
CONSENT

Bill No: AB 1051
Author: Davies (R)
Amended: 6/11/25 in Senate
Vote: 21

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 14-0, 6/24/25
AYES: Cortese, Strickland, Archuleta, Arreguín, Blakespear, Cervantes, Dahle,
Gonzalez, Grayson, Limón, Menjivar, Richardson, Seyarto, Umberg
NO VOTE RECORDED: Valladares

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0, 6/2/25 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Route 76: Payómkawish Highway

SOURCE: The Rincon San Luiseno Band of Indians

DIGEST: This bill designates portions, as specified, of State Highway Route (SR) 76 in San Diego County as the Payómkawish Highway.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Vests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with full possession and control of all state highways, including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.
- 2) Provides for the California Transportation Commission to adopt locations for state highways or routes authorized by law, and describes the authorized routes in the state highway system, including that for SR 76.

This bill:

- 1) Contains findings and declarations detailing the history of the Luiseno people in present day San Diego County.
- 2) Designates portions, as specified, of SR 76 in San Diego County as the Payómkawish Highway.
- 3) Requires Caltrans to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Comments

- 1) *Purpose of this bill.* According to the author, “Honoring our Native American tribes is a sacred tradition in California. For over 10,000 years, the Luiseño people have called the San Luis Rey Valley home. AB 1051 is a continuation of the Legislature’s work in honoring the Luiseño people and naming a segment of Route 76 after them. This gesture will honor the current members of the tribe and pay tribute to the ancestors who help pioneer the cultural lands used in San Diego County today.”
- 2) *Honoring the Luiseño people.* For over 10,000 years, the Luiseño people have occupied the San Luis Rey Valley. The largest Luiseño village on record, known as Topomaim, was just north of the City of Oceanside. Today, this historic area is a part of the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The original territory of the Luiseño people encompassed the northwestern section of present-day San Diego County, including sections of coastline, lagoons, creeks, rivers, oak forests, and meadows. What is now considered SR 76 was once a pathway for the Luiseño people to migrate from the valley to the coastline with the changing of seasons. This portion of land, including what is now SR 76, holds special historical and cultural significance to the Luiseño people.

- 3) *Bill vs. resolution.* AB 1051 would name an extended stretch of SR 76 the “Payómkawish Highway.” This would encompass the part of the highway previously named by ACR 215 (Waldron, 2024).

Typically, the Senate and Assembly utilize resolutions to commemoratively name a state highway. However, committee policy requires resolutions to only name stretches of highway under five miles in length. AB 1051 extends an existing designation which is beyond the five mile limit.

Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 215 (Waldron, Chapter 191, Statutes of 2024) – Designated SR 76 from Pauma Reservation Road, at postmile 28.990, to Rincon Rancho Road, at postmile R34.223 as the Payómkawish Highway.

ACR 6 (Morrow, Chapter 54, Statutes of 1995) – Designated SR 76 from postmile 0 to 17.303 San Luis Rey Mission Expressway.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 7/7/25)

The Rincon San Luiseno Band of Indians (Source)

OPPOSITION: (Verified 7/7/25)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: Writing as sponsors of AB 1051, the Rincon San Luiseno Band of Indians state, “Our people’s territory encompassed the northwestern section of present San Diego County, including the coastline, neighboring lagoons, oak forest, meadows, creeks, and rivers to the north and south of the valley. What is now known as State Route 76 was a pathway for our people as we migrated with the seasons from the valley to the coastline.

“It is with this history in mind that the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians respectfully requests your help in honoring our heritage and history by renaming a portion of State Route 76 through AB 1051.”

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0, 6/2/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega,

Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos,
Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio,
Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa,
Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Lee

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