



Monday Morning Report

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The next scheduled meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council Executive Committee is Wednesday, June 17 at 2 PM by Zoom. For more information or to add an item to the agenda, contact council@thecorridor.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Jacobs Engineering-produced '*US Safe Streets Index*' says it analyzes the top 100 metros across five weighted safety factors to reveal how driving exposure, speed differentials, speeds on pedestrian roadways, truck activity and residential speeding influence roadway risk. Rankings by categories are included. Download it [here](#).

The roadway network beneath the massive Loop 1604/IH-10 interchange in **San Antonio** is about to get a series of four roundabouts to replace a current series of traffic lights and merging lanes, the *Express-News* reports. Nicknamed 'the fidget spinner' by engineers, it will be a first for the Alamo City, according to the paper. [Story](#).

It's back to square one for that 'cap and stitch' project project to build public spaces and pedestrian bridges across IH-35 in downtown **Austin** as, just days after suggesting a scaled back one-cap design, Mayor Kirk Watson withdrew his proposal after failing to get concurrence from the city council. Still needed: \$104 million. [Details](#).

Big changes are coming to the lounge situation at **Austin** Bergstrom International Airport. Newsletter *View From The Wing* says two new bank or credit card lounges (American Express & Chase, apparently) are in the planning stages. And Southwest Airlines is seeking permits that may create their own lounge at AUS. [Details](#). [More](#).

In video editorials last week, the *Wall Street Journal* claimed that the 'climate-fear industry' - described as tech billionaire-funded climate 'alarmists' - is now collectively turning its attention to opposing the development of data centers across the US. Days later, they made the same claim about artificial intelligence. [Opinion](#). [More](#).

Meanwhile, at least two data centers are set for construction in **Bastrop County**, according to state filings cited by the *Express-News*, with a total combined investment of \$1.4 billion in a **Cedar Creek** facility. [Story](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

Industry advocates warn of a gathering storm for the \$1.5 trillion US agriculture sector, the **Wall Street Journal** reports. Bankruptcies have doubled in the last year, median farm income is trending downward, roughly 90% of family-owned farms and ranches rely on alternative income sources to survive, and less than 5% of farms are profitable. [Story](#).

Nearly half of all insurance claims made against the five-largest US home insurers resulted in zero payments, according to new data from the **Wall Street Journal**. And it's getting worse: risk that a claim will result in no payout rose 36% from a decade earlier for State Farm, Allstate, Liberty Mutual, USAA, and Farmers Insurance. [Story](#).

The terrific **San Antonio Report** and Texas Public Radio announced last week that they will combine operations beginning this summer (7/1) to create the largest non-profit newsroom in **San Antonio** history. The **Report's** assets will be contributed to TPR but both operations will continue existing websites & platforms for now. [Details](#).

A vote is scheduled *tomorrow* (6/2) in **Cameron County** on tax abatements for a \$3.2 billion shipyard facility in **Brownsville** that would manufacture autonomous, artificial intelligence-driven vessels for 'traditional naval and maritime fleets.' **Austin**-based Saronic Technologies is behind the effort, known as Project Alpha. [Story](#).

Thought of the Week

“Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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