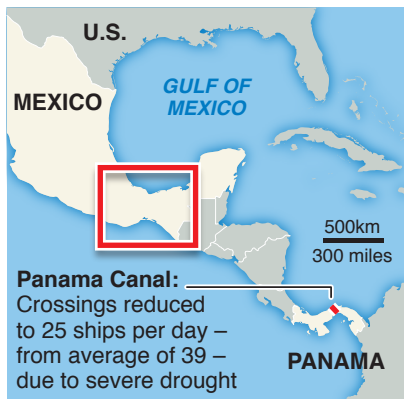


Mexico rail rival to Panama Canal opens

The government hopes that the \$2.8bn Tehuantepec isthmus corridor, linking the Pacific and Atlantic oceans at Mexico's narrowest point, will provide an alternative to the congested Panama Canal



ISTHMUS OF TEHUANTEPEC INTEROCEANIC CORRIDOR (CIIT)

- **Length:** 308km railway line
- **Opening:** Dec 2023 – single-track line for passenger and cargo trains. Fully operational by 2033
- **Project:** Includes renovation of ports at **Coatzacoalcas** and **Salina Cruz**, plus development of industrial parks close to transport hubs
- **Transit time:** 6.5 hours, excluding loading time. It takes 8-10 hours on 80km Panama Canal

