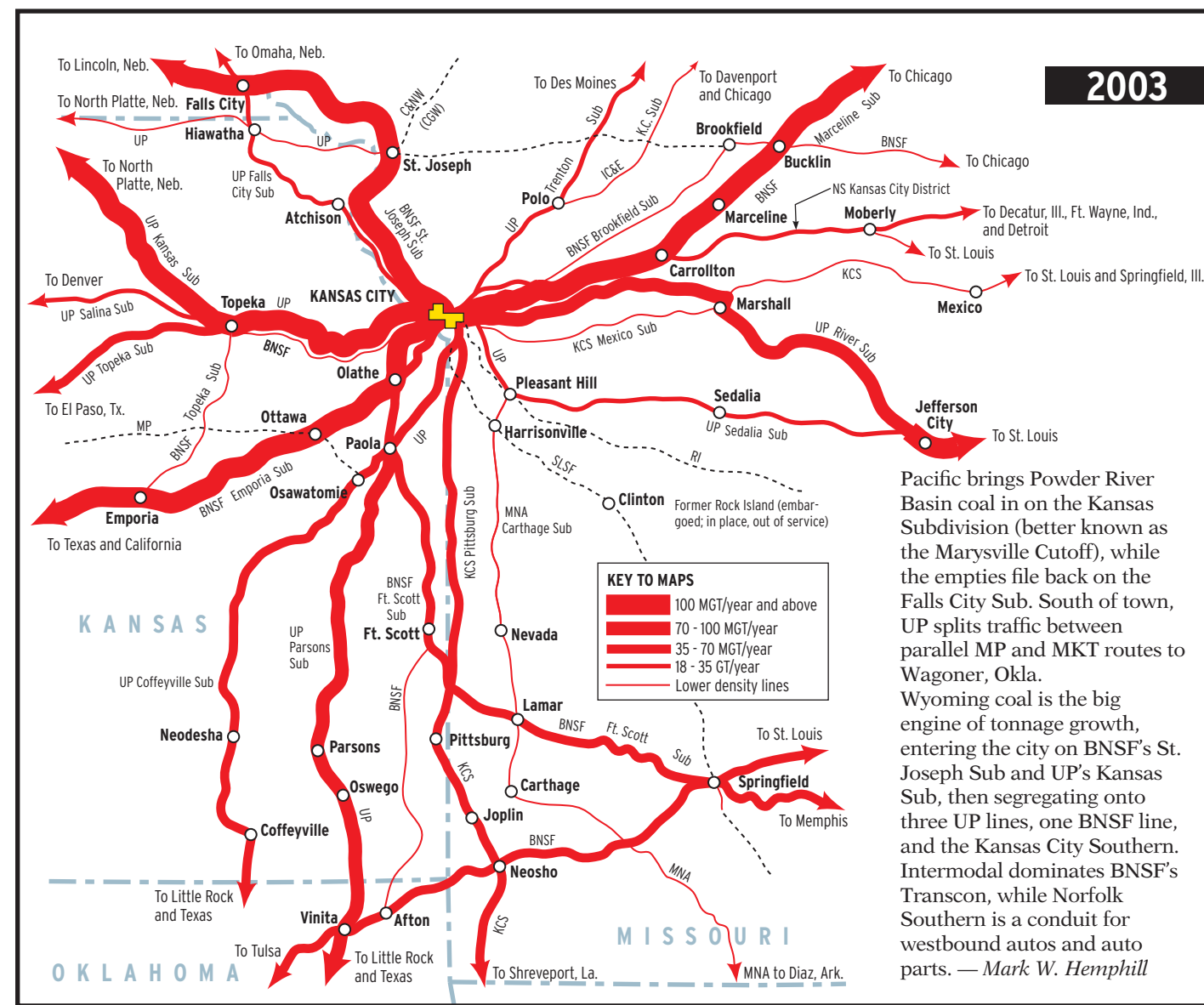


1971

Chicago might have more trains — and St. Louis a big shiny arch — but Kansas City is the ton-mile king, with over 1 billion tons passing through the city (or above it, on flyovers) in 2003. That's 15 percent more tons than Chicago. What is remarkable about K.C. is its sheer growth, from 378 million gross tons in 1971, to 1.1 billion in 2003. Mergers may have reduced the number of Class I railroads serving Kansas City, but not the routes into town. Of the 24 main lines to K.C. in 1971, the four that are gone were never more than minor players. Instead, mergers made modest routes more important. Union



