

# Catherine Taylor, longtime CSRM leader, dies

January 12, 2018

RELATED TOPICS: [OBITUARY](#) | [RAILFANING](#) | [HISTORICAL](#)

## Trains Industry Newsletter

Get a weekly roundup of the industry news you need.

Sign up

By signing up you may also receive occasional reader surveys and special offers from Trains magazine. View our [privacy policy](#).

AUSTIN, Texas — Catherine Taylor, director of the Bullock Texas State History Museum and a longtime leader at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, has died after a brief illness.

A native of Texas, Taylor lived in California for most of her life. She earned a BA in history at the California State University-Sacramento and also was a graduate of the Museum Management Institute at UC-Berkley.

She held several key positions at the California museum over the years, including director of the museum and executive director of the CSRM Foundation. She retired in March 2014 as Division Chief in the state's Department of State Parks & Recreation.

Taylor was a primer mover in a number of initiatives at the Sacramento museum, including the staging of two hugely successful Railfair public festivals in 1991 and 1999, as well as the strategy to pursue the building of a railroad technology museum in the adjacent Sacramento Shops of the Southern Pacific. In October 2013, she was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Tourist Railroads & Railway Museums.



**Catherine Taylor**

Bullock Museum

In July 2017, she was named director of the huge Bullock museum, a major attraction in downtown Austin, with more than 600,000 annual visitors.

“In her short time here, she brought such an energy and life to the museum, and we’re so grateful for that,” said Margaret Koch, deputy director of the museum.

Taylor is survived by her partner of many years, Carl Bradley.

Trains will provide further information about services or memorials as it becomes available.

« **Previous story**

Brightline’s website crashes after debut announced

Subscribe

**Up To 54% off the newsstand price!**

**Next story »**

Norfolk Southern to serve in joint Toyota and Mazda assembly plant in Alabama

# NEWSWIRE »»»»»

Previous Day

January 12, 2018

Next Day

**Brightline’s website crashes after debut announced**

**Catherine Taylor, longtime CSRM leader, dies**

**Norfolk Southern to serve new joint Toyota and Mazda assembly plant in Alabama**

**House transportation Democrats want to prevent future PTC extensions**

**Jury begins deliberations in Lac-Mégantic criminal trial**

**Trains News Wire video for Jan. 12**

**Drama aside, 'The Commuter' offers up accurate railroading — mostly**

**Maryland congressman proposes WMATA flat-fare experiment**

**CN to boost capital spending, add capacity**