

Union Pacific Facility Update: Grading Work Continues in Santa Teresa - May, 2012



Major Accomplishments:

Some of the major accomplishments since breaking ground on the facility in the summer of 2011 include:

- Relocated the 345 kv power line.
- Relocated County Road A017.
- Installed all storm water culverts and utility encasements under main tracks.
- Out of the 3.91 million cubic yards embankment, 81percent has been placed.

There are 5.94 million cubic yards of excavation. If that amount of soil was placed in 53' containers and double stacked on a train, it would stretch 260 miles. That's like driving from Santa Teresa to Albuquerque.

Phase 1 Construction

The Phase 1 construction launch was on August 8, 2011. Phase 1 will continue through 2012. Ragnar-Benson received the first construction contract and will complete the mass grading, including installation of some underground utilities. This phase will also extend approximately two miles of Doña Ana County public water and sanitary sewer lines that will serve the facility. This work is scheduled to last approximately one year.

With 17 contractors involved in the project there is an average of 170 workers on site daily. Out of the \$400 million project cost, Union Pacific has allocated \$41 million. 70 percent of the contract value is being provided by New Mexican contractors.



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Phase 2 Construction

The second phase of construction will commence upon completion of Phase 1 and will finish the yard to include all the mechanical, electrical, architectural, utilities, track and civil engineering portions of the project.

Facility To Bolster Economy

The passage of the Locomotive Fuel Tax Deduction HB523/SB179 by the New Mexico state legislature and signing into law by Governor Martinez was the catalyst that allowed Union Pacific to break ground on this state-of-the-art rail facility in the southern part of the state. With an overall economic impact of \$500 million for the New Mexico economy, Union Pacific's investment in the project totals more than \$400 million. The facility will create 3,000 jobs during the construction phase from 2011 to 2015, and will eventually be headquarters for more than 600 permanent jobs. For the first time ever, southern New Mexico will have a key inland port, positioning the Santa Teresa area as a strategic focal point for goods movement in the southwestern U.S.

About The Project

Fueling Facilities - Located along the busy "Sunset Route" between El Paso and Los Angeles, this fueling facility will enhance commerce and goods movement in the state of New Mexico.

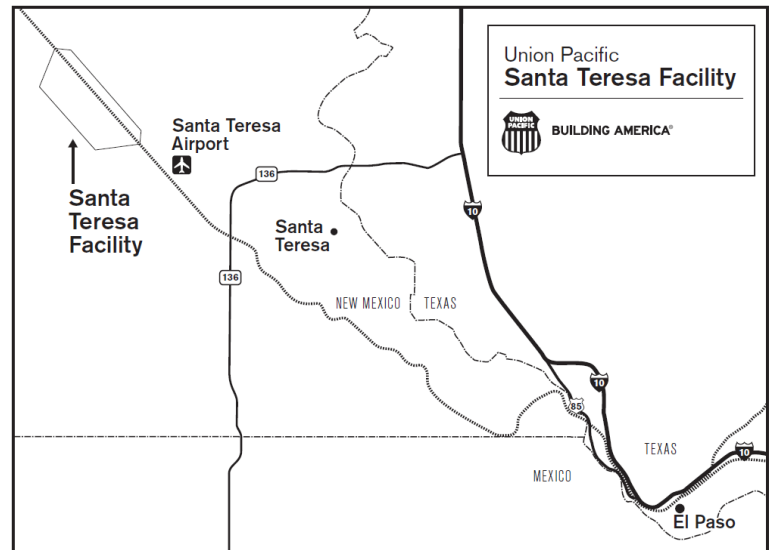
Crew Change Buildings – This facility will eventually serve as home base for Union Pacific employees operating long-haul trains out of the area.

Intermodal Ramp – This regionally focused intermodal ramp will permit both local and regional businesses more immediate access to the efficiencies of freight trains.

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