Transportation Infrastructure

Dallas-Fort Worth’s vast transportation infrastructure connects residents and businesses to where they need to go. The freeway system provides accessible corridors to employment centers and centers of commerce. Mass transit options, including Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the Trinity Railway Express (TRE), the Denton County Transit Authority’s (DCTA) A Train, and the intermodal TEXRail, offer convenient alternatives to passenger vehicles.

DFW’s robust interstate infrastructure includes critical segments along the USMCA corridor, linking Mexico to Canada and the East and West Coast destinations in the U.S. This makes it an important intermodal center for the distribution of air, rail, and truck freight. The nation’s two largest railroads, Fort Worth–based Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific, have major operation nodes in the region.

DFW also offers many options for regional and international air travel, including Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (the 2nd busiest airport in the world), the workhorse Dallas Love Field (the 2nd busiest airport in the world), and the first major U.S. industrial airport, Addison Airport, and the first major U.S. industrial airport, Addison Airport.

Commercial Airports

Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
- Number of runways: 7
- Lengths of runways (feet): 8,500, 9,000, 9,300; 11,400 (9); 13,400
- 2022 Total operations: 656,676
- 2022 Total operations: 651,895

Dallas Love Field (DAL)
- Number of runways: 2
- Lengths of runways (feet): 7,752, 8,600
- 2022 Total operations: 230,029
- 2021 Total operations: 211,330

Alliance Airport (AFW)
- Number of runways: 2
- Lengths of runways (feet): 11,000; 11,010
- 2022 Total operations: 109,684
- 2021 Total operations: 105,643

Source: FAA; Globalair.com

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Current Express/HOV and New Managed Lanes

The DFW region has the most managed lanes of any metro in the U.S. The area’s regional transportation planning agency has created a program to use managed lanes to ensure that critical transportation modes, such as buses, are able to maintain 50–70 mph speeds in order to reliably arrive on time.

Major Transportation Construction Projects

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