



Harry Reid International Airport
Clark County Department of Aviation – Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, Director



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Clark County Department of Aviation Celebrates Diamond Jubilee with Eyes on the Future

LAS VEGAS – Today the Clark County Department of Aviation (CCDOA) commemorated the 75th anniversary of the acquisition of McCarran Field — the small airfield that evolved over the ensuing years into the internationally renowned, 2,800-acre complex known today as Harry Reid International Airport (LAS).

This celebration of aviation in Southern Nevada comes as LAS is on the brink of another record-setting year after serving 52.6 million passengers in 2022. This anniversary was acknowledged with a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners, and those in attendance were treated to cookies adorned with the commemorative 75th anniversary logo.

A video detailing the journey of aviation in Clark County was shown as part of the board presentation. It can be viewed here: [75 Years of Aviation](#).

The board also received a presentation on how the CCDOA plans to balance continued growth with ever increasing demands on airfield and terminal operations, as well as the roadways surrounding LAS.

Looking to the future, the focus will be on three objectives: maximizing the operational efficiency of Harry Reid International Airport; determining reliable ground transportation connectivity solutions; and expansion through the development of a proposed second, commercial airport in the Ivanpah Valley, what has been referred to as the Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA).

Earlier this month, CCDOA received notification to move forward with releasing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) consultant, a significant milestone in the planning of SNSA.

“What an incredible 75 years of aviation in Southern Nevada, growing with the community into a \$35 billion economic engine welcoming the world,” said Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County Director of Aviation. “While we celebrate the path that got us here, we recognize the need to keep evolving in order to meet the demands of our world-class destination. That is why, as we look toward the future, it is crucial that each piece of our aviation system strategically works together toward this one goal. I am so grateful to take off on the next chapter of our story.”

Over the past 75 years, the CCDOA has operated with a steadfast commitment to excellence in aviation working to promote a world class experience while being a leader in innovation. It will continue to do so for the next 75 years and beyond.

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