



## Monday Morning Report

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### INTERNAL

The next meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council Executive Committee will be Wednesday, November 19 at 2 PM by Zoom. If you would like more information or to add an item to the agenda, please contact [council@thecorridor.org](mailto:council@thecorridor.org).

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### INFRASTRUCTURE

By freezing over \$18 billion in US Department of Transportation funding for the nation's largest transit and passenger rail projects, the Trump administration is acting out of retribution, illegally rescinding funds and cancelling spending duly authorized by Congress, advocacy group Transportation for America claims [here](#).

The Trump administration is also restricting progress on the international shipping front, threatening ahead of a key vote this week by the UN's International Maritime Organization to sanction countries supporting draft global greenhouse gas emission regulations ('activist-driven climate policies'), *Maritime Executive* reports. [Story](#). [More](#).

Attributing much of the credit to former Corridor Council member B.J. 'Red' McCombs, the **San Antonio Report** ran a fascinating piece over the weekend about how the Spurs basketball team have created and shaped the global identity of the Alamo City, eclipsing even the corporate star power of HemisFair. Worth a read. [Story](#).

With the federal subsidy ending last month for the purchase of an electric vehicle, the **New York Times** examines the cost of operating EV's vs. traditional gas cars and finds that driving 100 miles can vary widely depending upon where you live in the US - and by as much as \$10 per charge or fill-up in Texas. [Story](#).

China has developed 42 solar-and-wind-driven high-voltage power lines stretching thousands of miles, capable of providing electricity for up to 60 million people - as well as high-speed rail lines and electric vehicles - and each carrying more electricity than any transmission line in the US because of superior technology. [Details](#).

**Corpus Christi's** water woes continue to draw national attention since the city was forced to back out of a major desalinization project due to rising costs, and this week it's the **Wall Street**

**Journal** covering drought-driven shortages and poor policy that have left roughly half of the water supply committed to just eight companies. "The city has all the energy in the world, and it doesn't have water," the paper quotes one observer. [Story](#).

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

**The Current** reports that **San Antonio** has the highest rate of delinquent mortgages of any large US metro area, with 4.3% of homeowners in the **San Antonio/New Braunfels** metro area more than 30 days behind on their mortgages. Though smaller, **Laredo** and **McAllen** had still higher delinquency rates. [Details](#).

The **Express-News** took note this weekend of the many new development projects coming to **Fredericksburg**, including a 106-acre resort-style, first-ever in Texas Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, a Meuse Hotel, a Lucchese Bootmakers outlet, a Salt Lick Barbecue joint, an \$8-million Frost Financial Center, and more. [Details](#).

**Austin**-based Tesla is building a \$10 million plus, 40,000 sq. ft. sales and service center next year - its first-ever in Texas - along IH-35 in **New Braunfels**, according to the **Express-News** and state filings. [Story](#).

Advocacy group **Texas 2036** has compiled new demographic data showing the state population is now over 31 million people, expected to add 5 million more by 2036; with a median age of 35, Texas is the second-youngest state after Utah; one in four Texans is under age 18; Texans aged 65+ are fastest-growing group. [Details](#).

## Thought of the Week

"Personally, I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught." – Winston Churchill

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