



## Monday Morning Report

January 27, 2025

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### INTERNAL

The Executive Committee meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council is scheduled to meet Wednesday, February 19 at 2 PM by Zoom. For more information or to add an item to the agenda, please email [council@corridor.org](mailto:council@corridor.org).

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### INFRASTRUCTURE

A flurry of Executive Orders issued from the White House last week included freezing funding disbursements from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([here](#)), potentially affecting many regional projects. Gibson Dunn's Executive Order tracker has real-time data and related links. [Tracker](#).

Luxury bus company GOGO Charters is launching service between **San Antonio** and **Dallas**, followed shortly by service connecting **San Marcos, Austin, Temple, and Waco**, the **Express-News** reports. Passengers can expect an 'elevated travel experience' with plush seats, WI-FI, and restrooms, officials said. [Story](#).

Airport Updates: Aviation officials tell the **Express-News** that **San Antonio's** loss of its only Condor Airlines nonstop service to Europe probably won't affect other efforts by the Alamo City to recruit new overseas flights ([here](#)). Meanwhile, **Austin** turns its attention to 'incredibly productive' talks with Asian destinations. [Story](#).

**Austin** is planning to turn several blocks on Congress Avenue fronting the State Capitol into a pedestrian plaza closed to vehicular traffic ([here](#)). More details emerged last week at the city's Mobility Committee. [Story](#).

Tolls in the **Austin** metro area went up 2-3% on January 1, amounting to between 1-5 cents. Six local routes are affected: I83A, Highways 290, 71, SH 45, US 183 tollway, and the MoPac (Loop 1) Express Lane. [Details](#).

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

US home sales last year (2024) fell to their lowest levels in nearly 30 years, the **Wall Street Journal** reports, stalled by high interest rates and record prices. And a **Newsweek** headline

blared that an **Austin** home-price had dropped by 50% - misleading, in that the overall median price declined by only 7.1%. [Story](#). [Newsweek](#). **San Antonio** bucks the national trend ([here](#)).

Meanwhile, good news for **Austin** renters came from the *Texas Tribune*, which reports that a massive apartment building binge in the **Austin-Round Rock** region has driven rental prices downwards for two years. [Story](#).

**Corpus Christi**, desperate for water after a prolonged drought and already suffering the toughest water-use restrictions in 30 years, is drilling wells to pump water into their main source, the Nueces River. Surging population, desal plant permit delays, and over-commitments to industrial users take their toll. [Story](#).

The University of Texas at **Austin** has unveiled a new water processing facility, the UT WaterHub, designed to reduce sewer overflows by 70% and cut water use on campus by 40%, saving millions of dollars over time. Scheduled for construction completion by 2027, it will be the largest such facility in the US. [Story](#).

## Thought of the Week

“We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.”

– Joseph Campbell

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