

San Antonio's Megaregion Moment

13 counties, 5.4 million people, one unified vision for the future.

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Counties Represented

The Central Texas Alliance now includes 13 counties across the Austin-San Antonio corridor, spanning over 11,000 square miles.

This is not a theoretical coalition — it's a formalized network of civic, business, and academic leaders from across the region, meeting in person for the first time to align on shared priorities. The scale of coordination is unprecedented in this corridor, where growth has long outpaced unified planning.

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Growth Demands a Regional Response

San Antonio MSA cannot manage its future in isolation. With the corridor projected to add 3 million people by 2050, the absence of a single coordinating body has left infrastructure, water, and mobility planning fragmented. The Alliance's formation signals a shift from reactive to proactive regional governance — a critical step for long-term resilience.

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Infrastructure Priorities Are Now Public

The Alliance has already prioritized two megaprojects: completing the I-35/SH 130 corridor and building a high-speed rail between Austin and San Antonio. These are not just transportation upgrades — they are economic anchors. The \$1.9 billion to \$13 billion cost range reflects the scale of investment needed, but the consensus on urgency suggests political will is finally aligning with demographic reality.

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