## Rail to New Mexico will be an amazing contribution by Duarte: Esperón

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Eduardo Esperón head of the Department of Communications and Public Works of the government of the state of Chihuahua

Chihuahua.- Completion of the rail project to connect Chihuahua with the US state of New Mexico, is considered by the Chihuahua State Government as a priority, since this infrastructure project is one without precedent, and one that entails a reduction in the cost of transportation of goods, that has already awakened the interest of important companies even though the project is still in its paperwork phase.

This was pointed out by Eduardo Esperón, Chihuahua state Secretary of Communications and Public Works, who emphasized that the committment is to "develop the first phase of the project within the next two years", which, he considered, would represent an "amazing contribution by César Duarte in collaboration with eight other Mexican states".

To Esperón, this would be the most important infrastructure project of all, by enabling the linking of seaports and rail and reducing cargo volume in highways, as well as opening up the possibility of expansión of the Ciudad Juárez airport.

"The project provides our participation in trade corridors, one to the borders of the state of Chihuahua, the transborder corridor from Parral to Durango, and also, the same from Juárez, through Chihuahua to the border with the state of Durango. It allows for trade flows to be less expensive, specially when counting with top-rated equipment",

In this sense, Esperón declared to be totally convinced that "if we continue along with the same little train, exchanging railcars through locomotive

operations, we will not advance an inch. The country continues to be in the third world", benefiting only those companies in the cargo transportation business, "but the nation and the State of Chihuahua receive no benefit out of it."

The head of the Chihuahua Department of Communications and Public Works added that as a result of projects like this, or the new natural gas pipeline system making Chihuahua the largest pipeline network in the country", "an attraction of important companies is being fostered to the state; companies which names and investments, he mentioned, will correspond to the State Secretary of Economy, Manuel Russek and to Governor César Duarte to announce in the coming days.

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