



IEEE EIC 2025

IEEE/DEIS Electrical Insulation
Conference

South Padre
Island,
Texas, USA

June 8 – 12, 2025

Travel and Transportation Details for Conference Attendees

Dear Participant,

We are writing to clarify travel arrangements for the upcoming Electrical Insulation Conference (EIC) 2025, to be held June 8–12, 2025 in South Padre Island, Texas. The conference venue is the Courtyard by Marriott South Padre Island (6700 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX). Below, please find important information on recommended airports, flight options, and ground transportation for your trip.

Recommended Airports

For convenience, we recommend flying into one of three regional airports in South Texas, listed below in order of proximity to South Padre Island:

- **Brownsville (BRO – Brownsville/South Padre Island Int'l)** – *Approximately 25 miles (40 km) from the hotel (~30-minute drive).*
Offers year-round direct flights to **Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)** on American Airlines and **Houston Intercontinental (IAH)** on United Airlines. (This is the closest airport to South Padre Island.)
- **Harlingen (HRL – Valley Int'l Airport)** – *Approximately 46 miles (74 km) from the hotel (~50-minute drive)*
Offers **direct** flights to **Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)** via American Eagle and to **Houston Intercontinental (IAH)** via United Express Southwest Airlines **also** provides service to Harlingen from various U.S. cities (e.g. Houston-Hobby, Dallas-Love).
- **McAllen (MFE – McAllen Miller Int'l Airport)** – *Approximately 80 miles (128 km) from the hotel (~1.5-hour drive)*
Served by American Airlines (via **Dallas/Fort Worth**) and United Airlines (via **Houston Intercontinental**) for connecting flights. This airport also has international low-cost carriers – e.g., **Avianca** (connections via Central America) and **Aeroméxico/Volaris** (via Mexico) – which can sometimes offer more affordable fares.



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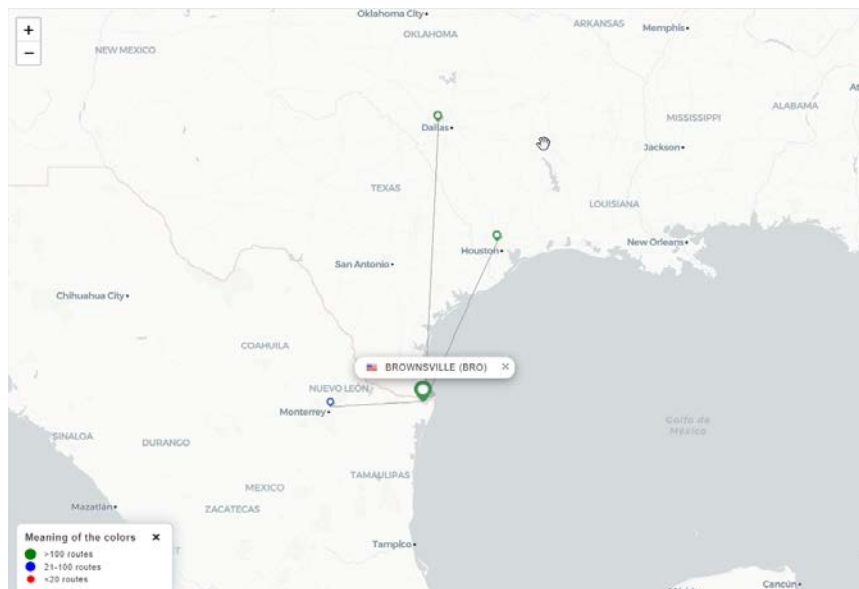
Brownsville (BRO – Brownsville/South Padre Island Int'l)

Nonstop Flight

Airlines – 3

Destinations – 3

Flights per day - >10



Found 3 routes with direct flights from Brownsville

Sort by: Popularity

| Destination | Duration | Weekdays | Airlines | Price |
|---------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| DFW Dallas | 1h 41m | S M T W T F S 5 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| IAH Houston | 1h 23m | S M T W T F S 3-4 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| MTY Monterrey | 1h 15m | S M T W T F S 1 flight per day | N/A | SHOW PRICE |



