

PUEBLA

Moreno opens new highway



Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle, along with the Undersecretary of Infrastructure from the Communications and Transportation Secretariat

(SCT) Raúl Murrieta Cummings, inaugurated the recent improvements to the Atlixco-Izúcar de Matamoros Highway and the Cantarranas Interchange. The total investment cost 690 million pesos (\$30 million).

During the event, Murrieta Cummings recognized the Puebla governor for his management and work in coordination with the federal government. This included the completion of the Mexico-Tuxpan Highway and the initiation of the second floor of the

Mexico-Puebla Highway.

After 20 years of construction, Mexico-Tuxpan Highway ends in Sierra Norte, allowing a much faster trip to Mexico City from Veracruz.

"It wouldn't have been possible and the construction wouldn't have been finished without all the political work and the details the governor did in the region," said Murrieta Cummings.

Among the 46 freeways and 90 public highways that will be opened during the current presidential term, the construction of the second level of the Mexico-Puebla freeway will be monumental, due to its cost of 10 billion pesos, said the undersecretary. It is expected to be finished before Moreno Valle leaves office.

The state of Puebla needs an economic push and that is achieved with

proper roads and proper travel times, said Murrieta Cummings.

Now the industrialists' fear is how much a car on the sales floor costs. A logistic hub is required for that. Highways, corridors and trains are what we have now. That is the vision of Gerardo Ruiz Esparza — to make all of Mexico a logistic hub, said the SCT undersecretary.

On that note, Moreno Valle said that the Sierra Norte will be connected not only with Mexico City, but with Tuxpan, which makes tourism and oil opportunities more viable and increases the overall possibilities of the region.

Both public officials agreed that only through the cooperation of distinct branches of government will the country's development be accelerated.

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Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle (4-L) and other officials inaugurate the Atlixco-Izúcar de Matamoros Highway.

