

## Whitney

### Area Background

The Whitney planning area (“Whitney”) encompasses 38 square miles (approximately 24,300 acres) of the east side of the Las Vegas Valley. The planning area is generally located between Owens Avenue and Desert Inn Road to the north, Stephanie Street and Nellis Boulevard to the west, Russell Road to the south, and the Lake Las Vegas area and the Frenchman and Sunrise mountains to the east. Whitney is bordered by the Sunrise Manor to the west and north, the Winchester/Paradise planning area to the west, the Northeast planning area to the north and east, and the City of Henderson to the south. The Whitney planning area includes two islands of unincorporated Clark County within the City of Henderson—most notably the heavy industrial Tronox Plant (formerly the Black Mountain Industrial Complex).

### Area Character

Whitney encompasses large areas of public lands—extending east towards Lake Las Vegas and north into the Frenchman Range. The developed portion of Whitney is almost entirely west of the Las Vegas Wash and the Clark County Wetlands Park and includes the unincorporated Town of Whitney. Most neighborhoods in Whitney are made up of single-family homes, although multi-family housing and commercial development are prevalent along Boulder Highway and Tropicana Avenue. Whitney has large industrial areas including the Tronox Plant, the Edward Clark Generating Station (near Russell Road and Stephanie Street), and the Clark County Water Reclamation District’s (CCWRD) Flamingo Water Resource Center (south of Flamingo Road and east of Jimmy Durante Boulevard). The area also includes the Rainbow Gardens Geological Preserve, portions of the Las Vegas Wash, and the Clark County Desert Wetlands Park.

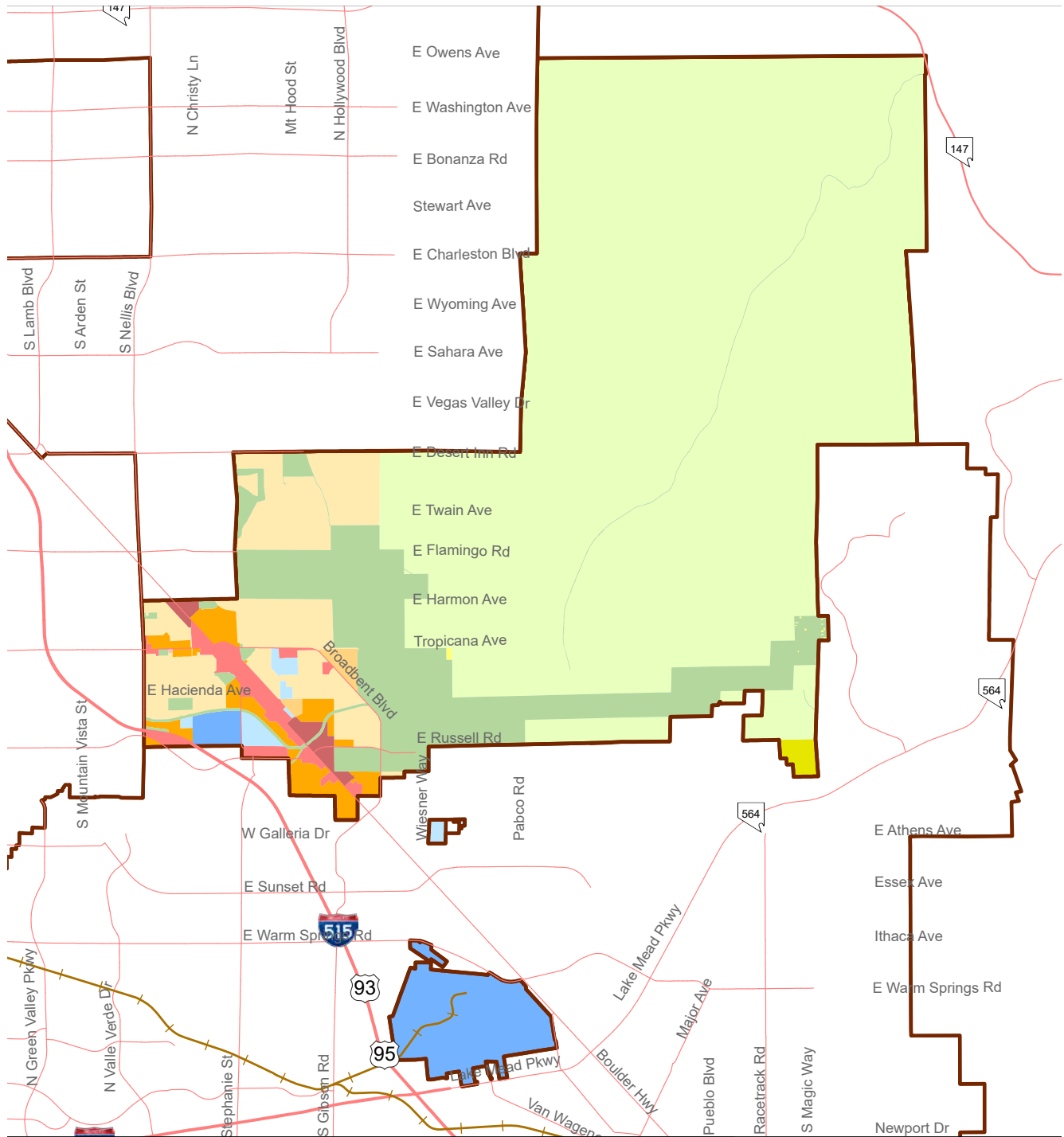


## History of the Whitney Planning Area

The history of Whitney dates back to the construction of the Boulder Dam (now known as the Hoover Dam) in the 1930's. During that time, a road was built from Fremont Street in Las Vegas to Railroad Pass on the way to the dam site. The road, now known as Boulder Highway (State Route 582), offered the first means of traversing the area that was to become Whitney. Because of that road construction, the ranch operated by Stowell E. Whitney (a dairy farmer in Las Vegas and Moapa Valley) was subdivided in 1931. Most of what was the original ranch is now within the City of Henderson. At that time there were approximately 250 people in the Whitney area and in March 1932, the first post office was established.