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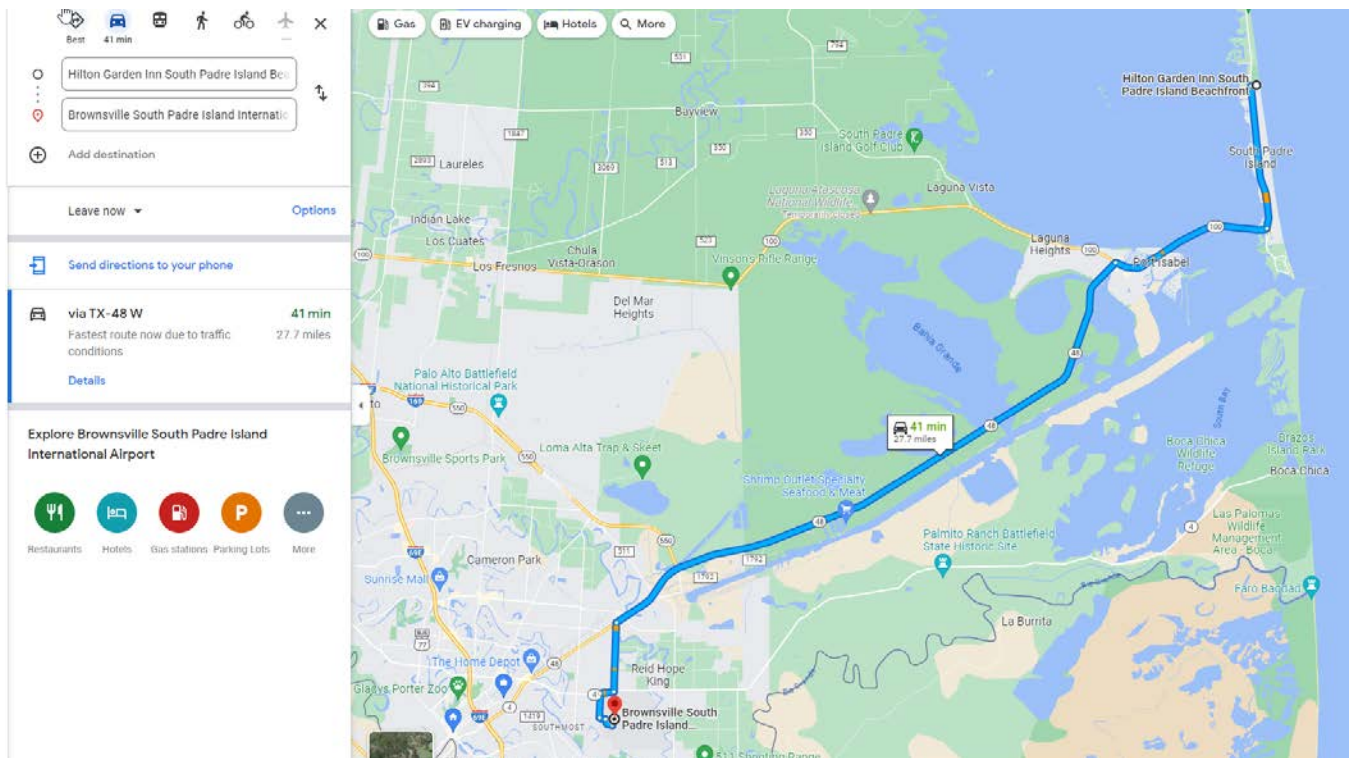
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The Courtyard Marriott South Padre Island is ~25 miles from BRO [travelmath.com](https://www.travelmath.com). Taxis are readily available outside the arrivals area (Brownsville Airport **always has taxis on site** [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com)). Rideshare services **Uber** and **Lyft** operate in this area; a typical UberX fare from Brownsville Airport to South Padre Island is about **\$46 USD** [uber.com](https://www.uber.com), [uber.com](https://www.uber.com) (for a 40-minute ride). Major car rental agencies including **Hertz**, **Avis**, and **Budget** have rental counters at BRO for those who prefer to drive themselves [uber.com](https://www.uber.com).





