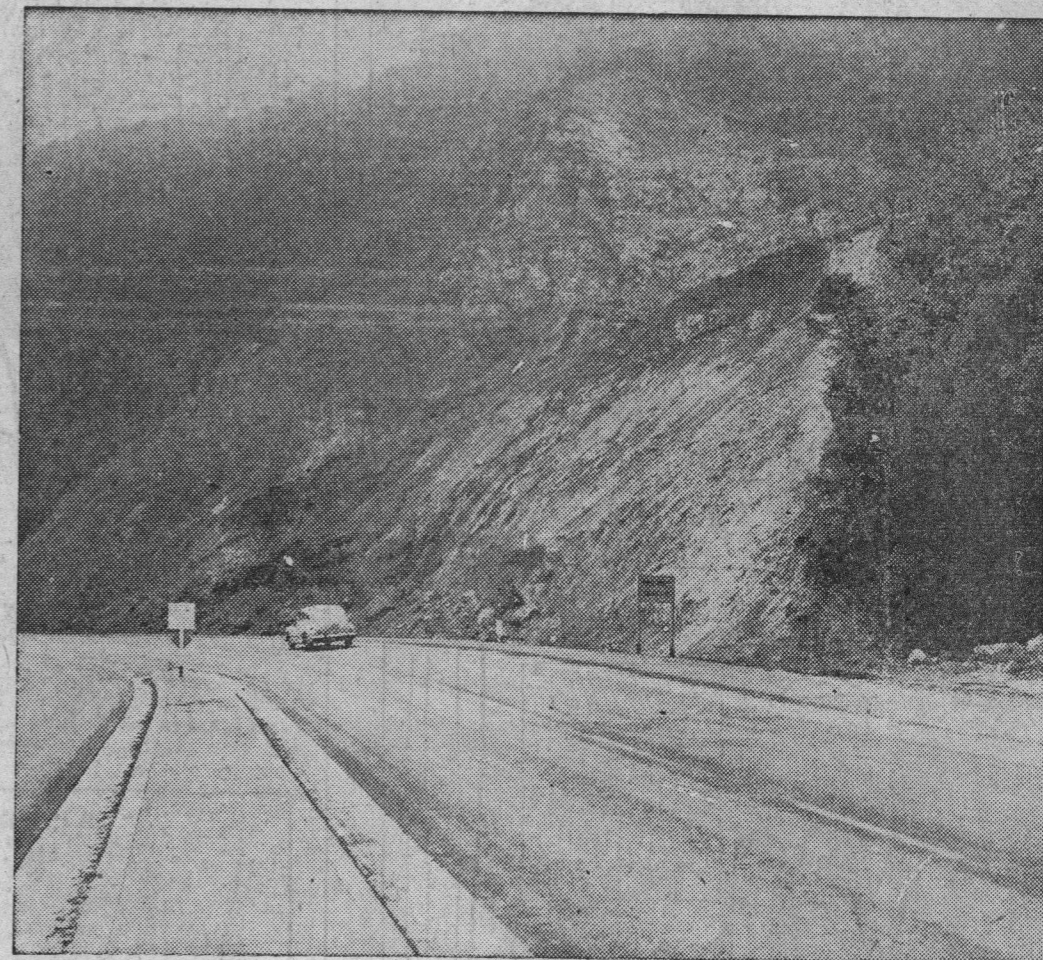


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# Los Gatos By-Pass Now Open To Traffic



At long last, the \$1,100,000 Los Gatos by-pass was opened earlier this month after being delayed by storms, miscalculations and a \$100,000 slide (see top right).

The 1.1 mile by-pass takes traffic off the downtown streets through an area once known as Los Gatos creek. At present the by-pass carries traffic only as far as Saratoga avenue, but funds have been allocated to extend the by-pass to Bascom avenue in San Jose in the 1957-58 state highway budget.

At the top left is the entrance to the by-pass going northeast from Santa Cruz. Center left is the pedestrian overpass for Los Gatos school children; lower left is the northern entrance to the by-pass at Saratoga avenue and Santa Cruz street, the 5-Spot corner. Note sign directing Santa Cruz traffic to by-pass.

Top right is the \$100,000 slide which delayed the opening of the by-pass for at least 100 days. Center right shows how northbound traffic is divided. Lower right shows the bridge at the northern end of the by-pass. In top center of picture you can see the path of the new route to the old Los Gatos to San Jose highway to allow San Jose traffic to use the by-pass. It will be open late next spring. Photos by Ed Webber, Chief Sentinel photographer.

