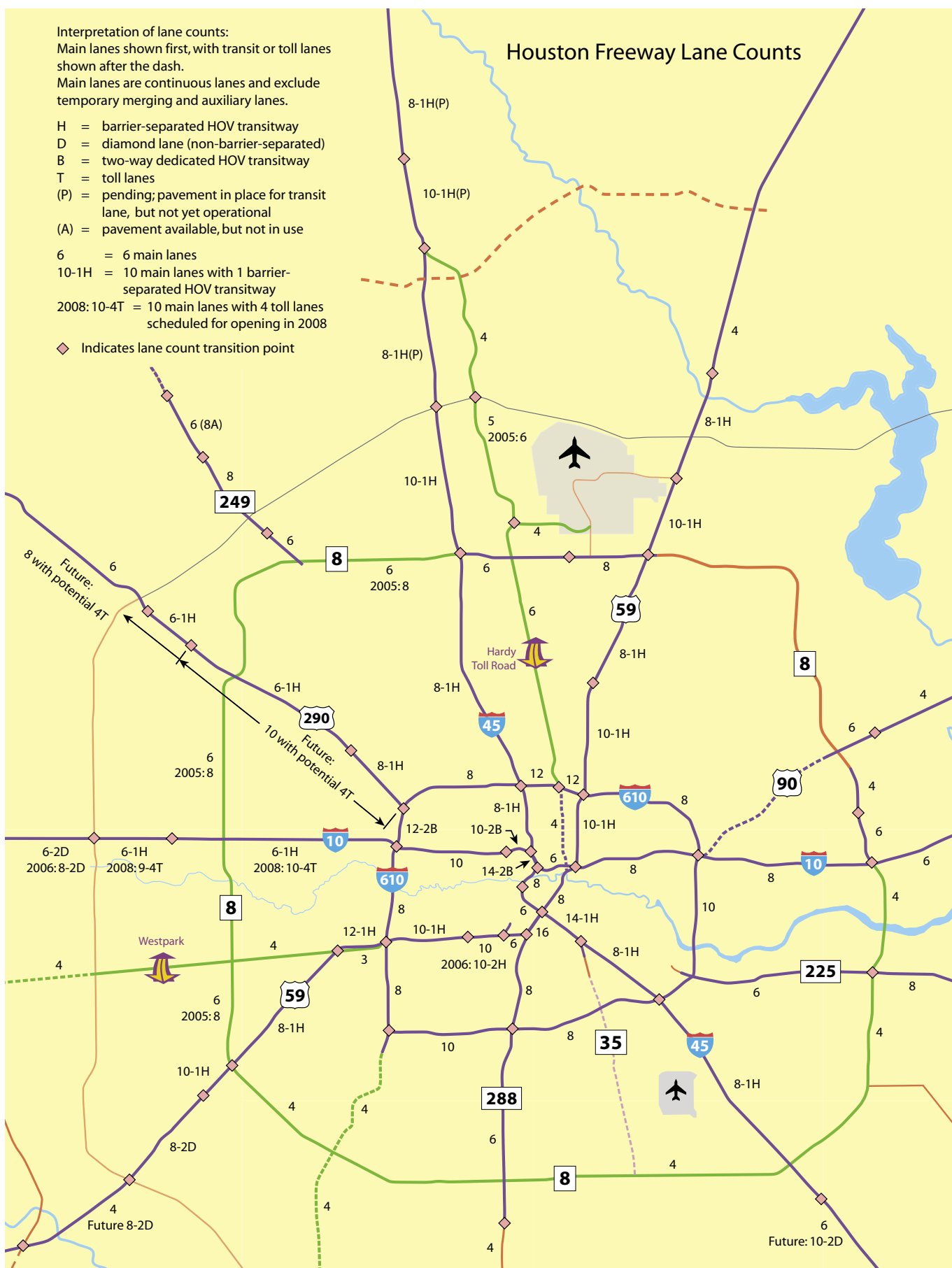




Southwest Freeway: This view looks west along the Southwest Freeway (US 59) toward the Loop 610 interchange. In 2003 work is in progress to improve and modernize the interchange, originally constructed in 1962. (Photo: May 2003)





Downtown's newest addition: The new Eastex Freeway downtown distribution complex is nearing completion in 2003.
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Freeway, cables, and blue sky: This view shows the deck of the Fred Hartman Bridge (SH 146). (Photo: November 2000)

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