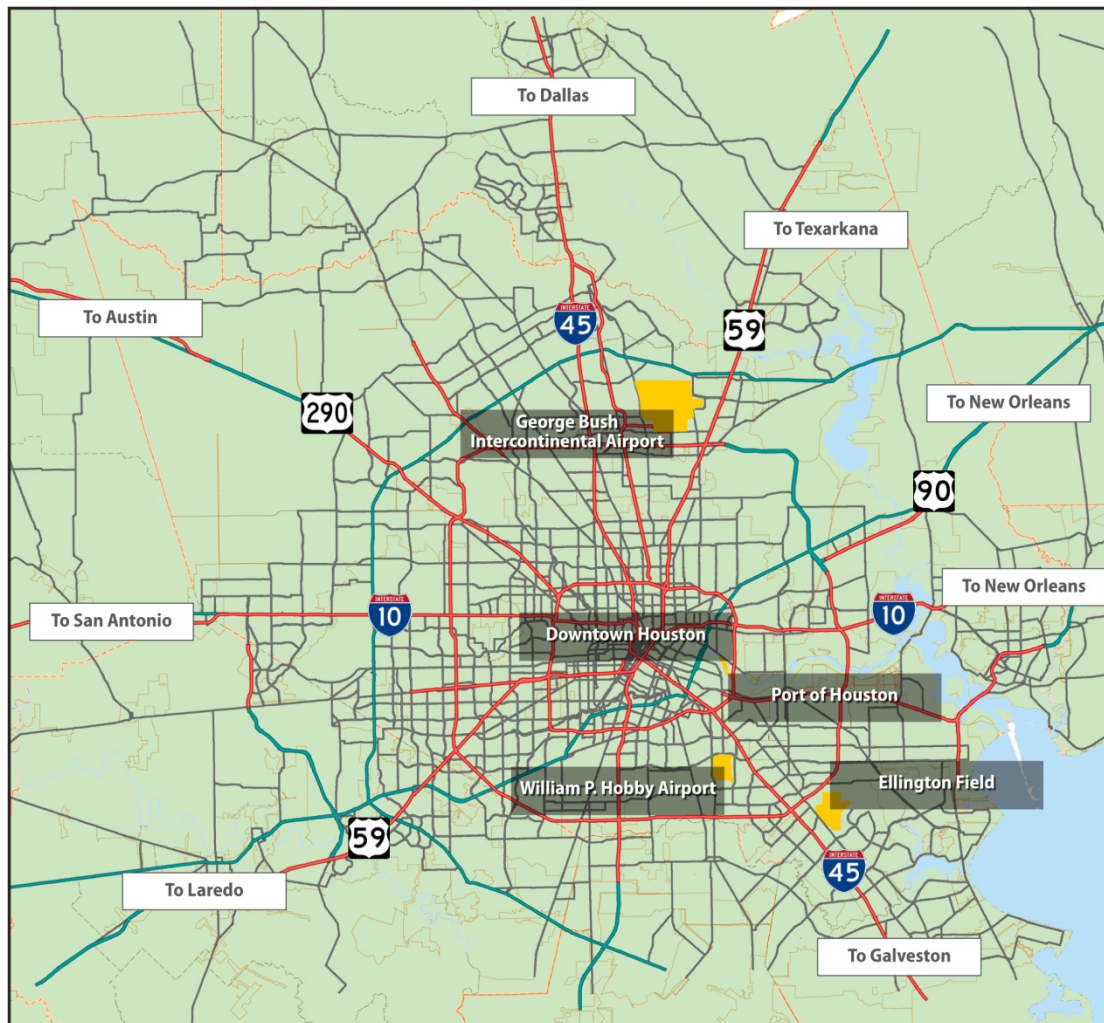


# Houston's Highway System

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



- Houston's location in the South Central U.S. places it equidistant from major population centers such as New York (1,631 miles) and Los Angeles (1,550 miles).
- The Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) contains 3,703 miles of freeways and expressways with 61 percent of the planned 1,217-mile system 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 Midwest, Texas and Mexico.
- IAH and HOU are easily reached via major interstates. IAH is located 23 miles from downtown and can be accessed from Interstate 45, Highway 59, and the Hardy Toll Road. HOU is a 15 minute drive from downtown, offering convenient access to the Central Business District.