



Monday Morning Report

June 5, 2017

INTERNAL

The Corridor Council's Executive Committee is scheduled to next meet Wednesday, June 21, 2:00 pm at our offices on 304 N. CM Allen Parkway, in **San Marcos**. Please RSVP your attendance to council@thecorridor.org.

Over a hundred people attended the Corridor Council's Congressional luncheon at the **San Antonio** Plaza Club with Congressman Joaquin Castro (TX-20) and US House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (TX-10). Robert Rivard moderated. Topics of discussion included NAFTA, immigration, border and homeland security. The Rivard Report's story outlines much of the discussion [here](#).

INFRASTRUCTURE

According to an analysis funded by computer-chip maker Intel Corp., fully autonomous cars will create a domino effect rippling through nearly all aspects of society and result in a \$7 trillion "passenger economy" by the year 2050. Example: fewer auto accidents means fewer human transplant organs available. [Story](#).

The race to bring autonomous (self-driving) technology to the world's trucking fleet just heated up yet again. Waymo - a spinoff of Google's parent company Alphabet - has begun testing Class 8 trucks (big rigs) on a private track in California. [Details](#).

President Trump is pushing for more infrastructure projects that rely on public-private partnerships, which could mean more toll roads. [Story](#).

Following the Trump administration's announced withdrawal from the **Paris** global climate accord more than 200 cities and states - including Austin - have announced plans of their own: to continue operating as if the accord were still in place. [Details](#).

When he leaves public office as a **San Antonio** city councilman next month, Joe Krier - a former Chamber of Commerce leader and veteran civic activist - will take over a commission appointed by the city and **Bexar County** to develop a long term vision for the city's airport requirements. [Story](#).

San Marcos will receive an additional \$7.7 million for flood control efforts from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, bringing to \$32.5 million the total amount of federal dollars secured for flood relief projects. [Story](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and 'Other' News)

It wasn't unanimous, but **San Antonio's** city council voted to join a lawsuit against the state of Texas to oppose the just-passed 'sanctuary cities' Senate bill 4, which targets undocumented immigrants. The Mexican America Legal Defense Fund filed the original lawsuit. [Story](#).

"Virtual Valet," a new mobile application to assist motorists in finding a low cost downtown parking spot, is coming to **San Antonio**. Customers use the app to summon a parking valet near four designated drop-off locations downtown. [Details](#).

Free Trade Alliance **San Antonio** and the Women in International Business will host a luncheon on "Perspectives on The Future of the Texas/Mexico Auto Industry", Wed., June 7. For more information contact ssfong@freetradealliance.org or call 210-229-9036 for more information. [Details](#).

Ready, set, go: the 55th annual Texas Water Safari - "The World's Toughest Canoe Race" - starts next Friday in **San Marcos** with more than 150 teams and 300 participants registered. Read about the challenges near **Victoria** of 'hallucination alley' [here](#).

Thought of the Week

"This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer."

~Will Rogers

