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Old road gets new name



The old Silva Valley Road that goes under Highway 50 will have a new name — Clarksville Crossing. Village Life photo by Julie Samrick

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to rename a portion of the current Silva Valley Parkway March 8. As a result of the realignment of the old Silva Valley Parkway to accommodate the new interchange at Highway 50, the original segment will, in future, be known as Clarksville Crossing.

Deputy County Surveyor Phil Mosbacher presented the issue to supervisors during last Tuesday's board meeting as two separate board resolutions, each dealing with a separate stretch of the road. A local resident voiced some opposition to a portion of the change, Mosbacher said, but the individual did not attend the meeting so supervisors opted to approve only one segment of the proposed name change and put the remaining segment in question on the March 22 calendar.

For decades that portion of Silva Valley Parkway crossed Highway 50 via an underpass on its way to the junction with White Rock Road. Because the new interchange's overpass was built to the east, there would have been two roads with the same name paralleling each other, thus the need to change the name of the smaller segment, Mosbacher said.

The area south of the freeway has been known as the historical community of Clarksville, inspiring the new name for the old road.

In the board's agenda the surveyor description identifies the approved portion for the name change as "the segment of Silva Valley Parkway from the southern end of the existing Silva Valley Parkway at the intersection with White Rock Road, northerly to the intersection of the realigned Silva Valley Parkway."

The section yet to be considered is "the segment of White Rock Road from the Silva Valley interchange easterly to the Highway 50 right of way," the board documents note. "This realignment will result in a 'T' intersection and the contiguous segment of the road to the west of the intersection is proposed to be renamed Clarksville Crossing."

Mosbacher e-mailed Village Life Thursday to add details to the renaming project.

"The segment of the Silva Valley Parkway that was renamed to 'Clarksville Crossing' at the March 8 board meeting is approximately 3,000 feet long," he wrote. "The segment of White Rock Road east of the new interchange to be renamed at the next board meeting is approximately 2,500 feet long."