HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 917 w/CS SPONSOR(S): Kendrick TIED BILLS: Road and Bridge Designations

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 630, HB 9 w/CS

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	
1) Transportation Systems (Sub)	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	Hammel	Miller	
2) Transportation	<u>18 Y, 0 N w/CS</u>	Hammel	Miller	
3) Transportation & Econ. Dev. Apps. (Sub)		McAuliffe	Hawkins	
4) Appropriations				
5)				

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature.

HB 917 w/CS designates:

- The portion of U.S. Highway 90 between the city of Monticello in Jefferson County and the border at Suwannee County in Madison County as part of the "Florida Arts Trail."
- The Buckhorn Creek Bridge, on State Road 375 in Wakulla County as the "Arthor L. Andrews Bridge."
- The bridge at the Lake Panasoffkee Bridge, Department of Transportation designation 180940, in Sumter County as the "Florida Veterans Memorial Bridge."

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers to denote the honorary designations. The markers will cost approximately \$2,400.00

HB 917 w/CS does not create any constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming law.

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 "officially" change the current names of the facilities, nor does it 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 other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties then a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Based on FDOT records, 999 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 917 w/CS creates three additional road designations:

- The portion of U.S. Highway 90 between the city of Monticello in Jefferson County and the border at Suwannee County in Madison County is designated as part of the "Florida Arts Trail."
- The Buckhorn Creek Bridge, on State Road 375 in Wakulla County is designated as the "Arthor L. Andrews Bridge."
- The bridge at the Lake Panasoffkee Bridge, Department of Transportation designation 180940, in Sumter County is designated as the "Florida Veterans Memorial Bridge."

FDOT is directed to erect suitable makers for the designations

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 90 between the city of Monticello in Jefferson County and the border at Suwannee County in Madison County as the "Florida Arts trail."

Section 2: Designates the Buckhorn Creek Bridge, on State Road 375 in Wakulla County as the "Arthor L. Andrews Bridge."

Section 3: Designates the bridge at the Lake Panasoffkee Bridge, Department of Transportation designation 180940, in Sumter County as the "Florida Veterans Memorial Bridge"

Section 4: Provides the bill takes effect upon becoming law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

None

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates that the cost to erect suitable road designating markers is approximately \$800.00 per designation. The markers for the bill's three designations will cost approximately \$2,400.00. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost.

- 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
 - 2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The FDOT has sufficient rule-making authority to implement HB 917 w/CS.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 11, 2004, the Transportation Systems Subcommittee adopted without objection one amendment by the bill's sponsor. The amendment deleted an incorrect bridge number reference and changed lines 24 and 25 of the bill to read: The Buckhorn Creek Bridge on State Road 375 in Wakulla.

On March 15, 2004 the full Transportation Committee adopted the amendment recommended by the subcommittee and reported the bill favorably with a committee substitute.