



Monday Morning Report

March 2, 2026

INTERNAL

The next meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council's Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 2 PM by Zoom. For more information or to add an item to the agenda, contact council@thecorridor.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Austin is marveling at the quick action by emergency responders to a shooting incident over the weekend that killed three, wounded at least 14 along West 6th Street. Medical units were on-scene within a minute, police within three minutes, taking down the shooter - who is possibly linked to terrorism. [Story. More.](#)

The **San Antonio** city council voted 8-1 last week to formally censure relatively new mayor Gina Ortiz Jones over 'inappropriate behavior' stemming from a Feb. 5 confrontation with a fellow councilwoman that a majority of members felt violated the city's Code of Ethics and workplace policies. [Story. Background.](#)

Waymo robotaxi's have arrived in **San Antonio**. The company's driverless fleet includes 'dozens' of Jaguar I-Pace SUV's for now, expected to eventually reach 'hundreds,' according to officials. Initially, the vehicles will operate on only selected city streets - not highways - and will not serve the **San Antonio** airport. [Story. More.](#)

TxDOT is responding to complaints about a 'terribly planned' intersection in **San Antonio** at Loop 1604 and State Highway 16, so confusing that a motorist's Tik-Tock video has scored over 4-million viewers. A TxDOT spokesperson says the intersection meets the agency's 'safety and efficiency operational standards.' [Story.](#)

Corpus Christi's water woes continue: with the significant water sources of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon now down to a combined less-than-9% of capacity, officials are eyeing severe Stage 1 water restrictions while scrambling to spend \$400 million on alternate sources - 'buying time' said an official. [Story.](#)

President Trump's sudden block to opening the new Gordie Howe International Bridge between **Detroit** and **Windsor** is drawing increased scrutiny by trade and transportation advocates. After earlier calling the bridge a 'vital economic link,' the administration paused its

opening after lobbying from a competitor toll bridge operator. "Something stinks," a Washington Post contributor says, labelling the move 'economic malpractice.' [Opinion](#).

Beginning *today* (3/2) the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) will begin offering free weekday commuter bus service to **Austin** from **Smithville**, **Bastrop**, **Georgetown**, and **Round Rock**. Additional service to **Elgin** will begin in June. Funding is proved by a federal Climate Pollution Reduction grant. [Story](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

An 800-point drop in the Dow Industrial Average last week was triggered by an 'apocalyptic' 7000-word memo about artificial intelligence from the Citrini research group predicting an AI-generated race to the bottom in white-collar knowledge work, the **Wall Street Journal** reports. [Story](#). [More](#). The memo is printed [here](#).

Despite residents' concerns over water and electric power consumption, Texas will become a world leader in housing data centers by 2030, according to a report from the real estate group Jones Lang LaSalle, the **American-Statesman** says. Big tech will spend \$600 billion on such centers this year alone. [Story](#).

Austin rents are about to get expensive again, predicts the **Wall Street Journal**. The city's apartment vacancy rate was down last year for the first time since 2001, following a surge in new housing developments during the pandemic. "That excess supply is finally being absorbed," a source said. "Next, rents pick up." [Story](#).

Colorado-based aerospace and defense technology company York Space Systems is expanding in **Austin**, expected to add 10-15% to its local workforce next year, and occupying an 8000-sq.ft. office space. [Details](#).

Okay, this one is right up there with the taco wars for stupid, but **WalletHub** just ranked Texas cities for which were the hardest working (**Irving**, **Austin**, **Dallas**) by worker productivity but concluded that **San Antonio** is the laziest city in the Lone Star State. There's a joke in here somewhere but somehow, we just can't. [Story](#).

Thought of the Week

"The key to life is accepting challenges. Once someone stops doing this, he's dead." – Bette Davis

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