



Monday Morning Report

November 5, 2018

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The next scheduled meeting for the **Austin-San Antonio Corridor** Council Executive Committee is Wednesday, December 19 at 2pm.

RSVP or submit agenda items to council@thecorridor.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Big developments are coming to airports in the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor: **Austin** has adopted and sent to the Federal Aviation Administration a 20-year, \$4 billion master plan that includes building a new north terminal expected to open in 2025 ([here](#)); and last week **San Antonio**'s city council approved moving forward on a multi-million dollar expansion of the existing **San Antonio** International Airport, designed to accommodate the next 50 years of local air travel needs. [Story](#).

Interstate 10 west of **Seguin** will be expanded from four to six lanes; a \$243 million project originally scheduled to begin construction in 2025 but now advanced to 2021. The expansion will eventually reach from Loop 1604 in **San Antonio** to State Highway 130. [Details](#).

Google's Waymo division has been granted approval by California transportation officials to begin testing fully autonomous (self-driving) vehicles on certain public roads - the first time vehicles without drivers have been approved on public roadways there. The tests are limited to only certain cities including **Mountain View**, Google's headquarters. [Story](#).

In preparation for the 2019 Texas State Legislative session, the Transportation Advocates of Texas group will meet next week on November 15 for a strategic planning session in **Austin**. Details and an agenda can be found [here](#).

The **Austin** Technology Incubator is hosting a forum with some impressive panelists on 'How Technology Will Transform Transportation And Mobility' later this week at the Austin Central Library on Thursday, November 8, at 6:15 pm at the Austin Central Library, 710 W. Cesar Chavez, in **Austin**. Register [here](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and 'Other' News)

San Antonio's city council passed an ordinance regulating short-term housing rentals last week, adopting rules that set permit requirements and established fees for an estimated more than 2,000 local rentals on such sites as HomeAway and Airbnb. **Austin** took somewhat similar action in 2016 ([here](#)) but state challenges to their ordinance continue. [Story](#).

CityFest launches this week (Nov. 8-10) in **San Antonio**, an event series sponsored by the **Rivard Report** spread out across different venues in the Alamo City. Ambitious programming includes more than 60 speakers exploring the city's opportunities and challenges (see program [here](#)) - modeled, according to

organizers, on the *The Texas Tribune's* TribFest to serve "as an accelerator, bringing together civically engaged citizens to connect and imagine our shared future." [Story](#).

It's that time of year again: time to head down to **New Braunfels** for the city's 58th annual 10-day Wurstfest celebration of sausage, beer, music, and dancing. A new '*bier garten*' has been added with 100 more tables and 800 new seats, so bring the family. Lederhosen optional. [Details](#).

Thought of the Week

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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