



Monday Morning Report

November 10, 2025

INTERNAL

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

Last week marked the initial meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Regional Climate Resilient Accelerator (11/6), an effort to identify, prepare for, and respond to climate challenges (in particular), hosted by consulting experts from the C2ES Center for Climate and Energy Solutions. To learn more about the project and the organizers, go [here](#). For a recording of the meeting, click [here](#).

A **Phoenix** coalition is developing a multi-jurisdictional digital twin of the 5-million resident region to visualize, test, and optimize urban development projects virtually before committing public resources to implementation. Areas addressed include traffic congestion, housing affordability, heat mitigation, and more. [Story](#).

Texas senators Cruz and Cornyn filed legislation that would limit US water deliveries to Mexico and threaten its business sectors benefiting from US water - part of an ongoing dispute over Mexico's failure to honor a 1.75-million-acre-foot water debt to the US per a 1944 treaty. **Rio Grande Valley** House members concur. [Details](#).

Associated Press reports the Federal Aviation Administration's government shutdown flight capacity cutbacks could strain air cargo supply chains just as the peak holiday season begins. And, UPS and FedEx said they're grounding their fleets of MD-11 planes following a crash at the UPS global aviation hub in Kentucky. [Story](#).

US traffic congestion hit an all-time high last year, and Texas is at the top of the list, according to the annual Texas A&M Transportation Institute's study. In **Houston**, where motorists lose 63 hours per year stuck in traffic, the problem has gone from a rush hour phenomenon to an all-day affair, even on weekends. [Story](#). [Study](#).

Four **North Texas** cities are considering leaving the Dallas Area Rapid Transit System (DART) Transportation, with withdrawal elections set for next May. **Plano, Irving, Farmer's Branch,**

and **Highland Park** all claim their millions in tax contributions to the agency don't result in the level of service they require or want. [Story](#). [More](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

The Trump administration in **Washington** plans to create a 50-year mortgage option as a way of breaking out of the gridlock currently crippling the housing markets, **Fortune** magazine reports [here](#). But not everyone likes the idea: **Newsweek** reports a 'lifetime of debt' backlash from Trump's own best MAGA supporters. [Story](#).

For reasons that remain obscure, the **San Antonio Express-News** had a lengthy profile last week of **Round Rock**, highlighting the suburb's cultural, economic, and high-tech advantages over **Austin**, citing its 'international renown,' and including photos of its mayor & city council, baseball mascot, and water tower. (?) [Opinion](#).

Wow. Texas is getting a new Hill Country state park (the state's second largest) bigger than Manhattan and located just 125-miles west of **San Antonio** in **Kinney** and **Edwards Counties**. The 54,000-acre Silver Lake ranch, formerly largely owned by the Moody Foundation, could open as soon as next year. [Story](#).

Thought of the Week

“There is nothing permanent except change.” – Heraclitus (around 500 BC)

This newsletter is available to our members. If you wish to unsubscribe, please send an email request with subject UNSUBSCRIBE to council@thecorridor.org.

©2025 Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council