

Supervisors celebrate Bass Lake Road project

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(11.16.05) There was little fanfare at the dedication of the Bass Lake Road realignment to Serrano Parkway last Thursday. No doves released, no classic cars busting through a ribbon.

Just the sound of trucks and cars rolling by on the brand new road, already open and providing commuters an alternate route to Highway 50 and to their homes in Serrano neighborhoods.

El Dorado County Supervisors Helen Baumann and Rusty Dupray were on hand to celebrate their sixth county road opening of just this year. Dupray joked that the reason there were no doves to release was because they still hadn't flown back from the last one.

“This is just another great day,” said Baumann. “It's so important to us that we didn't wait for a ceremony to have the road open.”

“We take a lot of pride in what we've got going for El Dorado Hills,” said Dupray.

Bass Lake Road meets Serrano Parkway a little bit past Bass Lake at a three-way stop sign. It continues on the two-lane road to the Highway 50 interchange.

Residents have been waiting for a long time to see Serrano Parkway punch all the way through, and construction on it was only finished recently. They've waited just as long to see the improvements on the windy, narrow Bass Lake Road.

As more and more people become aware of the realignment, El Dorado Hills residents should start to see traffic patterns lightening up somewhat.

The project was part of a multi-phase effort to improve Bass Lake Road between Green Valley Road and the freeway. Currently, the road carries over 7,000 cars per day and is expected to reach 22,000 by the year 2025.

Construction included approximately 1.2 miles, of roadway beginning in April of 2005 and cost \$3.8 million.



SUPERVISOR RUSTY DUPRAY rides in the shotgun seat as he takes a classic car ride on Serrano Parkway, close to where it meets up with the newly aligned Bass Lake Road. *Photo by Harriett Segel*