HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

 BILL #:
 HB 117 w/CS
 Bridge designations

 SPONSOR(S):
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 IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 196

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Transportation Systems (Sub)	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	PUGH	MILLER
2) Transportation	<u>21 Y, 0 N w/CS</u>	PUGH	MILLER
3) Transportation & Economic Dev. Apps. (Sub)	<u>12 Y, 2 N</u>	Hawkins	Hawkins
4) Appropriations			
5)			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies that the Legislature may designate roads, bridges and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes.

HB 117 with CS creates 12 honorary road or bridge designations:

• The new Rose Bay bridges on U.S. 1, between the cities of New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange, in honor of U.S. military personnel who are prisoners of war (POW's) or who are declared missing in action (MIA's).

S.W. 8th Street between 60th Avenue and 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as the "Ramon Puig Way."

• The New River Bridge (bridge number 390031) on State Road 16 in Bradford and Union Counties is hereby designated as the "John S. 'Steve' Dennard Bridge."

• State Road 121, from the Georgia-Florida line in Baker County and southward to the Union County line is designated as the "Ed Fraser Memorial Highway."

• State Road 121 from the Baker-Union county line to the city limits of Lake Butler is designated as the "Deputy Renee Danell Azure Memorial Highway."

• State Road 16 from the northwestern Starke City limits in Bradford County to State Road 121 in Union County is designated as the "Correctional Officers Memorial Highway."

• That portion of Interstate 95 in Nassau County is designated as "Trooper Charles W. Parks Memorial Highway."

• State Road 100, beginning at the western city limits of the Town of Flagler Beach in Flagler County to the eastern city limits of the Town of Bunnell, is designated the "Veterans Memorial Highway."

• State Road 207 in St. Johns County, between the intersection of U.S. 1 and the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings, is designated as the "Upchurch Memorial Highway."

 State Road 207 in St. Johns and Putnam counties, beginning at the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings and ending at the intersection of U.S. 17, is designated at the "Kelley Smith Highway."

• That portion of U.S. 192 between Interstate 95 in Brevard County an the eastern city limits of St. Cloud in Osceola County is designated the "Howard Futch Memorial Highway."

• That portion of State Road 50 between Ocoee and State Road 436 in Orange County is designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive."

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers at either end of each bridge to denote the honorary designation. The markers will cost FDOT approximately \$9,600.

HB 117 with CS does not raise any apparent constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming a law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

1.	Reduce government?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
2.	Lower taxes?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
3.	Expand individual freedom?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
4.	Increase personal responsibility?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
5.	Empower families?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not erase the current names of the facilities, nor do they require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings. The statute requires FDOT to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

Based on FDOT records, 969 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

HB 117 with CS dedicates the three new Rose Bay bridges on U.S. 1 between New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange, to U.S. military personnel who are either POW's or MIA's. The New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange city commissions have passed resolutions in support of dedicating the new bridges in honor of POW's and MIA's, and the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization also is in support.

The bill also designates:

• S.W. 8th Street between 60th Avenue and 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as the "Ramon Puig Way."

• The New River Bridge (bridge number 390031) on State Road 16 in Bradford and Union Counties is hereby designated as the "John S. 'Steve' Dennard Bridge."

 State Road 121, from the Georgia-Florida line in Baker County and southward to the Union County line is designated as the "Ed Fraser Memorial Highway."

• State Road 121 from the Baker-Union county line to the city limits of Lake Butler is designated as the "Deputy Renee Danell Azure Memorial Highway."

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 State Road 207 in St. Johns County, between the intersection of U.S. 1 and the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings, is designated as the "Upchurch Memorial Highway."

• State Road 207 in St. Johns and Putnam counties, beginning at the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings and ending at the intersection of U.S. 17, is designated at the "Kelley Smith Highway."

That portion of U.S. 192 between Interstate 95 in Brevard County an the eastern city limits of St. Cloud in Osceola County is designated the "Howard Futch Memorial Highway."
 That portion of State Road 50 between Occee and State Road 436 in Orange County is designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive."

HB 117 with CS also directs FDOT to erect suitable markers conveying these designations.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Sections 1-12: Dedicates the roads and bridges as listed previously .

Section 13: Specifies this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates the cost of each marker at \$400, so for 24 markers, the total estimated expenditure from the State Transportation Trust Fund is \$9,600 in FY 03-04. FDOT also will be responsible for any future maintenance and replacement costs, of an indeterminate amount.

- B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

- C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: None.
- D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
 - 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. HB 117 with CS does not affect municipalities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient existing rule-making authority to implement HB 117, with CS.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Transportation Systems Subcommittee action

At its March 5, 2003, meeting, the Transportation Systems Subcommittee adopted without objection three amendments and one amendment to an amendment. Briefly:

- Amendment #1 designates S.W. 8th Street between 60th Avenue and 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as the "Ramon Puig Way."
- Amendment #2 designates four roadways:

-- The New River Bridge (bridge number 390031) on State Road 16 in Bradford and Union Counties is hereby designated as the "John S. 'Steve' Dennard Bridge;"

-- State Road 121, from the Georgia-Florida line in Baker County to the city limits of Lake Butler in Union County is designated as the "Ed Fraser Memorial Highway;"

-- State Road 16 from the northwestern Starke City limits in Bradford County to State Road

121 in Union County is designated as the "Correctional Officers Memorial Highway;" and -- That portion of Interstate 95 in Nassau County is designated as "Trooper Charles W. Parks Memorial Highway."

• Amendment #3, and its amendment to the amendment, designates three roadways:

-- State Road 100, beginning at the western city limits of the Town of Flagler Beach in Flagler County to the eastern city limits of the Town of Bunnell, is designated the "Veterans Memorial Highway;"

State Road 207 in St. Johns County, between the intersection of U.S. 1 and the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings, is designated as the "Upchurch Memorial Highway;" and
 State Road 207 in St. Johns and Putnam counties, beginning at the eastern city limits of Hastings and ending at the intersection of U.S. 17, is designated at the "Kelley Smith Highway."

The subcommittee then voted 9-0 in favor of HB 117, as amended.

Transportation Committee action

At its March 12, 2003, meeting, the Transportation Committee readopted all of the amendments recommended for approval in subcommittee, then adopted without objection four additional amendments. One created the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive" designation Orange County; one created the "Howard Futch Memorial Highway" on a portion of U.S. 192 in Brevard and Osceola counties; another amended a previously adopted amendment to add the "Deputy Renee Danell Azure Memorial Highway" in Union County; and the fourth was technical title correction.

The Committee then voted 21-0 in favor of the bill with a CS.

Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

At its April 11, 2003 meeting, the Subcommittee adopted five amendments without objection as follows:
Amendment #1 designates bridge number 126 on U.S. Highway 27 crossing the Ochlockonee River between Gadsden and Leon Counties as C. Fred and Marvin Arrington Bridge.

• Amendment #2 designates bridge number 930470 in the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County as the L. E. Buie Bridge.

- Amendment #3 deletes "Howard Futch" and inserts instead "Howard E. Futch".
- Amendment #4 designates that portion of U.S. Highway 27 (State Road 63) inside the city limits of Havana in Gadsden County as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway in Gadsden County.

• Amendment #5 designates that portion of U.S. Highway 17 in Putnam County from Crescent City south to the border at Volusia County as the Jerome A. Williams Memorial Highway. Amendment #5 also designated that portion of State Road 16 in Clay County within the town limits of the Town of Penney Farms as the James C. Penney Memorial Boulevard.