

Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 71 (Kalra) – As Introduced April 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Little Saigon Freeway

**SUMMARY:** Designates the portion of State Route 101 in the County of Santa Clara from Story Road at postmile 34.224, to the junction with State Highway Route 280 and State Highway Route 680 at postmile 34.873 as the Little Saigon Freeway and requests the California Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** Since April 1975, when the capital of South Vietnam fell, approximately 2.3 million people of Vietnamese origin have become permanent residents or citizens of the United States, 140,000 of whom are residents of the County of Santa Clara, with the City of San Jose claiming home to the highest population of people of Vietnamese origin per area outside of Vietnam.

In 2007, the City of San Jose recognized the importance of Little Saigon as a major cultural, social, and commercial center for the Vietnamese community and officially designated the area along Story Road as “Little Saigon,” Saigon”. “Little Saigon” recalls the name of the South Vietnamese capital after it was renamed.

Little Saigon is a destination for tourists and refugees from all over the world and one can find all types of services and businesses in Little Saigon, including restaurants, supermarkets, shopping malls, banks, and jewelry stores serving the Vietnamese American community, as well as other local and surrounding area residents in the City of San Jose. Tết festivals and parades in Little Saigon celebrating the Vietnamese lunar New Year have attracted thousands of participants.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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