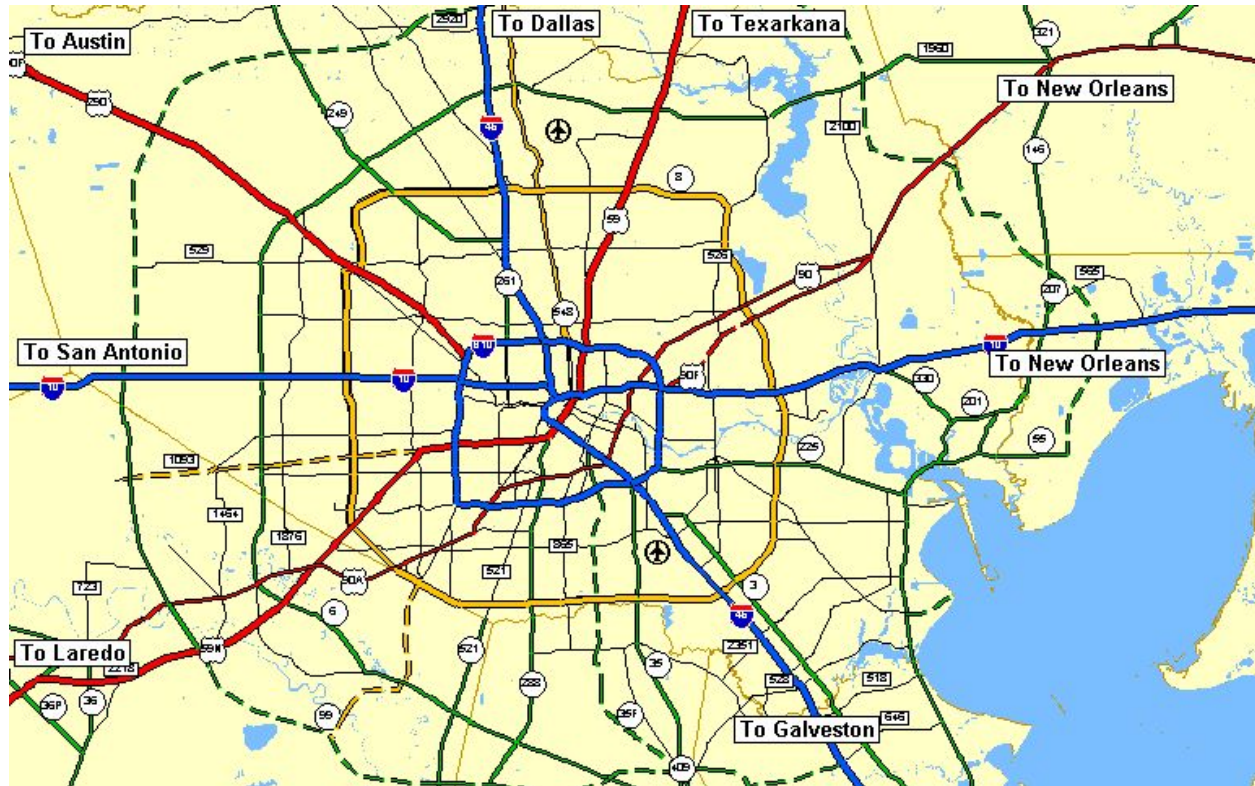


Highway System

Houston is well-served by a system of radial and ring highways that provide excellent access to markets outside the region.



- Houston's location in the South Central United States places it equidistant from the nation's major population centers — New York (1,631 miles) and Los Angeles (1,550 miles).
- In the Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 739.3 miles of freeways and expressways — 61 percent of the planned 1,217-mile system — are in operation.
- Houston is the crossroads for Interstates 10 and 45. Other major highways serving Houston are Loop 610, U.S. 59, U.S. 290, U.S. 90, Texas 288, Texas 225, Hardy Toll Road, Sam Houston Tollway and the Grand Parkway (Texas 99).
- Houston also lies along the route of the proposed I-69 NAFTA superhighway that will link Canada, the U.S. industrial mid-west, Texas and Mexico.