribal interests, and cannot just be absorbed and assumed by local, District, State, or Federal transportation budgets.

With this "perfect storm of opportunity" comes the need to balance development and to build in smart growth principles to expanded business activities. This situation is similar to the tremendous build-out of the Santa Teresa Inland Port, and we hope – for our region – that we can learn, adapt, and implement lessons learned and best practices from this experience to better prepare our communities for growth. Learning from this example, our Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization, its members and strategic partners have attended many of the State's Long-Range Transportation Planning efforts (including the Statewide Transportation Plan, Freight, and Rail plans) to voice our interest and concerns.



4CITE PROJECT TEAM

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

McKinley County
City of Gallup

STATE AGENCIES

New Mexico Department of Transportation

New Mexico Economic Development Department

State Land Office

Bureau of Land Management

NAVAJO NATION

Navajo Nation Department of Transportation Eastern Agency Regional Business Development Organization

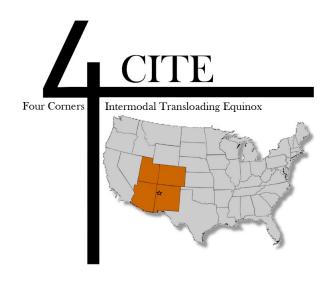
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Manuelito Chapter

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Greater Gallup Economic Development
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Gallup Land Partners









PLANNING AHEAD

It has been recommended that special study resources be sought and obtained for the purposes of readying infrastructure and supporting a private-public-tribal partnership to provide a first class multimodal network to serve an emerging economic boom in northwestern New Mexico, while balancing safety and movement of residential, tourist, and regional consumer traffic.

The Four Corners Intermodal Transloading Equinox – or "4CITE" – Initiative is a combination of planned freight- and rail-related infrastructure and industrial developments that inter-connect with the Four Corners energy and agricultural clusters and the BNSF TransCon Line. In this case, the "equinox" describes the equality, access, and availability of 21st century rail and freight transportation infrastructure.

Our regional business environment has been made fertile due to series of well-planned factors of production, strategic investments, and market forces, notably:

- 1. US HIGHWAY 491 EXPANSION
- 2. WATER
- 3. LAND
- 4. RAIL & FREIGHT and
- 5. ACCESSIBLE & INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Even though much forethought and work has gone into the demand side of our transportation systems in and around Gallup, we feel that we will soon be overwhelmed by a "market force tsunami," which our local road and State highway infrastructure is woefully under-developed to support or sustain. Specifically, we have concerns about the following access roads into the 4CITE mega-site:

- STATE HIGHWAY 264
- COUNTY ROAD #1 (McKinley County)
- MENTMORE ROAD (City of Gallup)



4CITE - FOUR CORNERS INTER-MODAL TRANSLOADING EQUINOX

