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Lovingood kicks off major road projects in SVL

A decade after the last major road work in Spring Valley Lake was finished, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Robert A. Lovingood kicked off a \$1 million road project on Monday, Sept. 28 and outlined plans for other improvements in the community. "Roads are a high priority for me, and this project underscores that fact," Lovingood said. "Better roads mean a nicer community and higher property values."

The \$1 million price tag covers design work and the construction costs to resurface 3.5 miles of streets in Spring Valley Lake. Road improvements in unincorporated areas are funded by largely by gasoline tax, Measure I, the countywide half-cent sales tax and highly competitive state and federal grants. The road project in Spring Valley Lake is funded entirely by Measure I funds. Contrary to common belief, property tax revenue does not go toward county roads.

The first road project is expected to last 40 working days. There will not be any road closures, with the exception of temporary (half-day) closures on a few streets, to allow sufficient time for the asphalt seal coat to cure. Work consists of repairing and resurfacing roads with new asphalt and asphalt seal coat, as well as replacing traffic striping and marking. Additional improvements include sidewalk ramp construction at various locations, to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act. The streets where work will be taking place are:

- Chinquapin Drive (Vista Point to Ridgecrest Road)
- Driftwood Drive (Riverview Drive to Spring Valley Parkway)
- Honeycomb Lane (Hidden Valley Road to Spring Valley Parkway)
- Mauka Court (Country Club Drive to end)
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- Rancho Bonita Road (Hidden Valley Road to Spring Valley Parkway)
- Rolling Ridge Drive (0.04 mile south of Mountain Meadows Drive to Country Club Drive)

Lovingood said other projects are in the works for Spring Valley Lake:

- Resurfacing of 1.9 miles of streets will include portions of Country Club, Kalin Ranch and Pah-Ute roads. That project is tentatively scheduled to begin in December.
- Final details for resurfacing of the one-third of a mile stretch of Spring Valley Parkway between Bear Valley and Huerta are being finalized. Construction could start by late October. This is a three-way cost sharing agreement among San Bernardino County, Spring Valley Lake Association and the City of Victorville.
- Design work to refurbish the archway at Spring Valley Parkway and Bear Valley is complete. However a construction start date has not been set.

Road needs are greater than the available funding. Under federal law, new automobiles are required to reduce their fuel consumption by specified target years. Carpooling, electric and hybrid gas-electric vehicles also reduce gas tax revenues. Because of the reduction in fuel consumption, the amount of revenue allocated from the excise tax decreases annually.

The strategy for prioritizing road projects balances funding availability with community needs. Selection of specific projects or project areas utilizes a pavement management system that tracks the pavement condition index (PCI) of all County maintained roads and recommends specific roads for treatment in order to maintain an average PCI rating of "good" for all our roads. Factors include: Average daily traffic, the number of trucks using the road, the road's importance to overall traffic circulation and roads that will benefit the most County residents.

