

Date of Hearing: August 23, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 263 (Rivas) – As Introduced June 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Caltrans District 7 Fallen Workers Memorial Interchange

SUMMARY: Designates the interchange at Interstate 210 (I-210) and Interstate 5 (I-5) in the County of Los Angeles as the “Caltrans District 7 Fallen Workers Memorial Interchange”.

Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Memorializes the death of 33 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 workers and honors their sacrifice.
- 2) Recounts the various efforts made by the Legislature and Caltrans to protect highway workers and raise awareness of the risks posed to them while working on highways.
- 3) Designates the interchange at I-210 and I-5 in the County of Los Angeles as the “Caltrans District 7 Fallen Workers Memorial Interchange”.
- 4) Requests that Caltrans determine the cost of the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

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

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: Since 1921, 33 State highway workers in District 7 have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the state. In total, 185 Caltrans workers have lost their lives on the job. In recent years the Legislature and Caltrans have worked to eliminate worker fatalities through training, safe practices, and implementation of features to lessen the exposure of maintenance personnel on the state’s highways. Most recently, the Legislature passed and Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 240 (Wright), Chapter 175, Statutes of 2009, which requires vehicles to slow down and move over for certain vehicles on the highway that display flashing amber lights.

In honor of their sacrifice, this resolution designates the interchange at I-210 and I-5 as the “Caltrans District 7 Fallen Workers Memorial Interchange”.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 501
Professional Engineers in California Government

Opposition

None on file

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