



Monday Morning Report

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The **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council Executive Committee meets 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.

INFRASTRUCTURE

At yet another **Austin-San Antonio** Growth Summit last month with hundreds in attendance, Henry Cisneros - former **San Antonio** mayor and co-founder of the Corridor Council - estimated that regional population could grow to 8.3 million by 2050, but cited three factors that might limit economic growth: housing affordability, water resources, and traffic congestion along Interstate 35. [Story](#). Affordability is challenge nationwide. [More](#).

The **Express-News** adds some additional details about that \$125,000 study funded by **Travis County** of a passenger rail system from **San Antonio** to **Austin** using the IH-10 and SH 130 corridors. Judge Andy Brown said the project could be operational in time to mitigate construction congestion along IH-35. [Story](#).

Road rage incidents are increasing nationwide and the **Express-News** last week named roadways in **San Antonio** where you are most likely to encounter driving behavior so aggressive that it might qualify (IH-35 and IH-10 figure prominently) [here](#); and **Axios** says **Austin** drivers are losing 64 hours per year to congestion [here](#).

The Trump administration is freezing \$14 billion in infrastructure funding designated for projects in blue (Democratic) states, according to the director of the Office of Management and Budget but hasn't informed the hardest-hit states yet. Projects in **New York**, **Boston**, **San Francisco** and **Baltimore** were cited. [Story](#).

Hours-long traffic delays in **Schertz** developed over the weekend when an Amtrak train running along the Union Pacific rail line struck an 18-wheeler hauling automobiles, the **New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung** reports. No injuries were reported but resulting road closures nearby could last 24 hours or more. [Story](#). [More](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

The **San Antonio Report** says a Spurs political action committee has spent \$7 million thus far to prevail in tomorrow's vote on a new basketball arena funded largely by city and county taxpayers ([here](#)); and former mayor & **Bexar County** judge Nelson Wolff raised some eyebrows by critiquing a 'clumsy' rollout for the project. [Story](#).

Texas towns that grew up along railroads a century ago sometimes found themselves bypassed as highways became the major transportation mode, the **Express-News** reports in an interesting piece about a renaissance subtitled '*Railroads made them. Highways broke them. Tech might save them.*' **Taylor** is cited. [Story](#).

The **Cibolo** city council has approved \$32.5 million in tax breaks to attract an unnamed Fortune 500 company considering building a \$450 million 'next generation' distribution center on 126-acres just off IH-35 between **Austin** and **San Antonio**, local officials said, creating an expected 425 full-time jobs. [Details](#).

And tomorrow's tax-rate election in **Austin** has drawn national attention from J. David Goodman, the **New York Times** Texas bureau chief, who oddly characterized the ballot item as being about funding for the homeless and called the election a 'referendum on governance in the fast-changing Texas capitol.' [Story](#). ("Get me re-write")

Thought of the Week

"The absence of alternatives clears the mind marvelously."

– Henry Kissinger

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