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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Plans for New Commercial Flights Between Albuquerque and Chihuahua City

CHIHUAHUA CITY-Governor Bill Richardson and Chihuahua Governor Jose Reyes Baeza announced today an agreement to establish new commercial flights between Albuquerque, New Mexico and Chihuahua City, Mexico.

“Creating direct flights between New Mexico and Mexico has always been a priority of mine,” Governor Richardson said. “These flights between Albuquerque and Chihuahua are going to be a big boost for our tourism industry and will create many new possibilities to expand other areas of our economy.”

Governor Richardson, along with New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Fred Mondragon, met with Governor Baeza, Chihuahua Tourism Secretary Hector Valles Alvelais and officials from AeroMexico today in the Chihuahua City. Governor Richardson also commended Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez and Chihuahua City Mayor Carlos Borrueal Baquera for their efforts in helping to reach today’s agreement.

“The announcement of non-stop flights between Chihuahua and Albuquerque is a testament to our long standing economic and cultural relationship with our Sister City of Chihuahua, our partnership with the State of Chihuahua and the bilateral trade commission we have established,” Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez said.

"This is another step forward to strengthen commerce, industry and tourism, but also to increase the friendship ties between Chihuahua and New Mexico," Chihuahua City Mayor Carlos Borrueal Baquera said.

AeroMexico, the leading commercial airline for domestic flights in Mexico, plans to fly daily between the two cities. The flights will serve as gateway flights to other destinations. They will be timed to service connecting flights in Albuquerque and Chihuahua City.