2003

Pacific brings Powder River Basin coal in on the Kansas Subdivision (better known as the Marysville Cutoff), while the empties file back on the Falls City Sub. South of town, UP splits traffic between parallel MP and MKT routes to Wagoner, Okla. Wyoming coal is the big engine of tonnage growth, entering the city on BNSF's St. Joseph Sub and UP's Kansas Sub, then segregating onto three UP lines, one BNSF line, and the Kansas City Southern. Intermodal dominates BNSF's Transcon, while Norfolk Southern is a conduit for westbound autos and auto parts. — Mark W. Hemphill

Freight densities on mainline routes serving Kansas City (in millions of gross ton-miles per year)

1971 RAILROAD	LINE	1971 TON-MILES	2003 RAILROAD	2003 TON-MILES
LINES WEST				
Union Pacific	to North Platte, Neb.	37	UP Kansas Sub	190
Rock Island	to Denver	7	Severed west of McFarland, Kan.	0
Union Pacific (Kansas Pacific)	to Denver	7	UP Salina Sub	29
Rock Island (Golden State Rte.)	to Tucumcari, N.M.	23	UP Topeka Sub	36
Santa Fe (via Topeka)	to Topeka, Kan.	3	BNSF Topeka Sub	4
Santa Fe (via Olathe)	to L.A./Texas	57	BNSF Emporia Sub	135
LINES SOUTH				
Missouri Pacific (south, west)	to Osawatomie, Kan.	25 (18 south)	UP Coffeyville Sub	42
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	to Parsons, Kan./DFW	13	UP Parsons Sub	83
Frisco (via Fort Scott)	to Springfield, Mo.	26	BNSF Fort Scott Sub	51
Kansas City Southern	to Shreveport, La.	12	KCS Pittsburg Sub	42
Missouri Pacific (south)	to Carthage, Mo.	7	Missouri & Northern Arkansas	>1 (est.)
Frisco (via Clinton)	to Springfield, Mo.	>1	Abandoned	0

1971 RAILROAD	LINE	1971 TON-MILE	2003 RAILROAD	2003 TON-MILES
LINES NORTH				
Missouri Pacific	to Omaha, Neb.	19	UP Falls City Sub	35
Burlington Northern (CB&Q)	to Lincoln, Neb.	19	BNSF St. Joseph Sub	115
Chicago & North Western (CGW)	to Des Moines	9	Abandoned	0
LINES EAST				
Rock Island	to Des Moines/Chicago	19	UP Trenton Sub	27
Milwaukee Road	to Chicago	10	Iowa, Chicago & Eastern K.C. Sub	8
Burlington Northern (CB&Q)	to Chicago	6	BNSF Brookfield Sub	17
Santa Fe	to Chicago	43	BNSF Marceline Sub	100
Norfolk & Western (Wabash)	to Decatur, Ill./Ft. Wayne	15	NS Kansas City District	34
Gulf, Mobile & Ohio (Alton)	to Chicago/St. Louis	5	KCS Mexico Sub	7
Missouri Pacific (via Marshall)	to St. Louis	15	UP River Sub	95
Missouri Pacific (via Sedalia)	to St. Louis	10	UP Sedalia Sub	28
Rock Island	to St. Louis	4	Embargoed	0

*NOTE: Ton-miles are measured beyond last common point as lines diverge away from Kansas City.