

# Short Line Railroads: Keeping Texas On Track



## Did You Know?

The **Texas Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (TSLRRA)** is a nonprofit professional organization representing the interests of the more than 40 short line railroads and industry-related businesses in Texas. Established in 2003, TSLRRA's purpose has been to promote the state's economy, champion public safety issues, and partner with local governments and organizations to enhance the transportation infrastructure and bring new jobs and prosperity to Texas communities.

### TSLRRA serves its members through:

- Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy
- Advancing Safe Railway Operations
- Providing Industry Education and Professional Training
- Advocating Ethical Operating and Business Standards
- Supporting Responsible Environmental Practices
- Partnering with Government and Private Industry for Economic Growth

### Interested in learning more and becoming a member of TSLRRA?

We offer two types of membership – railroad and associate – each is specifically geared toward the needs and desired level of engagement for individual companies. Please visit [tslrra.com](http://tslrra.com) for more information.

Short lines typically operate in **rural Texas regions** and play a significant role in their local community and state economy.

The short line railroads in Texas employ over **1,476 people** resulting in \$113,769,627 in labor compensation, driving **\$354,443,588** in economic output.

More than **379 million tons** of freight is moved annually on Texas railroads

More than **21.1 million trucks** would have to be used to haul the same amount of traffic that is currently being transported annually on Texas rails

Texas short lines own and operate **more than 20%** of the state's rail network

Short line railroads are **good for Texas:**

- Economic Development
- Safer Highways
- Cleaner Environment



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