Ten years later Clark County created the Unincorporated Town of Whitney and established the original boundaries of the community, which have been expanded and changed over time. Between October 1958 and August 1993, the area was known as East Las Vegas, before returning to its original moniker. The community has been represented by the East Las Vegas CAC since 1973—currently known as the Whitney TAB.

Whitney Planned Land Use Map



Whitney - Planned Land Use

Neighborhoods

- Outlying Neighborhood (ON)
- Edge Neighborhood (EN)
- Ranch Estate Neighborhood (RN)
- Low-Intensity Suburban Neighborhood (LN)
- Mid-Intensity Suburban Neighborhood (MN)
- Compact Neighborhood (CN)
- Urban Neighborhood (UN)

Employment

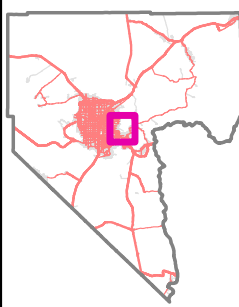
- Business Employment (BE)
- Industrial Employment (IE)

Commercial and Mixed Use

- Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
- Corridor Mixed-Use (CM)
- Entertainment Mixed-Use (EM)

Other

- Agriculture (AG)
- Open Lands (OL)
- Public Use (PU)
- Major Projects (MP)
- Planning Areas



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## Whitney Goals and Policies

### Goal WH-1: Encourage a sustainable mix of residential and non-residential uses in Whitney

#### POLICY WH-1.1: NEIGHBORHOOD-ORIENTED SERVICES

Encourage the development and growth of retail, office, commercial services that allow Whitney residents to meet their daily needs (including health and childcare) within close proximity of their homes.

#### POLICY WH-1.2: TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Encourage a mix of higher-density uses along the Boulder Highway corridor as infill and redevelopment occurs. Support the integration of multi-family residential uses in Corridor Mixed-Use and Entertainment Mixed-Use areas to support the expansion of housing options within close proximity of services, amenities, and jobs.

#### POLICY WH-1.3: INDUSTRIAL LAND CONVERSION

Limit the conversion of industrial lands for the purposes of residential development to protect the health and quality of life of residents, limit land use conflicts, and to protect the viability of existing employers in Whitney.

#### POLICY WH-1.4: SAM BOYD STADIUM AREA

Work with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) on the redevelopment of the Sam Boyd Stadium site to ensure compatibility and integration with adjacent public space. Ensure that any future development offers an appropriate mix of uses, housing types, and community services to support and serve the surrounding community.

### Goal WH-2: Protect Whitney's sensitive natural features

#### POLICY WH-2.1: TRANSITIONS TO OPEN SPACE

Promote site designs that are sensitive to nearby open space, especially the Clark County Wetlands Park and Henderson Bird-Viewing Preserve, and that provide for appropriate transitions at the urban edge. Design approaches could include provision of a wide buffer from open space along the edge of the site, clustering housing units to provide transitional open space, transition of development intensity away from the shared lot line, or some combination of these approaches.

#### POLICY WH-2.2: NATURAL DRAINAGES

Coordinate with the RFCDD and other stakeholders to preserve natural washes and improve drainageways like Duck Creek and the Las Vegas Wash to improve recreational and habitat connections to the Clark County Wetlands Park, the Henderson Bird-Viewing Preserve, and the Frenchman Mountains. In addition to recreation and wildlife habitat benefits, ensure improvements are consistent with the need for flood protection, erosion control, and water quality.

#### POLICY WH-2.3: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES

Encourage development that protects the scenic and natural qualities of the Clark County Wetlands Park, the Henderson Bird-Viewing Preserve, and the Frenchman Mountains and offer opportunities to improve the natural environment in these areas and connecting waterways.

### Goal WH-3: Improve walkability and transit access within Whitney

#### POLICY WH-3.1: TRANSIT ACCESS

Coordinate with the City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson, and RTC on the planned expansion of high-capacity transit along Nellis Boulevard, Boulder Highway, and Fremont Street.

#### POLICY WH-3.2: BOULDER HIGHWAY CONNECTIVITY

Coordinate with RTC, NDOT, and the City of Henderson to implement the Reimagine Boulder Highway Plan. Prioritize safety improvements that focuses on the comfort and safety of people walking, riding bikes, and using transit and require pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Boulder Highway corridor from adjacent development.

#### POLICY WH-3.3: BARRIERS

Discourage the construction of barrier walls along Boulder Highway and between developments, and explore alternative development standards that provide privacy and reduce the impacts of noise without tall fences and walls.