

Committee on Infrastructure and Security

CS/CS/SB 78 — Transportation-related Facility Designations

by Appropriations Committee; Infrastructure and Security Committee; and Senators Broxson, Wright, Powell, Stewart, Bracy, Cruz, Book, Mayfield, Diaz, and Taddeo

The bill creates the following transportation-related facility designations:

- The Pensacola Bay Bridge between 17th Avenue in Escambia County and Baybridge Drive in Santa Rosa County as the “General Daniel ‘Chappie’ James, Jr., Bridge.”
- The portion of Bloxham Cutoff Road/S.R. 267 between U.S. 98 in Wakulla County and S.R. 20 in Leon County as the “J.D. Turner Highway.”
- Bridge Numbers 880050, 880051, 880052, and 880053 on S.R. 510 between Wabasso and Wabasso Beach in Indian River County as the “A.B. Michael Bridges.”
- The portion of W. Kennedy Boulevard between Lois Avenue and Dale Mabry Highway in Hillsborough County as the “Master Police Officer Lois Marrero Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of E. Laurel Street between N. Orange Avenue and N. Morgan Street in Hillsborough County as the “Officer James Ronco Memorial Highway.”
- Bridge number 930361 on S.R. A1A/Jack Nicklaus Driver in Palm Beach County as the “Gold Star Family Memorial Bridge, dedicated to Army Captain Joseph M. Berkson.”
- The portion of S.R. 408/Spessard L. Holland East-West Expressway between S. Crystal Lake Drive and S. Semoran Boulevard in Orange County as the “Sergeant Tracy Vickers Memorial Expressway.”
- The portion of S.R. 438 between Winters Landing Drive and Clarke Road in Orange County as the “Julius ‘July’ Perry Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of I-95 between the Florida state line in Nassau County and S.W. 32nd Road in Miami-Dade County as the “Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of U.S. 98 between C.R. 386 and Pine Street in Gulf County as the “Willis V. Rowan Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of U.S. 98 between Pine Street and C.R. 382/Industrial Road in Gulf County as the “John C. Gainous Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of I-10 between U.S. 29/S.R. 95 and S.R. 291 in Escambia County as the “Deputy Donald Ray Cook Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of I-95 between mile markers 105 and 110 in Martin County as the “Trooper Joseph Bullock Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of S.R. 281 between U.S. 90 and U.S. 98 in Santa Rosa County as the “Bart D. and John R. Broxson Parkway.”
- The portion of U.S. 90/Beaver Street between Chaffee Road and U.S. 301 in Duval County as the “John B. Coxwell Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of U.S. 41/S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 82nd Avenue and S.R. 973/87th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as the “Manuel H. ‘Manny’ Piedra Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of U.S. 441 between Deep Creek Bridge and C.R. 6 in Columbia County as the “Austin D. Gay Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of I-10 between the Suwannee County line and mile marker 275 in Suwannee County as the “Wesley L. Silas Memorial Highway.”

- The portion of U.S. 19 between Luther Wilson Road and the Econfinia River Bridge in Taylor County as the “Joshua S. Montaad Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of the S.R. 90/S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 12th Avenue and S.W. 14th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as the “Rosa Maria Plasencia Way.”
- The portion of U.S. 129/S.R. 49 (31030000) between the Levy County line and the Suwannee County line in Gilchrist County as the “Slaughter, Read, Ramirez, Lindsey Memorial Highway.”
- The portion of the S.R. 223 (S.R. 200/U.S. 301 Truck Route) overpass bridge at S.R. 100 in Bradford County as the “Archibald Johns Thomas Bridge.”
- The portion of S.R. 285 between S.R. 20 and College Boulevard in Okaloosa County as “Mayor Randall Wise Memorial Highway.”
- The roundabout at S.R. 64 and Pope Road/Greyhawk Boulevard in Manatee County as “Chase Coyner and Matthew Powers Memorial Roundabout.”
- Bridge numbers 150213 and 150214 on I-275/U.S. 19/S.R. 93 in Pinellas County as “Phoebe Jonchuck Memorial Bridge.”
- The portion of South Dixie Highway/U.S. 1/S.R. 5 between the Monroe County line and S.R. 9A/I-95 Northbound in Miami-Dade County as the “Harriet Tubman Highway/U.S. 1/S.R. 5.”
- The portion of W. Dixie Highway/S.R. 909 between N.E. 163rd Street in Miami-Dade County as the “Harriet Tubman Highway/State Road 909.”
- The portion of C.R. 435/Apopka Vineland Road between S.R. 91/Florida’s Turnpike and S.R. 535 in Orange County as the “Robert L. ‘Bob’ Billingslea Highway.”
- The portion of S.R. 514 between I-95 and Babcock Street S.E. in Brevard County as the “Deputy Chief Lynne Nungesser Memorial Highway.”

The bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

For the Harriet Tubman designations, the bill requires the FDOT to examine the feasibility and impact to rename the roads and report its findings to the Legislature by October 1, 2020.

The bill designates the Florida Highway Patrol station located at 2929 N. 25th Street in Fort Pierce as the “Trooper Joseph Bullock Building” and directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to erect suitable markers.

The bill amends a 2019 designation for the “Robert L. ‘Bob’ Billingslea Highway” to correct the description of the prior designation, and also amends a 2014 designation for “Brigadier General” Bud Day, to reflect a posthumous promotion from the rank of Colonel.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0