



Monday Morning Report

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The next meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council's Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 2 PM by Zoom. For more information or to add an item to the agenda, contact council@thecorridor.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Traffic congestion delays in **San Antonio** and **Austin** are once again creeping upwards following a post-pandemic dip, **Axios** reports, citing Texas A&M's 2025 Urban Mobility Report. The average US motorist spent 64 hours stuck in traffic in 2024; the average **San Antonio** driver lost 48 hours; **Austin** motorists lost 64 hours. Note: mid-day traffic congestion is increasing, possibly tied to remote/hybrid work. [Story](#). [More](#). [Report](#).

San Antonio is studying a technology solution (real time warnings of approaching trains) for increasing street traffic blockages related to passing trains at more than 500 crossings in the city, the **San Antonio Report** says. The project would alert navigations apps like Waze, Apple, and Google Maps of oncoming trains. [Story](#).

More Water Woes: **Pflugerville** expects a return to normal usage in May after declaring a water emergency last month ([here](#)); **Kerrville** city leaders voted to begin work on a \$3.1million reclaimed water pipeline to repurpose treated wastewater for city use; 'Easy water solutions are gone,' said the mayor ([here](#)); a clash is looming between **Corpus Christi** and **Three Rivers** over waning supplies ([here](#)); and **Hays County** wells are running dry as aquifers fall to their lowest levels in more than 20 years ([here](#)); and disappearing Canyon Lake has become an issue in the **New Braunfels** mayoral campaign. [Story](#).

Dallas-Area Rapid Transit agency CEO Nadine Lee is resigning in the aftermath of a financial deal cut earlier this year with member city-partners who had been threatening to withdraw from the agency in May elections. [Story](#).

University Hills in **Dallas** has joined projects in **New Orleans** and **Baltimore** as the winners in Elon Musk's The Boring Company's 'Tunnel Vision Challenge,' designed to select a mile-long tunnel project to be paid for by the Musk group. Feasibility and engineering studies remain to be done before a green light, however. [Details](#). Musk is supposedly also considering another project in **Bexar County** ([here](#)).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

Faced with an economic and population growth slowdown, **Austin** is charting a new economic development course of spurring job creation, promoting the city as a business destination, reduced regulation and improved permitting processes, and innovative programs to test new strategies, **Community Impact** reports [here](#).

Despite increasing pushback in other parts of the country on such projects, **Taylor** has voted to move ahead with a \$2.5 billion data processing center near the big new Samsung chip plant under construction in the suburb north of **Austin**. The center developer says it will reduce water usage thru closed-loop cooling, etc. [Details](#).

Although there is a lot of industry skepticism, the **Wall Street Journal** reports on a new solid-state electric vehicle battery development out of Finland that claims a new technology requiring no rare earth minerals, a five-minute recharging cycle and powerful enough to run a standard Tesla vehicle for more than 870 miles. [Story](#).

A stray bullet from Iran could impact computer chip manufacturing worldwide, the **New York Times** reports, noting that one-third of global helium gas production - produced from natural gas and essential to making computer chips such as those used to power artificial intelligence - was just knocked offline last week by an attack on Qatar's largest liquified natural gas facility. It could take years to rebuild, the **Times** says. [Story](#).

Thought of the Week

“Tough times never last, but tough people do.” – Dr. Robert Schuller

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