

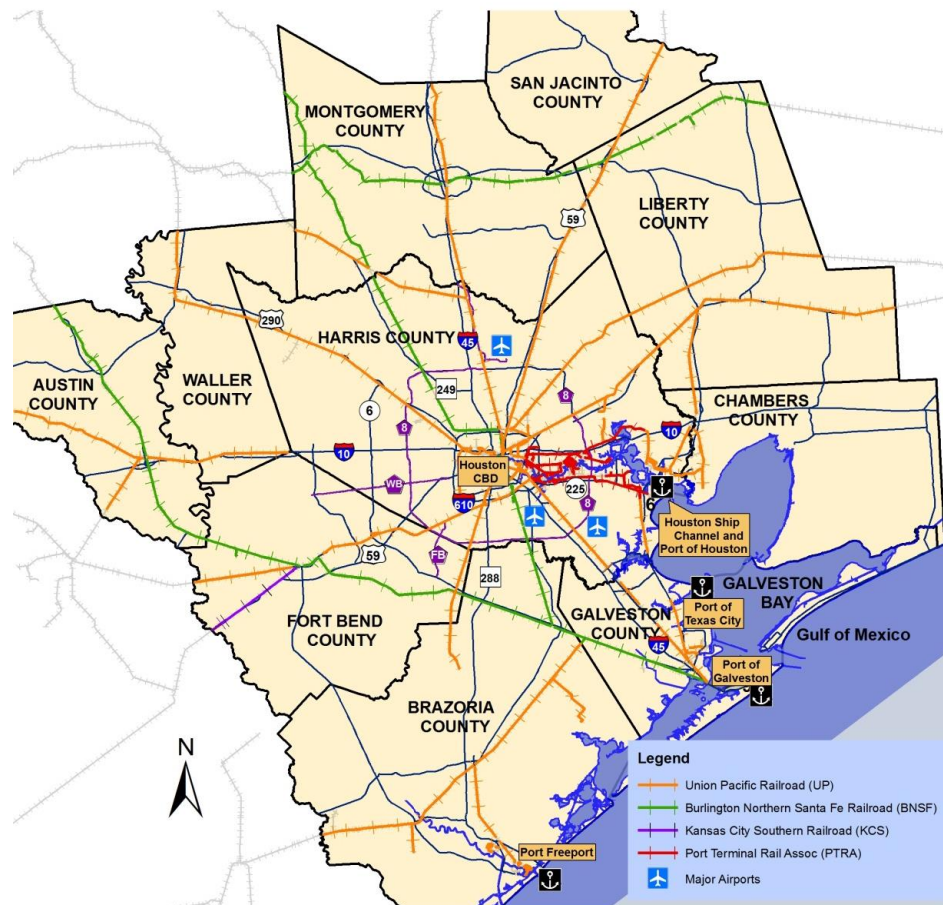
## Railroads – Freight Rail

The Texas Gulf Coast comprises some of the nation's most extensive freight-rail hubs thanks to a combination of marine shipping, manufacturing, refineries, and a large population base.

| FREIGHT RAILROADS IN THE HOUSTON REGION     |   |
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| Class I Railroads:                          | Switching & Terminal Railroads:           |
| Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) | Galveston Railroad, L.P. (GVSR)           |
| Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS)          | Port Terminal Railroad Association (PTRA) |
| Union Pacific Railroad (UP)                 | Texas City Terminal Railway Company       |

Source: Texas Department of Transportation, 2016

### Railroads Serving the Houston Region



Source: Texas Department of Transportation, 2009; U.S. Geological Survey

- Fourteen mainline tracks radiate from Houston. Typical commodities shipped via rail through Houston include chemicals, plastics, grain, forest products, coal, minerals and steel.
- Approximately 2,200 trains per week travel within the Houston region's rail network.
- Combined, BNSF and UP operate over 96 percent of the Class I track mileage in Texas. The widespread coverage of BNSF and UP allows them to connect to most of the major markets.