

Freight Within Dallas–Fort Worth

Positioned at the crossroads of the nation and supported by a vast highway system, Dallas-Fort Worth plays a pivotal role in regional and national goods movement. Anchored by four major interstate corridors – Interstate Highway 20, IH 35, IH 30 and IH 45 - North Texas has become a central hub for freight activity, connecting distributors, manufacturers and markets across the state and the country.

Every day, thousands of trucks transport consumer goods between warehouses, retailers and manufacturers, keeping store shelves stocked and supply chains running smoothly. With North Texas' population continuing to boom, these freight movements are expected to increase, placing even greater importance on ensuring trucks, passenger vehicles and infrastructure can all operate safely and reliably.

As freight activity continues to grow, so does the need to track on-time performance and efficiency of the freight network. The federal government uses **Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR)** to evaluate the level of predictability in travel times for trucks along interstate highways.

Many of the factors that affect TTTR are difficult to predict. Weather, roadway construction and congestion caused by special events can temporarily make travel times slower for trucks if alternate routes are unavailable.

To improve TTTR, NCTCOG is examining truck bottlenecks in the region and identifying opportunities to improve infrastructure, as well as deploying technological enhancements to improve first-and-last-mile connectivity for commercial vehicles.