

Date of Hearing: June 22, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

ACR 58 (Williams) – As Introduced April 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path and the Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way

SUMMARY: Designates a bicycle-pedestrian path and a pedestrian undercrossing both in Ventura County as the “Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path” and the “Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way”, respectively. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the lifetime accomplishments of Ralph Fertig, a longtime bicycle advocate in Santa Barbara, California.
- 2) Recounts the lifetime accomplishments of Peter Douglas, a former Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission (CCC).
- 3) Designates the bicycle-pedestrian path constructed as part of the project to widen State Route (SR) 101 from Mobil Pier Road to Bates Road in Ventura County as the “Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path.”
- 4) Designates the pedestrian undercrossing of SR 101 in the community of La Conchita in Ventura County as the “Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way.”
- 5) Requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of 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 including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

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

COMMENTS: Ralph Fertig was a longtime bicycle advocate in Santa Barbara, California and served as the Central Coast Regional Director of the California Association of Bicycling Organization for many years. Mr. Fertig is described as a quiet, unassuming person who made it his mission to attend transportation planning meetings and advocate for more space on roads for bicycles. Additionally, Mr. Fertig, was responsible for bringing the 1998 ProBike conference to Santa Barbara. Mr. Fertig passed away on July 18, 2014. This resolution designates the bicycle-pedestrian path (Class 1 Bicycle Path) constructed as part of the project to widen SR 101 from Mobil Pier Road to Bates Road in the County of Ventura in honor of Ralph Fertig to acknowledge the significant role he played in his community.

Mr. Peter Douglas, former Executive Director of the CCC, died on Sunday April 1, 2012, at the age of 69 after a long battle with cancer. Mr. Douglas was the CCC's longest-serving executive director, a position he held from 1985 to 2011. Mr. Douglas also worked for the California

Legislature as an aide to then-Assembly Member Alan Siertoy (D-Beverly Hills) and as a committee consultant where he had a hand in drafting the Coastal Initiative (Proposition 20) and the California Coastal Act of 1976. Mr. Douglas' life accomplishments include creating, acquiring, and preserving many coastal parks, state beaches, campgrounds, trails, and overnight hostels. ACR 58 designates the pedestrian undercrossing of SR 101 in the community of La Conchita in Ventura County of in honor of Peter Douglas to acknowledge the significant role he played in his community.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**Support**

City of Santa Barbara
Coalition for Sustainable Transportation
Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition
Santa Barbara Car Free
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
UCSB Associated Students Bike Committee
5 private citizens

Opposition

None on file

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