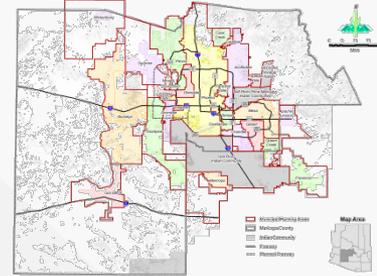




Executive Director's Report Regional Council



December 16, 2015





Northwest Light Rail Extension Milestone Event

- 3.2 miles from Montebello to Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix.
- Vehicle testing phase now begins.
- Adds to existing 23 miles of LRT.
- Connects schools, churches, senior living facilities, and 300 businesses.



**New opening date:
March 19, 2016**



Pro Mexico Office Opens in Phoenix



OUR GLOBAL NETWORK



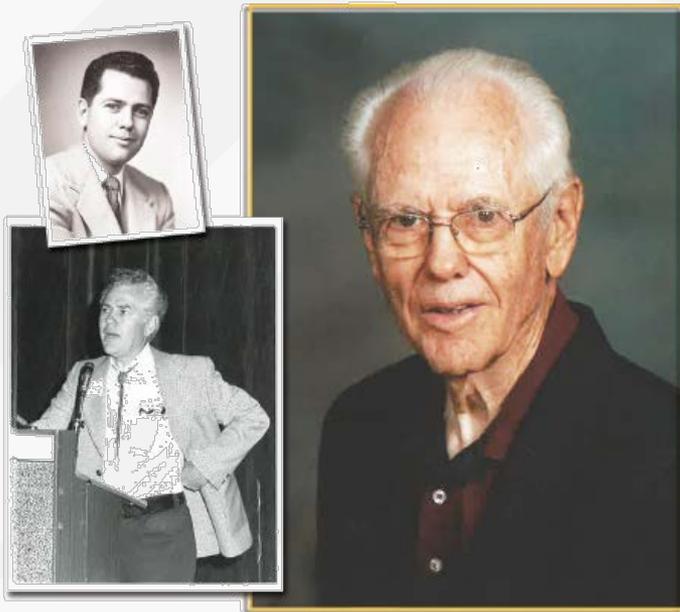
48 PROMÉXICO OFFICES IN 31 COUNTRIES



Beijing Berlin Bern Bogotá Boston Brussels Buenos Aires Casablanca Chicago Dallas Detroit



Founder of MAG - Jack DeBolske Receives Legacy Award



- **ASU Morrison Institute Awards Jack DeBolske Legacy Award**
- Jack was primary driver in the 1985 Proposition 300 election.
- To date, the Regional Freeway System represents 181 miles of centerline freeway.



Tourism and Shopping Initiative



- **Tourism is Arizona's #1 Sector**
- 171,500 jobs statewide—\$20.9 billion.
- 94,300 jobs Maricopa County—\$12.7 billion.

- **Expansion of tourism and shopping zone for Mexican nationals.**
- \$181 million impact statewide.
- 5-year pilot project evaluated by the University of Arizona.
- Requires administrative change by Homeland Security.



MAG Hosts Meeting of Regional Planning Agencies



Topics Included:

- Fiscal Management
- GIS
- Human Services
- Arizona State Retirement System
- Complete Streets
- Cyber Security



JPAC Event: *The Sun Corridor* – *A Connected Economy*



- **Tucson Convention Center ~ Turquoise Ballroom**
 - *260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, Arizona*
 - **January 8, 2016, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

- **Topics Include:**

- Transportation and the Arizona Economy
- The New Way of Doing Business – Economy, Environment and Transportation
- Utah Unified Transportation Plan
- Local Government Perspective
- Next Steps – "Make Your Own Happiness"

