

FREIGHT RAIL IN

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Moving District of Columbia's Economy. Connecting Communities.

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FREIGHT TRACK MILES



8

FREIGHT RAIL EMPLOYEES

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

TOTAL

0.2M Tons | 2.4K Cars



2.4K

TOTAL CARS



0.2M

TOTAL TONS

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

TOTAL

0.1M Tons | 1.6K Cars



1.6K

TOTAL CARS



0.1M

TOTAL TONS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S

Rail Heritage



Union Station wasn't Washington's first rail station, but it was the fix for what came before. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Washington Branch opened in 1835 as the capital's first rail line, and over the following decades scattered depots came to crowd the city's streets. Congress authorized a grand new terminal to replace them, and Union Station opened in 1908, designed by architect Daniel Burnham to consolidate the capital's railroads under one roof and eliminate dangerous street-level crossings, a landmark of the City Beautiful movement. More than a century later, it remains one of the country's busiest rail hubs, still connecting the region's commuters and freight to the network first built in the 1830s.



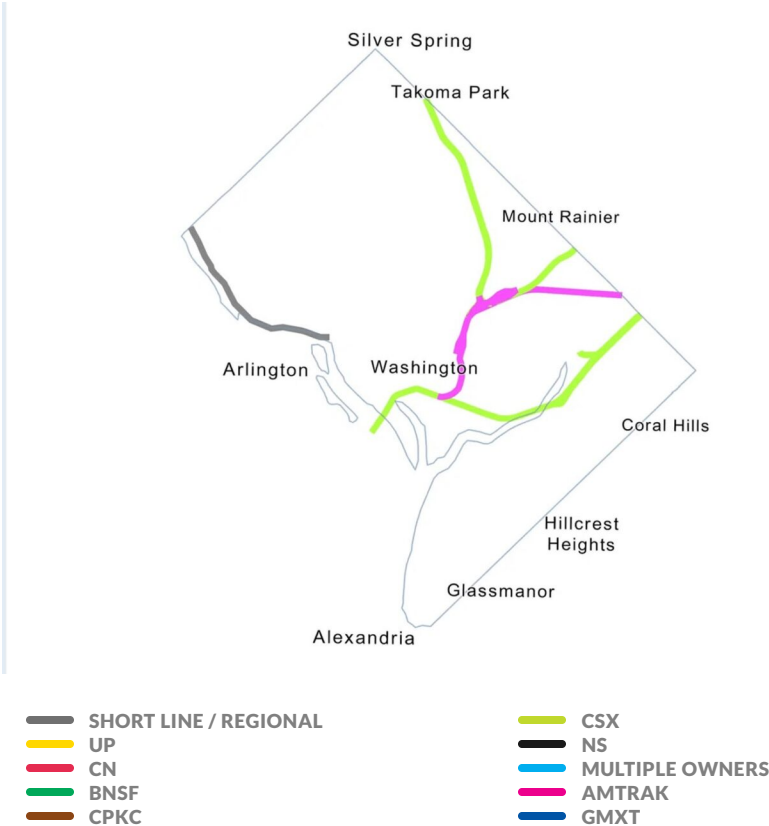
Class I Railroads

CSX Transportation	17
Norfolk Southern	19
Total	36

Short Line Railroads

Total	0
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
State Rail Network



Why Freight Rail Matters



Supports Manufacturing

Rail connects manufacturers with suppliers and customers across North America, efficiently moving raw materials and finished goods.



Strengthens Agriculture

Rail helps move crops, forest products, fertilizers and other agricultural goods efficiently and affordably.



Reduces Congestion

Moving freight by rail removes trucks from highways, helping reduce traffic and wear on road infrastructure.



Protects the Environment

Freight rail is significantly more fuel efficient than moving freight by truck, helping reduce fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions.

