

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

HB 385 w/CS does not appear to implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current 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 “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute 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, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Based on FDOT records, some 1,046 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.

Effect of HB 385 w/CS

The bill seeks 11 honorary designations of various transportation facilities. They are:

- That portion of S.W. 8th Street, between S.W. 62nd Avenue and S.W. 67th Avenue, in Little Havana is designated as “Ramon Puig Way.” Puig was born in 1920 in Cuba. According to a Congressional memorial honoring Puig, as a boy he went to work as a tailor, and soon built his own business specializing in making and selling guayaberas, light-weight, linen shirts for men. The young entrepreneur traveled around his island nation to sell his shirts. When Fidel Castro seized control of Cuba in 1959, Puig was forced to give up his business and labor in the sugarcane fields. In 1968, he was one of the thousands who left Cuba on the freedom flights to the United States. His first jobs in Miami were as a hotel janitor and dishwasher, but by 1971 Puig had opened his own tailor shop on S.W. 8th Street in Little Havana, Miami. His guayaberas are now sold worldwide.
- That portion of N.W. 167th Street, between N.W. 57th Avenue and N.W. 67th Avenue, in Miami Lakes is designated as “Shawn O’Dare Way.” O’Dare was a Miami Lakes firefighter who died after diving, without equipment, into a canal to rescue a young girl. As a result of his actions, the Miami-Dade Fire Department upgrade its water-rescue program so that it is now recognized as one of the best in the United States.
- That portion of S.W. 129th Terrace, between East 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Marge Pearlson Way.”
- That portion of Coral Way (S.W. 24th Street), between 107th Avenue and 109th Avenue, in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Jorge Cabrera Way.” Jorge was 12 when he was electrocuted at a nearby bus stop.
- The New River Bridge on State Road 16 in Bradford and Union counties is designated as the “Correction Officers Memorial Bridge.”

- That portion of State Road 528, between its western terminus in Orange County and its eastern terminus in Brevard County, excluding that portion between U.S. Route 1 and State Road 3, is designated as the "Martin Andersen Beachline Expressway."
- That portion of State Road 429 between Interstate 4 and U.S. Highway 441 in Orange County is designated as the "Daniel Webster Western Beltway." Webster is a former House Speaker and currently is a state senator.
- That portion of Nova Road between Granada Boulevard and U.S. Highway 1 in Volusia County is designated as the "Robert F. Grim, Sr., Memorial Parkway." Grim, a veteran Ormond Beach police officer, was struck and killed last year by a vehicle while investigating a traffic accident on Nova Road.
- That portion of U.S. Highway 331 from its intersection with U.S. Highway 90 South to the southern border of the city of DeFuniak Springs in Walton County is designated as "Veteran's Memorial Boulevard."
- The overpass on 77th Avenue East (Bridge # 130090) over Interstate 275 in Manatee County is designated as the "Southeastern Guide Dog Overpass."
- The Florida Welcome Center on Interstate 75 in Hamilton County at the Florida-Georgia state line is designated as the "Joseph O. Striska Florida Welcome Center." Striska, who died in 2004, was president and CEO of the Florida Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds and a member of the Florida Tourism Commission.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005. The signs will be erected after that date, when FDOT receives copies of the local-government resolutions supporting the designations.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Makes 11 honorary designations for state highways, bridges, and a welcome center.

Section 2: Specifies effective date of July 1, 2005.

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, for a marker at each end of the designated road area. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT also is responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

For 11 designations, the initial cost will be \$4,400.

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:

FDOT has sufficient rulemaking authority to implement HB 385 w/CS.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

At its Feb. 22, 2005, meeting, the House Transportation Committee adopted without objection 9 amendments reflecting 10 honorary designations. Briefly:

- Amendment #1: That portion of Coral Way (S.W. 24th Street), between 107th Avenue and 109th Avenue, in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Jorge Cabrera Way."
- Amendment #2: That portion of N.W. 167th Street, between N.W. 57th Avenue and N.W. 67th Avenue, in Miami Lakes is designated as "Shawn O'Dare Way."
- Amendment #3: That portion of Nova Road between Granada Boulevard and U.S. Highway 1 in Volusia County is designated as the "Robert F. Grim, Sr., Memorial Parkway."
- Amendment #4: The New River Bridge on State Road 16 in Bradford and Union counties is designated as the "Correction Officers Memorial Bridge."
- Amendment #5: The Florida Welcome Center on Interstate 75 in Hamilton County at the Florida-Georgia state line is designated as the "Joseph O. Striska Florida Welcome Center."
- Amendment #6: That portion of U.S. Highway 331 from its intersection with U.S. Highway 90 South to the southern border of the city of DeFuniak Springs in Walton County is designated as "Veteran's Memorial Boulevard."
- Amendment # 7: Two designations: that portion of State Road 528, between its western terminus in Orange County and its eastern terminus in Brevard County, excluding that portion between U.S. Route 1 and State Road 3, is designated as the "Martin Andersen Beachline Expressway," and that portion of State Road 429 between Interstate 4 and U.S. Highway 441 in Orange County is designated as the "Daniel Webster Western Beltway"
- Amendment #8: That portion of S.W. 129th Terrace, between East 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Marge Pearlson Way."

- Amendment #9: The overpass on 77th Avenue East (Bridge # 130090) over Interstate 275 in Manatee County is designates as the “Southeastern Guide Dog Overpass.”

The committee then voted 14-0 to report the bill favorably with a committee substitute.