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## Bass Lake Road connects

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No, it's not the yellow brick road. But it might as well be to many of El Dorado Hills' commuters who now use Green Valley Road or Highway 50 to make their way from Bass Lake Road down to El Dorado Hills Boulevard.

The third connection, which opened Friday, will help reduce commuter congestion on Highway 50, said County Supervisor Rusty Dupray.

"This is one of the best road openings we've had," Dupray said. "I wish it was built several years ago. It was a well-planned project."

"Ditto," said County Supervisor Helen Baumann, who was also at the opening ceremony, noting the department of transportation staff stepped up to the plate to make it happen.

El Dorado Hills resident and city council candidate Susan Johnson was also on hand for the road opening.

"I live in Serrano and do a lot of business up the hill," she said. "I would have to go down to El Dorado Hills Boulevard, and get on Highway 50 (to go back toward Placerville). It was like doing a (giant) u-turn."

While the project was under construction, Johnson would walk up Serrano Parkway to check the progress on the connection in anticipation of it being finished.

The \$1.8 million connection on Serrano Parkway between Bass Lake Road and El Dorado Hills Boulevard has been on the drawing board for the past five years.

The Bass Lake Road/Serrano Parkway connection is one of several road projects in the works in the El Dorado Hills area.

Bass Lake Road is in the process of being realigned from Highway 50 to Bass Lake, and it is expected to be completed in October.



*The Serrano Parkway connection was opened last week giving commuters a third option to get down to El Dorado Hills by bypassing Highway 50 and Green Valley Road. Photo by Philip Wood/The Telegraph*

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