



## Monday Morning Report

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### INTERNAL

The next meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 at 2 PM by Zoom. If you would like to add an item to the agenda or request and invite, please contact [council@thecorridor.org](mailto:council@thecorridor.org).

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### INFRASTRUCTURE

It has taken years of effort, but **San Antonio** International Airport (SAT) will soon be offering nonstop daily flights to Ronald Reagan **Washington** National Airport (DCA), following tentative approvals issued last week from the US Department of Transportation to American Airlines. Service should begin within months, officials said. [Story](#).

Transportation does not appear to be emerging as a central issue in the race to become **Austin's** next mayor - despite over \$11 billion being in play short-term for I-35 improvements and the Project Connect transit effort - but the **Austin Monitor** reached out to all candidates for the answers to five transportation questions. [Details](#).

**KXAN** reports that an analysis by personal injury lawyers with a **Houston** office named three Texas roads as the deadliest for the five years from 2018-2022. Interstate 10 had the most fatalities, with 667 reported deaths; Interstate 35 came in second, with 543 deaths reported from 591 total crashes; I-20 ranked third. [Details](#).

Federal officials launched another probe into crashes involving **Austin**-based Tesla's Full Self-Driving Technology, the **Washington Post** reports, focused on incidents where visibility was limited. One incident led to the death of a 71-year-old woman who had gotten out of her car to assist at an earlier crash site. [Story](#).

The Texas Electric Transportation Resources Alliance (TxETRA) and some related educational entities are getting a name change to Texas EV, their president announced last week. Read about the changes [here](#).

TxDOT is seeking public comment on a major new highway project that would connect **Corpus Christi** to North Padre Island extending for about 15 miles from State Highway 286 to Park Road 22 in **Nueces** and **Kleberg Counties** across the Laguna Madre, offering a new hurricane evacuation route. [Story](#).

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

A \$65 million, four-building industrial site formerly known as Waterstone, will open late next year on 47-acres near **Kyle** just off I-35 at Farm to Market Road 110 as the CTX 110 development, officials announced. [Story](#).

The **San Antonio** Historic and Design Review Commission has given the go-ahead toward next steps for a new 10-story residential building and a three-story commercial space at Hemisfair Park in downtown. [Story](#).

The International Energy Agency said last week that global energy demand - driven by surging power needs for new factories, electric vehicles, air-conditioners, and data centers - is rising at least 6% faster than previously predicted, thus making it harder for countries to slash emissions related to climate change. [Story](#). [Report](#).

China's new pro-birth policy of cash subsidies for multiple children (a whiplash reversal from decades of one-child-per-family policy) is doing little to offset a declining Chinese fertility rate, says the **South China Morning Post**, which has far-reaching economic implications. [Story](#). The **Wall Street Journal** takes note. [Opinion](#).

Congratulations to **New Braunfels** police chief Keith Lane, retiring later this month after 37 years of public service. Assistant chief of police David Blevins will step in as his interim replacement. [Details](#).

## Thought of the Week

*"Remember, upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all."*

- Alexander the Great

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