



Monday Morning Report

July 6, 2026

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We hope you had an enjoyable July 4th as we marked the nation's 250th anniversary.

The Executive Committee of the **Austin-San Antonio** Corridor Council will NOT meet in July, thus no meeting next week. Check back with the Monday Morning Report for the next meeting date.

For more information or to add an item to the agenda, contact council@thecorridor.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE

TxDOT posted its proposed 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) last week, the agency's annual update of its ten-year plan, and opened a public comment period until August 3. The UTP is scheduled to be approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on August 26, 2026. **San Antonio** District projects can be found on pages 101-103. **Austin** District projects can be found on pages 22-30. [Draft 2027 UTP. Master UTP Planning Document.](#)

VIA Metropolitan Transit in **San Antonio** is hosting a '*Transportation & Regional Mobility Roundtable*' on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at VIA Metropolitan Transit Center located at 1021 San Pedro Ave, (Board Room). Details and registration information can be found [here](#).

Highway Updates: Beginning yesterday (7/6), the eastbound Loop 1604 entrance ramp after the IH-10 interchange near in **San Antonio** will be *permanently* closed as part of a ramp/interchange reconfiguration in that area. TxDOT is warning of traffic delays ([here](#)). And the **Express-News** is reporting that more than 100 **Austin** businesses will close or be forced to relocate due to the reconstruction of IH-35, including a school and several restaurants. [Story](#).

Smart Cities reports that even as the California **Los Angeles-to-San Francisco** high speed rail project turns to the private sector for financing, two other private sector-funded projects - Brightline West from **Las Vegas** to Southern California and Brightline Florida from **Orlando-to-Miami** - are struggling with debt issues and rising costs. [Story](#).

The Federal Aviation Administration in **Washington** is moving to end a 50-year ban on supersonic passenger flights over the US, possibly opening the door to sonic boomless jets flying more than 761-miles per hour. [Story](#). [Rule](#).

The **New York City** Economic Development Corporation is preparing two existing heliports for air taxi operations, which could begin flying later this year. The move includes beefing up electric charging infrastructure. [Story](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (and Other News)

President Trump said last week that he will not renew the major US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement (previously known as NAFTA), which he originally re-negotiated during his first term. Trade talks are supposed to restart later this month (7/20), but the initial reaction from the auto industry and shippers has been critical. [Story](#). [More](#).

Toyota will move its Tacoma pickup truck and some additional sports utility vehicle production to **San Antonio** as part of a \$3.6 billion US expansion plan, the **Wall Street Journal** reports, by building a second assembly line and adding 2000 local jobs to their current employee roll of about 3,700 people. [Story](#).

Powerful Texas state senator Paul Bettencourt said last week that he intends to challenge a ban on data centers imposed by the city of **San Marcos** just a month ago. Bettencourt says the ban conflicts with state law. [Story](#).

A state district judge has ordered **San Antonio's** CPS Energy to pay nearly \$400 million to two companies accused of over-charging the agency for gas supplied during the 2021 winter storm Uri. CPS is considering appeals. [Story](#).

View From The Wing travel newsletter says that Delta Airlines is preparing to launch an **Austin-to-Paris** nonstop passenger service, possibly as early as next year, "connecting barbecue with baguettes"? [Details](#).

Thought of the Week

"The bedrock of our democracy is the rule of law and that means we have to have judges who can make decisions independent of the political winds."

– Caroline Kennedy

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