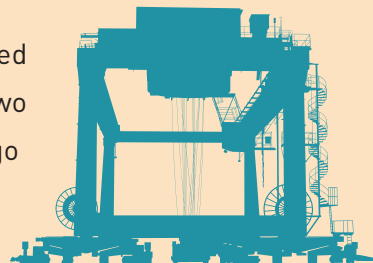


## An Unmatched Location for Intermodal Access

With easy access to the third busiest section of interstate in the United States for truck traffic, the largest river for deepwater cargo traffic, two rail bridges across the Mississippi River, and the world’s busiest cargo airport, West Memphis positions your business to maximize the impact of intermodal distribution.



## Highway Access

It should come as no surprise that West Memphis is the number one point of diesel sales in America. Two of the nation’s most heavily traveled interstates — I-55 and I-40 — intersect in West Memphis, which makes a large number of North American markets easily accessible. Seemingly far-flung cities such as Oklahoma City, Tallahassee, and Chicago are all within 500 miles of West Memphis, and the city’s proximity to the new I-69 / NAFTA Corridor will further benefit companies sending trucks to destinations as far as Mexico City and Toronto.

West Memphis offers many of the additional benefits of a major trucking center. There are more than 200 common contract carriers in the Memphis/West Memphis metropolitan statistical area, which means a concentration of drivers, fueling program

options, maintenance and repair operations, LTL options, and third-party logistics providers.



### APPROXIMATE MILEAGE TO:

Atlanta, GA	343
Birmingham, AL	223
Charlotte, NC	523
Chicago, IL	485
Cincinnati, OH	417
Dallas, TX	412
Houston, TX	482
Indianapolis, IN	389
Jackson, MS	197
Kansas City, MO	365
Little Rock, AR	128
Louisville, KY	353
Oklahoma City, OK	414
St. Louis, MO	240
Tallahassee, FL	472

## Rail Access

West Memphis sits at a major rail gateway between east and west. There are only two Mississippi River rail bridges between New Orleans and Southern Illinois, and both of them cross from West Memphis. The city is home to mainlines for both BNSF and Union Pacific, and is part of a greater MSA that has emerged as the third-largest rail center in the United States.

West Memphis offers a number of sites and buildings with easy access to the Union Pacific Railport, where more than 800 containers are unloaded every day. Volume is steadily increasing. Union Pacific

recently began operating additional trains over the BNSF trackage in West Memphis and has begun daily operation of up to eight southbound intermodal trains destined for Southern California.



### DAYS TRANSIT TIME BY RAIL

Chicago .....	2
Dallas .....	2
Kansas .....	2
Los Angeles .....	5
New York .....	4
St. Louis .....	1

In West Memphis, there is an interchange “short” line for use by all railroads. East Coast lines can exchange freight with the West Coast lines to provide a versatile and expansive national rail access network.

## Deepwater Access

The Mississippi River has long been the waterborne shipping corridor of the Midwest, and continues today as a vital channel for bulk cargo. River transportation plays an especially important role in grain, petroleum, and steel logistics. The West Memphis Port is a terminal facility with a loading capacity of 100 tons. The port authority operates a general-purpose river terminal and a special-purpose grain terminal, some with direct-to-truck access. Both are within five miles of Interstates 40 and 55.

The West Memphis Port is experiencing growth and is poised for increasing importance as the booming alternative energy industry changes the landscape of bulk agricultural and fuel distribution.



## Air Access



West Memphis is 10 minutes from Memphis International Airport. Handling more than 3 million metric tons of cargo each year and serving as the global operations center for FedEx, Memphis International has dominated as the world's busiest cargo airport since Airports Council International began ranking airports in 1991. The sheer volume of flights and delivery options can accommodate virtually any production cycle, and many area companies operate an added third shift to take advantage of FedEx's next-day delivery of materials shipped as late as midnight. And the ability to bypass the congested secondary roads in the MSA's core can make air cargo access easier and more efficient.

Within the city limits, West Memphis Municipal Airport offers small plane access with a 6,000-foot lighted/high-intensity approach runway.



### TOP 5 AIR CARGO VOLUME RANKINGS – 2005

- 1) Memphis International — 3,598,500 Metric Tons
- 2) Hong Kong International — 3,433,349 Metric Tons
- 3) Stevens Anchorage International — 2,553,937 Metric Tons
- 4) Narita International (Tokyo) — 2,291,073 Metric Tons
- 5) Incheon International (Seoul) — 2,150,140 Metric Tons

*SOURCE: Airports Council International*