

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 1994

SPONSOR: Transportation Committee and Senator Argenziano

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: April 8, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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I. Summary:

This CS designates various roads and bridges throughout Florida. Also, this CS directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

II. Present Situation:

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 section further provides when the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This CS creates the following road and bridge designations:

Interstate 75 from the Georgia-Florida state line to the city limits of Ocala in Marion County is designated as "Purple Heart Memorial Highway."

U.S. Highway 41 located in White Springs in Hamilton County is designated as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway." Dr. King was an American clergyman and civil rights leader. Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

The roundabout at State Road 51, Walker Avenue, and County Road 136 located in Live Oak in Suwannee County is designated as “Nott Circle Roundabout” in honor of A.P. Nott. Mr. Nott served as the Mayor of the City of Live Oak, Florida for many years.

U.S. Highway 27 (State Road 63) inside the city limits of Havana in Gadsden County is designated as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway.”

The northbound and southbound spans of the Cedar River Bridge (bridge designations 720325 and 720326) on State Road 21 in Duval County are collectively designated as the “Jim Deaton Memorial Highway.”

The FDOT is directed to erect suitable markers designating the above transportation facilities.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$4,000 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption 10 markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. The department will also have to pay the recurring cost of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
