



## Monday Morning Report

June 26, 2017

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### INTERNAL

The Executive Committee of the **Austin-San Antonio Corridor** Council met last week (6/21) in **San Marcos** for project updates, a legislative wrap-up report, some new project discussions, and direction to staff to begin the process of developing a broadly-scoped vision and methodology for the creation of a regional plan. For information, contact [council@thecorridor.org](mailto:council@thecorridor.org).

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### INFRASTRUCTURE

England will invest \$1 billion in new driverless and zero-emission automobile technologies in an effort to boost its economy even in the midst of leaving the European Community's common market. And the announcement was made by no lesser being than the Queen herself. [Story](#).

After six weeks of court filings, press conferences and statements, a federal lawsuit over the controversial new immigration enforcement law in Texas, known as Senate Bill 4, will be heard today in **San Antonio**. [Story](#).

According to the **Community Impact Newsletter**, [here's](#) how the Mobility Authority will fund toll lanes on US 183 North.

**Austin's** CapMetro votes today on moving forward with Phase Two (Real Solutions For Real Problems, as they've dubbed it) of their Project Connect process. Agenda and resolution wording can be found [here](#).

Gov. Greg Abbott has signed a law that makes it legal to operate a self-driving vehicle in Texas as long as there is sufficient insurance coverage in place and the vehicle can record video. Industry story [here](#).

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and 'Other' News)

Best Headline Of The Week In Business News: 'Amazon Puts Whole Foods In Its Cart,' from the **Rivard Report**. The story includes some pretty savvy analysis of the coming gunfight between Wal-Mart and Amazon for the hearts and wallets of US shoppers. Read it [here](#).

**San Marcos** has narrowed its search for a city manager to five finalist candidates, with city council interviews set to take place during the second week of July. For details and a list of finalists, go [here](#).

**Detroit**-based **Auto Week** reports that negative-equity levels on cars are at record highs as longer loan terms, rising prices, and falling values on used cars take a toll on consumers. First quarter 2017 trade-ins on new car transactions had a record average of \$5,195 negative equity. [Details](#).

The **San Antonio** Mission's are playing more than just hardball with the city over a proposed new \$75 million stadium for the team; they're fishing for funding for that project from the city and **Bexar County**. Details [here](#).

The Downtown Austin Alliance has released its Downtown Austin Parking Strategy. View the presentation and documents: [Mobility Committee presentation](#) (June 21, 2017) ; [Downtown Austin Parking Strategy](#) (June 2017) ; [Summary of the Recommendations and Implementation Plan](#) (June 2017).

## Thought of the Week

*"Growth is the only evidence of life."*

*~ John Henry Newman, Apologia pro vita sua, 1864*