



Blythe Airport and its policies, see the Policy Areas section of this area plan and the Blythe Airport Land Use Plan.

UNIQUE COMMUNITIES

Nicholls Warm Springs/Mesa Verde

The residential community of Nicholls Warm Springs/Mesa Verde is located immediately south of the Blythe Airport. This community is mainly composed of small single- family dwellings and mobile homes.

Ripley

Ripley is located in the Palo Verde Valley south of Blythe. Ripley is an agricultural community based on agricultural uses and shipping. Ripley is built around the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe (AT&SF) railroad line.

INCORPORATED CITIES



A "Sphere of Influence" is the area outside of and adjacent to a city's border that has been identified by the County Local Agency Formation Commission as a future logical extension of the city's jurisdiction. While the County of Riverside has land use authority over city sphere areas, development in these areas directly affects circulation, service provision, and community character within the cities.

The City of Blythe, incorporated in 1916, is the focus of development in the Palo Verde Valley. The City comprises 15,865 acres and represents the only significant urban area in the region. The Chuckwalla and Ironwood State Prisons, located approximately 15 miles west of Blythe, are a non-contiguous island of the City. The prisons are one of the major sources of employment in the Palo Verde valley and consist of two facilities (Ironwood and Chuckwalla), which, combined, house approximately 8,000 inmates and employ a staff of approximately 2,000.

The City's Sphere of Influence extends roughly from Second Street on the north, to Fifteenth Avenue on the south, and from the Colorado River on the east to approximately the western boundary of the Blythe Airport.