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## Transportation

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A choice to locate facilities in California's Heartland means rapid and cost-effective access to the West's major markets, via truck, mainline rail, or air service.

Merced has long been a Central California transportation hub. The town was born when the Central Pacific Railroad established a station here in 1871, and rail service still plays an important role in getting goods to market and getting Merced's citizens where they want to go. With Highway 99 (the Main Street of California) running through the City of Merced, and I-5 on the West side of the county, a substantial portion of all north/south traffic in the state passes through the county.

### Rail Service

The City of Merced sits on the main lines of both the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads. We are within a local dray zone of two major intermodal ramps featuring double-stack service. Container facilities and/or bulk shipping facilities within 100 miles of Merced include the ports of San Francisco, Oakland, and Stockton. The port of Los Angeles-Long Beach is within a 275-mile radius. Additionally, Amtrak provides passenger rail service to the San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

### Airports

[Merced Regional Airport](#) currently offers corporate facilities. Fresno Air Terminal, about an hour to the south, offers more than 90 daily commercial flights via Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Airlines, America West, American, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon Air, Northwest Airlines and United. Four international airports (Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose) are within a two hour drive.

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## **Highways**

Our central location in California's Heartland can put your business within overnight truck delivery to just about anywhere in the state. Merced is strategically located at the juncture of three major highways (99, 59, and 140) and is serviced by all major regional and transcontinental LTL common carriers. The area is also serviced by all major California LTL common carriers.

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## Market Access

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### Efficient Access to West Coast Markets

Merced is located close to the largest consumer and manufacturing markets on the West Coast. The list of companies already operating here speaks volumes for Merced's appeal to the distribution/logistics industry.

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- One day drive to all California and Oregon locations, as well as western portions of Nevada and Arizona.
- Ability to make a round trip to/from the Los Angeles basin in one day.

Distance to Markets		
City	Distance in Miles	Drive Time
Fresno, CA.	56.4 miles	58 minutes
Las Vegas, NV.	449.5 miles	7 hr 7 min
Los Angeles, CA.	272.5 miles	4 hr 16 min
Oakland, CA.	120.2 miles	1 hr 56 min
Reno, NV.	243 miles	3 hr 51 min
Sacramento, CA.	113.8 miles	1 hr 51 min
San Diego, CA.	392.8 miles	6 hr 9 min
San Francisco, CA.	130.4 miles	2 hr 10 min
San Jose, CA.	129.7 miles	2 hr 7 min
Source: Rand McNally ( <a href="http://www.randmcnally.com">www.randmcnally.com</a> )		

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## Distribution/Logistics Quick Facts

**Rail/Intermodal:** Merced is served by BNSF and Union Pacific Railways

### **BNSF Intermodal Service**

- Stockton
- Fresno

### **UP Intermodal Service**

- Oakland
- Stockton

### **Highways**

- Highway 99 (North-South)
- 35 miles to Interstate 5 (North-South)
- State Route 140 (East-West)
- State Route 59 (East-West)

### **Cargo Airports**

#### **Merced Regional Airport/ Macready Field**

- FedEx
- UPS

#### **Fresno Yosemite International Airport**

- FedEx
- UPS
- Port of Entry

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## Deepwater Ports of Entry

- Oakland
- Stockton
- Los Angeles
- Long Beach