



Monday Morning Report

June 29, 2026

INTERNAL

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

The brutal heatwave broiling Western Europe has caused sections of the famed German autobahn A2 to collapse, **New Daily** reports, forcing closures on the country's main east-west motorway and forcing traffic onto smaller, alternate routes now gridlocked. 'As a result, one interchange after another has to be closed,' officials said. [Story](#).

High fuel prices and rising truck rates are leading US shippers to turn to slower, cheaper freight railroad services, the **Wall Street Journal** reports. Intermodal transport, in which railroads carry containers and truck trailers, rose 6% in May, as the average spot rate by rail per-mile dropped to \$1.16, vs. \$3.05 for typical truck rates. [Story](#).

US cities - architecture, road layouts, transportation systems, and other infrastructure - are built for the climate of the 1950's and 1960's, 'which is not the weather we have now or will have in the future,' reads a **Wall Street Journal** opinion piece surveying current adaptation policies. Why the 'wet-bulb' metric is important. [Opinion](#).

Compared to the 2010's, sports utility vehicles and pickup trucks dominate US roadways today, and they are bigger and heavier than ever, the **Times** reports. That increase in size and weight is leading to an increase in pedestrian deaths - up by 75% since 2009. Taller hoods, heavier vehicles, and larger blind spots may be responsible. [Story](#).

Corpus Christi's water crisis is the result of a flawed foundational element of Texas water planning - a politically driven refusal to incorporate climate change into supply-and-demand projection models, **KUT Radio** reported last week. The problem is that methods used by the Texas Water Development Board are based upon drought-of-record figures, no longer applicable to a climate warming as fast as ours, the report says. [Story](#).

One of the longest-serving and most effective public servants in the **Austin-San Antonio Corridor** will be retiring next May, **New Braunfels** city manager Robert Camareno. He's had a

30-year career in government, including 18-years with the city, and previously served in both **Copperas Cove** and **Buda**. He will be missed. [Story](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

As Delta Airlines beefs up its presence at **Austin** Bergstrom it is adding flights to the **San Francisco** Bay Area ([here](#)) and **Fort Myers**, Fla. ([here](#)), and dropping **Memphis** and **New Orleans** from its nonstop routes. [Story](#).

That massive 2600-acre development project at Dogs Head on the Colorado River in **Austin** is drawing a lot of questions from **Travis County** officials, who last week questioned what exactly is planned for the site - receiving few answers. Since the effort involves \$2.2 billion in tax incentives, expect more debate. (It isn't SpaceX). [Story](#).

Axios Austin reports on the peculiar difficulties of ticketing robotaxis, revealing that driverless vehicles have received 21 parking citations from November 2024 through this May - with 20 of those ticketed cars belonging to Waymo. Amazon's Zoox received one ticket for parking in a tow-away zone. [Details](#).

An unusual contest between God and government is underway at a religious shrine on Mount Cristo Rey in **Big Bend** over a border wall the US is building on land owned by the Catholic Diocese of **Las Cruces**. The eminent domain case has become a bitter legal battle between religious freedom and border security, **El Pais** says. [Story](#).

Ashby Johnson, executive director of **Austin's** Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), retires next week after a 35-year career in public transportation policy. His farewell post on **LinkedIn** can be found [here](#).

Man Bites Dog: Ordinarily, when a town of 3000 people like **Castroville**, in **Medina County**, loses their newspaper, that's the end of the stories. But thanks to Texas A&M University **San Antonio**, student journalists stepped up to create **The Cypress**, a local website covering local public meetings and events. Hats off to all involved. [Story](#).

Thought of the Week

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

– John Wooden

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