

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 84 (Blakespear) – As Amended March 12, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 32-0

**SUBJECT:** California Rail Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2026 as California Rail Month in recognition of the invaluable contributions that rail has made to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to millions of residents and has a world-leading economy, highlighting the need for a seamless network of connected transportation systems that are resilient, accessible, and high quality.
- 2) Rail transportation is a central component of the state’s mobility needs and facilitates a travel option that reduces emissions, avoids traffic, and improves the quality of life in the regions it serves.
- 3) Since California became the 31st state in 1850, rail has been historically important in connecting communities to the rest of the nation and growing economic opportunity, making rail services a vital public infrastructure that is intrinsically linked to many of the state’s most important goals and celebrated successes.
- 4) The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority are responsible for operating state-supported intercity rail services: the Pacific Surfliner, the Capitol Corridor, and San Joaquins.
- 5) There are five local agencies responsible for operating regional rail services: the Southern California Regional Rail Authority operating Metrolink, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board operating Caltrain, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission operating the Altamont Corridor Express, the North County Transit District operating COASTER, and the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District operating Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit.
- 6) The California State Rail Plan establishes a long-term vision for passenger and freight rail services across the state, recognizing the urgency of developing a rail network by 2050 that is zero emission, provides reliable and frequent service, and is interconnected as part of a multimodal transportation ecosystem.
- 7) The California State Rail Plan has set a goal of providing nearly 200 million daily passenger-miles on a statewide rail network by 2050.
- 8) The state plans to have approximately 1,500 miles of rail electrified by 2050 and 440 miles of rail constructed over the next 10 years.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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