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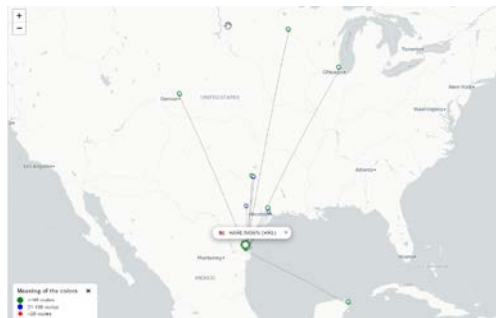
Harlingen (HRL – Valley Int’l Airport)

Nonstop Flight

Airlines – 5

Destinations – 9

Flights per day - >20



Found 9 routes with direct flights from Harlingen

Sort by: Popularity

| Destination | Duration | Weekdays | Airlines | Price |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| DFW Dallas | 1h 38m | S M T W T F S 5-9 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| IAH Houston | 1h 22m | S M T W T F S 4-5 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| AUS Austin | 1h 10m | S M T W T F S 2-4 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| HOU Houston | 1h 10m | S M T W T F S 2-4 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| MSP Minneapolis | 3h 5m | S M T W T F S 0-3 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| DAL Dallas | 1h 40m | S M T W T F S 1 flight per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| CUN Cancun | 2h 9m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| DEN Denver | 3h 8m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| ORD Chicago | 3h 9m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |



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The hotel is ~46 miles from HRL (roughly a 50–60 minute drive) rome2rio.com. Taxis and shuttles can be hired at the terminal; we recommend confirming taxi rates in advance due to the longer distance. Uber/Lyft are available as well – for reference, an UberX from Harlingen to South Padre Island averages around **\$69 USD** one-way uber.com, uber.com. Car rentals (Hertz, Avis, Budget, etc.) are readily accessible at Harlingen Airport. If renting a car, note that the drive is straightforward via highways (with posted signs for South Padre Island).

The map displays three driving routes from Valley International Airport to Hilton Garden Inn South Padre Island Beach. The sidebar on the left provides the following details:

- via FM510 W:** Best route now due to traffic conditions. Distance: 41.4 miles. Time: 1 hr 1 min.
- via General Brant Rd:** Distance: 44.8 miles. Time: 1 hr 1 min.
- via TX-48 W:** Distance: 49.7 miles. Time: 1 hr.

The map also shows various landmarks, including Harlingen, Arroyo Colorado Estates, and the coastline of South Padre Island.



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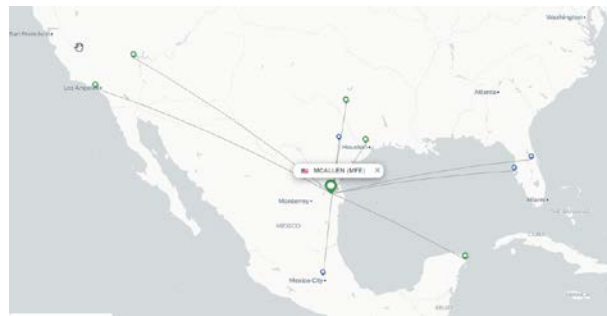
McAllen (MFE – McAllen Miller Int'l Airport)

Nonstop Flight

Airlines – 6

Destinations – 9

Flights per day - >25



Found 9 routes with direct flights from McAllen

Sort by: Popularity

| Destination | Duration | Weekdays | Airlines | Price |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| DFW Dallas | 1h 40m | S M T W T F S 6-8 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| IAH Houston | 1h 20m | S M T W T F S 7 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| AUS Austin | 1h 25m | S M T W T F S 2-3 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| LAS Las Vegas | 3h 14m | S M T W T F S 1-2 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| NLU Mexico City | 1h 38m | S M T W T F S 1 flight per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| LAX Los Angeles | 3h 23m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| SFB Orlando | 2h 40m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| CUN Cancun | 1h 58m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |
| PIE Saint Petersburg | 2h 54m | S M T W T F S 0-1 flights per day | | SHOW PRICE |



