

Date of Hearing: April 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

AB 1051 (Davies) – As Amended April 24, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Route 76: Payómkawish Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route (SR) 76 in San Diego County as the Payómkawish Highway.

**EXISTING LAW:** Vests the Department of Transportation with full possession and control of all state highways and 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.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:** 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 the present-day County of San Diego, including sections of coastline, lagoons, creeks, rivers, oak forests, and meadows.

What is now considered Route 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.

A prior resolution, ACR 215 (Waldron) of 2024, named a portion of SR 76 the “Payómkawish Highway”. This bill extends the portion of SR 76 named the “Payómkawish Highway.”

*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.”

*Staff comments:* Typically the Assembly and Senate use highway naming resolutions to name segments of state highways that are five miles or less. This bill seeks to name two segments that each exceed five miles.

*Previous legislation:* ACR 215 (Waldron), Chapter 191, Statutes of 2024 named 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 named SR 76 from postmile 0 to 17.303 San Luis Rey Mission Expressway.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians (sponsor)

**Opposition**

None on file

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