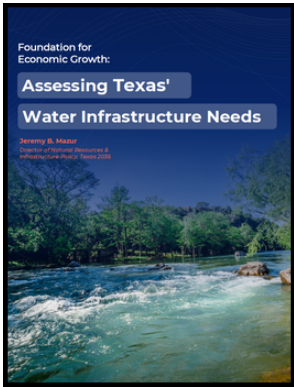


President's Report: Activity Update



Texas 2036's new report dives in on a state water plan



Investments in water infrastructure protect the state's economy from the losses attributable to water shortages and failing water systems.

Dive into Texas 2036's latest report "[Foundation for Economic Growth: Assessing Texas' Water Infrastructure Needs](#)" to learn more about how Texas can invest in our state's water future.

Texas 2036 Board adopts new legislative agenda for 2025

At its meeting this month in El Paso, the Texas 2036 board of directors approved our legislative agenda for the 89th legislative session, now a little more than two months away.

[The agenda](#) highlights five areas of focus for session: water, college and career readiness, health care affordability, the criminal justice department under Sunset review and housing.

Also, Texas 2036 President and CEO **David Leebron** [penned an op-ed](#) for El Paso Matters highlighting the city's and Texas 2036's shared determination to tackle the state's biggest challenges.

TX2036's Justin Coppedge featured in G.W. Bush Institute Journal

Senior Strategy and Operations VP **Justin Coppedge** was featured in this month's Fall issue of The Catalyst, the in-house journal for the George W. Bush Institute.

The theme of the issue was preparing for global demographic shifts, and [Justin's article drew on Texas 2036 data](#) in discussing how Texas can defy the odds.

Texas 2036 explainer series tackles state gov't, budget



This month, Texas 2036 touched on the structure, functions and key players in [state government](#) to give you a clearer picture of the agencies and state employees who provide Texans with essential services.

For the 100th edition of our weekly newsletter, we created a [quick guide to what the budget is](#), how it's created and what we'd like to see in the next budget for the 2026-27 budget cycle.

Texas 2036 testifies at the Capitol

Senior Policy Advisor **Luis Soberon** testified Oct. 2 during a hearing on the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Legislative Appropriations Request and highlighted the opportunity to deliver greater higher education opportunities in the prison system as well as the need for climate control within prisons.



Policy Advisor **Mitrah Avini** testified Oct. 3 in support of efforts to expand the financial, administrative and personnel support offered to the Space Commission at a hearing for the Office of the Governor and Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor's Legislative Appropriations Request.

Texas 2036 in the Community

Our team made several stops across the state this month to speak about our work. Here's where we've been:

Sept. 30-Oct. 1: President and CEO **David Leebron** joined a delegation of leaders and stakeholders attending the presidential inauguration and meeting with officials in Mexico City, led by the Texas Association of Business.

Oct. 1: Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** participated in a panel discussing The Future of Texas Innovation & Tech at the YTexas Summit on the 10-yard line of the AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Oct.10: Senior Vice President, Strategy and Operations **Justin Coppedge** presented on the States for the Future network to the Nevada League of Cities.

Oct. 11: **A.J. Rodriguez** appeared on a panel at the 41st San Antonio Minority Enterprise Development Week at CPS Energy's headquarters in San Antonio.

Oct. 16: Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy **Charles Miller** spoke at the annual conference of the Texas Indigent Health Care Association in San Antonio.

Oct. 22: Director of Government Affairs **Jordan Wat** spoke at the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce: 89th Legislative Session Preview Luncheon in Round Rock.

Oct. 23: Director of Government Performance and Fiscal Policy **Rahul Sreenivasan** provided a state budget preview for the Texas Lyceum in advance of their November conference.

Oct. 25: **A.J. Rodriguez** spoke to the UTSA College of Education Advisory Board in San Antonio about the mission of Texas 2036 and what to expect during the 89th Legislative Session.



Photo: Director of Government Affairs Jordan Wat (middle right) was one of four panelists to speak at the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce: 89th Legislative Session Preview Luncheon on Oct. 22 in Round Rock.

Texas 2036 in the News

In October, Texas 2036 continued to add to our growing list of 394 media stories published in 190 news outlets this year.

This month, our work was featured in Austin American Statesman, Christian Science Monitor, CultureMap Dallas, El Paso Matters, El Paso Times, Gilmer Mirror, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Business Journal, Houston CityBook, KBTX-TV, Lone Star Standard, News From the States, Rio Grande Guardian, San Antonio Report, San Marcos Daily Record, Texas Tribune, The Associated Press, The (Brazoria County) Facts, The Boerne Star, The Catalyst: A Journal of Ideas, Triple Pundit and USA Today.

Here's a sampling of the news stories:

- Christian Science Monitor - **"Big launch for SpaceX, but promise aloft comes with tension in Texas"**
- Gilmer Mirror- **"How Texas can reimagine high school success"**
- San Antonio Report - **"How a 100-year-old, 'anti-democratic' law is killing Texas housing projects"**
- The Brazoria County Facts - **"Uninsured remains high despite available free ACA marketplace plans"**
- Texas Tribune - **"Texas' order to ask hospital patients' citizenship status renews focus on the state's large uninsured population"**
- Texas Tribune - **"Texas' high housing costs sparked a movement to bring them down. The fight could shape the state for years to come."**



We crossed our milestone of sending 100 newsletters out to an increasing number of subscribers.

This year, we have more than doubled our subscribers and are closing in on 25,000 subscribers. This growth has contributed to more than 750,000 views of our website over the last 12 months!