



Monday Morning Report *Memorial Day Edition*

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Join us this Wednesday, June 1st at the **San Antonio** Plaza Club for a luncheon & discussion with Congressman Henry Cuellar and the Department of Transportation Commissioner Jeff Austin on "*The Future of South Texas Transportation: **San Antonio** to **Monterrey** High Speed Rail*". Details [here](#).

On August 22nd at 11:30 am, the Corridor Council will host a discussion and luncheon on the *State of Central Texas* at the **Austin** Club with **Williamson County** Judge Dan A. Gattis, **Austin** mayor Steve Adler, and **San Marcos** mayor Daniel Guerrero. The moderator of the discussion will be the Editor in Chief of the **Texas Tribune**, Evan Smith. The topics of the discussion will be: transportation, population growth, and housing and economic development. Details [here](#).

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Lone Star Rail District Board is scheduled to meet this Friday, June 3, 10:00 am, at the **San Marcos** Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins.

Join SAMCo on July 26 as they host a Transportation Leadership Luncheon Series event with Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. For more information contact LHarlan@samcoinc.org. [Details](#).

In a recap of progress on the MOPAC tolled lane project in Austin, Ben Wear says that the projected completion dates are suspect. "No one is covered in glory on this one," he writes. [Story](#).

TxDOT closed Highway 21 south of FM 2001 in the **Kyle** area at the bridge due to bridge failure. TxDOT is in the process of setting up a detour. Heavy rains compromised the bridge. No word yet on when it will reopen.

All five transportation modes carried less US freight by value with Canada and Mexico in March 2016 compared to March 2015. The total value of cross-border freight carried on all modes fell 5.8% from 2015 to \$90.5 billion in current dollars, according to the US Department of Transportation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and 'Other' News)

The **San Antonio** International Airport and Seabury APG air service development consultants are working together to build a business case for increased air service at the airport and has developed an on-line survey asking questions related to current travel, potential future travel, if a non-stop flight were to be

added, and the region's opportunities for increased air service. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete. Here is the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDBL6WG>

USAA, the insurance and financial giant that already employs 17,000 people in **San Antonio**, will open an **Austin** office and add another 100 employees there. [Details](#).

A new US ambassador to Mexico arrived last week in **Mexico City**. Roberta Jacobson, a career diplomat previously engaged in the effort to normalize relations with Cuba, does not officially assume the post until she has met with President Enrique Pena Nieto. [Story](#).

About \$1 million a minute in goods and services are exchanged between the US and Mexico, about \$1.5 billion every day. Speaking in **Dallas**, Mexico's secretary of agriculture highlights trade growth with our largest trading partner [here](#).

Thought of the Week

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

~ Joseph Campbell

