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The interchange won't destroy Clarksville

EDITOR: The Clarksville Region Historical Society is responding to the comments made by Sue Taylor at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 25 concerning items 70 and 72 relating to the Silva Valley interchange. Sue Taylor has every right to voice her opinion on any issue as long as her information is correct. In this case she has imparted false information. She referred that Clarksville community would be decimated with the building of the interchange. Later in item 72 she referred to the destruction of Clarksville and no more Clarksville Days with no consideration of its historic value. 1. The interchange does not impact the ghost town of Clarksville. What it does do is go through our parking lots. No parking lot, no Clarksville Day. However, when the onramp is built or near completion we will "cut" another parking lot. We estimate at least two years before another Clarksville Day.

2. Historic preservation: The Clarksville Region Historical Society met with the Corp of Engineers and the county Department of Transportation last summer. We voiced our concerns and listed 10 items to consider in the preservation process. I am happy to say that all 10 items have been met. We also listed three items with the Corp of Engineers and they have been met. We continue meeting with the Dept. of Transportation.

3. One of our main concerns is the Tong Family cemetery that is situated next to the freeway. Ground penetration has shown grave sites and there is orange netting around them. A wall will be built to protect the area. This cemetery would only be involved in Phase II of the project many years away. Ground penetration has been on the north side of 50 with no visible graves sites found but all suspicious areas are undergoing carefully layered scrapes.

What is the Clarksville Region Historical Society doing in the meantime?

We are part of two other organizations dedicated to identify and preserve historic sites not only in El Dorado Hills but through the county. Those organizations: The newly organized "networking" Historical Societies of the county, the sub-committee of Historic preservation in CEDAC-EDH and the Clarksville RHS.

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