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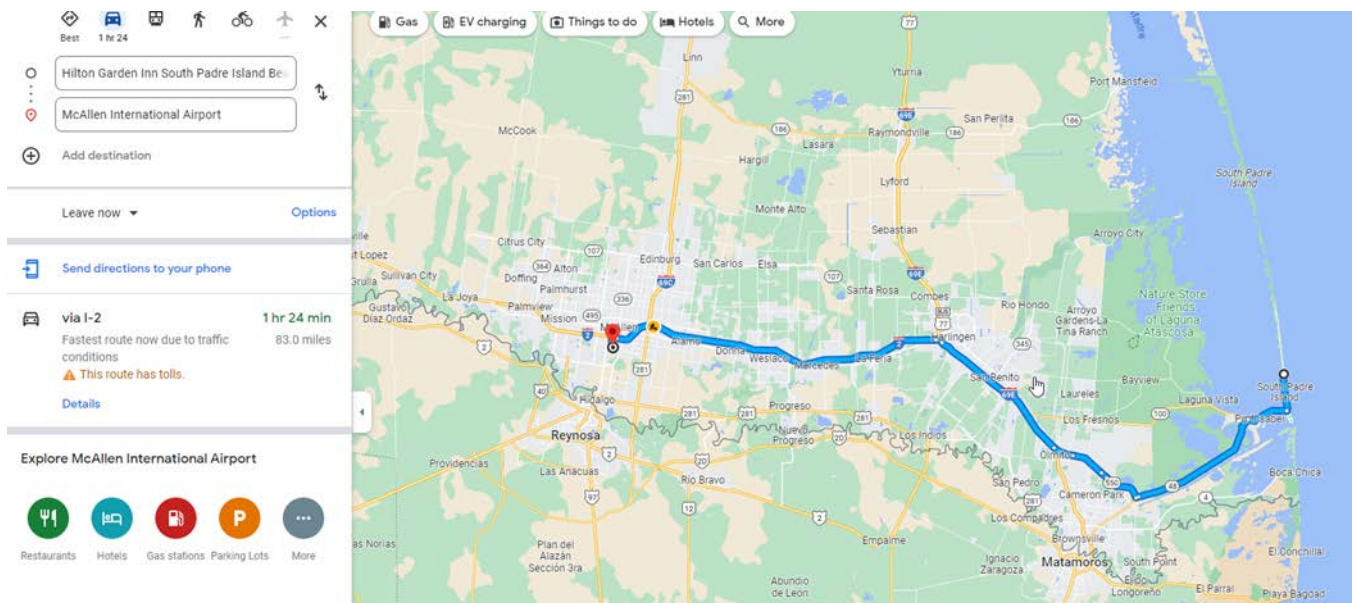
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The hotel is ~80 miles from MFE (approximately 1 hour 20 minutes by car) [trippy.com](https://www.tripcity.com). Given this longer distance, **car rental** is often the most convenient option for McAllen arrivals – all major rental companies serve MFE. Taxis are available, but the fare for an 80-mile trip will be high (approx. \$150+ USD). Uber/Lyft can be used; however, please expect fares potentially exceeding **\$100 USD** due to distance (for comparison, a 27-mile Uber ride is ~\$46 [uber.com](https://www.uber.com)). If you prefer not to drive, you might consider arranging a **shuttle service** or sharing a ride with fellow attendees arriving via McAllen.





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Ground transport notes: All three airports have designated rideshare pickup areas and taxi stands for your convenience. Uber and Lyft can be booked on-demand via their mobile apps; we recommend verifying the driver's details and fare estimate before starting the trip. If renting a car, remember that **South Padre Island** has abundant parking at the hotel and conference venue. Also, driving directions are straightforward from each airport (mostly via major highways).

We hope this information clarifies your travel options. Our goal is to ensure your journey to South Padre Island is as smooth and cost-effective as possible.

Thank you for your attention to these details. We look forward to welcoming you to the EIC 2025 in South Padre Island this June.

Sincerely,

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