

Date of Hearing: July 14, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

SCR 79 (McGuire) – As Introduced May 13, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: The Brad Mettam Memorial Interchange

SUMMARY: Designate the interchange on State Route 101 at Indianola Cutoff Undercrossing BR#04-0314 (estimated post mile 82.70) in the County of Humboldt as the Brad Mettam Memorial Interchange and requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, 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: Brad Mettam was born in 1952 in San Francisco to Ron and Dolores Mettam. During his life, he lived throughout California including Half Moon Bay, Bishop, South Lake Tahoe, and eventually settling in Eureka in Humboldt County. Mr. Mettam served the State of California for more than 20 years in various roles with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Specifically, he served at headquarters as the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, in District 9 (Inyo, Mono, and Eastern Kern Counties) as Deputy District Director for Planning and Modal Programs, and in District 1 (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake Counties) as Deputy District Director for Planning and Local Assistance.

Mr. Mettam was a well-respected and visionary leader and cherished as an integral member of the Caltrans family. He was deeply committed to the department's success throughout his career, with innovative thinking and dedication to the service of his community and stakeholders. He played a pivotal role in shaping District 1's current identity.

Outside of work, Mr. Mettam volunteered extensively, serving in many public leadership roles over the years. Specifically, he served as President of the Rotary Clubs of Eureka and Bishop, Chair of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board, Chair of the Esmeralda County School Board in Nevada, a volunteer firefighter in Half Moon Bay and South Lake Tahoe, Chief of the Fish Lake Valley Fire Protection District in Dyer, Nevada, and as a Director for the California Senior Legislature.

Mr. Mettam passed away suddenly on August 6, 2024 at age 71. He is deeply missed and fondly remembered by his family, friends, community, and the many people whose lives he touched.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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