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## South Loop will be Pegasus Parkway

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The original construction plans called it the South LaGrange Loop.

But the Troup County Commission decided Friday to call it Pegasus Parkway because it will be an extension of that road and existing businesses such as ExxonMobil and the UPS Distribution Center won't have to change addresses.

County engineer James Emery said general contractor C.W. Matthews has to order street signs for the seven intersections and needed to know what to call the road.

The road also has an honorary name – Chips Moman Highway – in honor of the noted LaGrange songwriter/producer, and signs to that effect will go along the shoulder.

The 6.1-mile, two-lane road, which will connect Whitesville Road with West Point and Roanoke roads, is scheduled for completion in December 2011 and “it's coming along every well,” Emery said. “The progress has been excellent.”

Concrete for the main lanes has been poured all the way from Pegasus to West Point Road and beyond. Five intersections will have traffic signals and turning lanes, and the other two at Sewon Boulevard and Wiley Road will have just turning lanes.

There's still the problem of what to do about the rest of the bypass system, which goes by about nine different names – Ga. Spur 14, Davis Road, North Davis Road, South Davis Road, LaGrange Bypass, Davis Bypass, Davis Road Bypass, Davis Bypass Extension and Davis Road Bypass Extension. The different names can be confusing for drivers and emergency responders.

Scott Turk, the county's governmental services manager, said a comprehensive solution is needed as the bypass system spreads. Another part of the loop – an extension of Ann Bailey Road – is scheduled to be completed in a few months between Franklin Forest Elementary School and Mooty Bridge Road, and design work is under way to align Waugh Road with Ann Bailey Road.

When the latter project is completed, motorists will be able to drive from Mooty Bridge Road to Whitesville Road without making a turn.

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