



Monday Morning Report

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INTERNAL

At last week's (6/17) Executive Committee meeting of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council members - among other things - discussed possible affiliation with a new group being formed by Council founder Henry Cisneros, reviewed the current status of data centers being proposed for the region, heard about progress on reauthorization of the federal transportation funding bill in **Washington**, and received updates on regional rail planning. [Agenda](#).

The **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council Executive Committee is scheduled to next meet July 15 at 2 PM by Zoom. For more information or to add an item to the agenda, contact council@thecorridor.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Major road closures began last week along IH-35 that may severely impact travel times between **Austin** and **San Antonio** until next fall. The most significant construction impacts will be felt in the **Schertz** area, the ***Express-News*** reports, but other related projects could affect travel in **Bexar, Comal & Guadalupe Counties** periodically. [Details](#).

Heads Up: The July meeting of the Texas Senate Transportation Committee, now canceled, has been reset to August 25 in **Austin**. The Committee will hear invited testimony on prioritizing public safety at railroad crossings and studying the deployment of autonomous vehicles across the state, among other topics. [Agenda](#).

Autonomous vehicle ridesharing company Waymo has recalled nearly its entire US fleet of about 3,900 cars for a software fix affecting vehicle performance near freeway construction sites, the second such move in a month after an earlier recall in May when an unoccupied **San Antonio** vehicle entered a flooded roadway. [Story](#).

Logistics newsletter ***The Loadstar*** offers a tutorial on what container shipping rates can reveal about the global economy - basically an early-warning signal on supply and demand in the trade sector. This is a companion piece to last week's **MMR** item ([here](#)) about the highest trans-pacific container rates in 12 years. [Story](#). [More](#).

The **Cameron County** commissioners court has approved a \$211-million tax abatement plan for **Austin**-based Saronic Technologies to construct a ship-building facility in **Brownsville** for

autonomous boats designed for both military and civilian uses, **Texas Tribune** reports. Saronic says it will create 10,000 jobs over 20 years. [Story](#).

Florida's Brightline has been hailed as 'the future of private sector high-speed rail in the United States,' but the **Atlantic** magazine, in an update, says the rail company has now killed more than 200 people since initiating service in 2018 for 235-miles between **Miami** and the **Orlando** International Airport. (sign-up required) [Story](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

Today, at 12:00 noon, the Pulitzer Center and the **Texas Tribune** host an online forum about the data center boom in Texas, the effects of data centers on local communities, and efforts to regulate them. Sign up [here](#).

After months of debate, the **San Marcos** city council voted last week to ban data centers across all of the city's zoning districts, citing various impacts on local neighborhoods in addition to concerns about excessive water and power usage. **Hays County** may take up a proposed data center moratorium tomorrow. [Story](#).

Texas homeowners pay some of the highest insurance costs in the nation, a recent study suggests, with average annual premiums of nearly \$4,000 - 65.7% higher than the national average. Exposure to hurricanes, hail storms, wildfires, and tornadoes are cited as reasons, in addition to rising construction replacement costs. [Story](#).

Residents are speaking out against a proposed 500-home development in **Kerrville** near IH-10, raising concerns about water usage, flood control issues, local housing affordability, and traffic. The 130-acre project, currently seeking permit approvals from the city, is just one of many new developments planned nearby. [Details](#).

People, Inc, the magazine folks, have purchased the **Austin**-based Hot Luck food festival from famed barbecue restaurateur Aaron Franklin and his partners. Looking forward to 'The Sexiest Brisket Alive' issue. [Story](#).

Thought of the Week

"I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the year's." – Henry Moore

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