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Internal

The June 16th Executive Committee meeting has been canceled. Members are asked to contact the **Council** at 512-558-7360 for questions or if they wish to discuss any of our ongoing projects. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2:00 pm at the Corridor Council offices in **San Marcos**.

The Texas Greenbelt Coalition's quarterly meeting will be *this* Thursday, June 17 in **New Braunfels** from 1:30-3:30 pm. RSVP to council@thecorridor.org. **Details**.

The Corridor Council's Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, June 23 at **Kyle City Hall** from 9:30 – 11:30 am. RSVP to council@thecorridor.org. **Agenda**.

Welcome to C-FAN of **San Marcos**, the newest member of the Corridor Council, a manufacturer of precision parts using advanced performance composites and the sole manufacturer of turbine blades used in some of the world's biggest commercial aircraft. C-FAN is located in **San Marcos**. www.c-fan.com

Congratulations and so long to T.J. Costello, former Membership and Economic Development Director for the Corridor Council, who has taken a new position as an economist for the Texas State Comptroller's Office in **Austin**. We'll miss him.

Infrastructure

The **San Antonio** Mobility Coalition has circulated a draft legislative strategy document that provides a pretty good analysis of where transportation legislation may be headed during the 2011 session. On their list of goals are cutting back on diversions from gas tax revenues, rail relocation efforts, and new project delivery authorities for VIA Metropolitan Transit. See more **here**.

Bastrop County commissioners recently agreed to issue \$10.8 million in certificates of obligation to pay for a new office building, road and bridge improvements, and to upgrade the sheriff's office and jail.

Burnet County has joined with the Texas Water Development Board to conduct a Highlands Lake-area study of the feasibility of a regional water system to replace or supplement the many water systems now in service. 21 entities are participating, including **Llano County**, **Marble Falls**, and **Burnet**.

Austin is hosting an Open House as part of the ongoing Strategic Mobility Planning on Thursday, 6/17 from 4:00 to 8:00 at **Austin City Hall**. **Details**.

Hill Country Alliance will sponsor a Conservation Development Design workshop on June 25 at the Pearl Studio in **San Antonio**. Randal Arendt, a leading professional in conservation development design, will be featured. **Details**.

Economic Development (and ‘Other News’)

Austin Energy will be hosting an invitation-only forum entitled “*Electric Vehicles in the I-35 Corridor: Issues and Opportunities.*” The program will be on 7/14 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in **San Marcos**. If interested in more details or attending, contact council@thecorridor.org.

CPS Energy of **San Antonio** will invest \$50 million over ten years to help establish the Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute at UTSA. [Details](#).

Mayors of **Round Rock, Pflugerville, San Marcos, Cedar Park** and **Georgetown** participated in a forum (6/8) with commercial developers to showcase their commercial vision for each city, and how they cooperate with the development community. [Details](#).

Samsung plans to build a \$3.6 billion expansion project to its semiconductor manufacturing plant in Northeast **Austin** that will provide temporary construction jobs for nearly 3,000 workers and will add about 500 permanent employees to Samsung's **Austin** operation by late next year. [Details](#).

The Texas Emerging Technology Fund is investing \$1.9 million in Savara Inc. of **Austin** for the development of its product to improve lung cancer diagnostics and treatment delivery.

RFP's from around the Corridor: **Kyle** posted an RFP for all work required for the Tenorio Addition Wastewater System Rehabilitation Phase One ([Details](#)). **Georgetown** is looking for Cold Pour Crack Sealer – whatever that is ([Details](#)). **Williamson County** issued an RFP for a General Contractor for the US 79 Section 3 project ([Details](#)). **Marble Falls** put out an RFP for construction of its Public Works Facility ([Details](#)).

The State of Texas recently unveiled its new website *Texas.gov*. The site will allow easier access to government information, renewals of certain licenses, and in some cases allows for user-generated content. [Site](#). [Story](#)

Thought for the week:

“In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice.
- Then he made School Boards.”
-Mark Twain