

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 15 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Mayfield

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 456

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Kiner	Kruse
2) Economic Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill designates the following bridges and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers:

- Bridge number 880077 on State Road 656 between State Road A1A and Indian River Boulevard in the City of Vero Beach as 'Alma Lee Loy Bridge';
- Bridge number 36055 on State Road 40 crossing the Ocklawaha River in Marion County as 'John W. Brantley, Jr., Bridge'.

The bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1600, which is the cost to FDOT to erect the markers.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

Ms. Alma Lee Loy

Ms. Alma Lee Loy was born and raised in Vero Beach, Florida, and has been a life-long resident, businesswoman and active member of the community ever since. In 1968, she became the first woman elected to the Indian River County Commission and served as both Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Among her many varied accomplishments during this time was championing the construction of the 17th Street Bridge (State Road 656 between Indian River Boulevard and State Road A1A).¹ It has been said that Ms. Loy's passion on this initiative helped her overcome objections related to the possibility of declining property values, right-of-way costs and environmental concerns – such as whether construction of the bridge would interfere with the operation of the nearby power plant.²

Throughout the years, Ms. Loy has worked tirelessly to improve and enhance public beaches, parks and the Vero Beach/Indian River County community in general. Her efforts have earned her recognition in the form of having a county park and the local chamber of commerce building dedicated in her name.

Ms. Loy obtained her Associates Degree at the Rochester Institute of Technology and later obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with minors in Economics and Management from the University of Miami.

Mr. John W. Brantley, Jr.

Mr. John W. Brantley, Jr., was born on September 21, 1930, in Chester, SC. The son of the late Jack and Pearl Brantley, Mr. Brantley had many accomplishments throughout his lifetime. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Brantley served his country during the Korean War. Mr. Brantley also made an impact throughout his local community, Florida and the Southeast. According to his obituary in the Ocala Star-Banner, Mr. Brantley served as the President of Structures, Inc., (Division of Ballenger Corp.), one of Florida's largest bridge contractors, and started the Marion County Youth Football League. Throughout its forty plus years, the league has grown from five teams in 1970 to over thirty teams and 1600 participants.

Mr. Brantley passed away on July 23, 2011.

Florida Law on legislative designations of transportation facilities

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 neither 'officially' change the current names of the facilities, nor require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

Section 334.071, F.S., also requires:

- The city or county in which the dedicated facility is located to pass a resolution, through its board of commissioners, in support of the designation before markers are erected. If the

¹ Jonathan Mattise. *Effort to Name 17th Street Bridge After Alma Lee Loy Delayed a Year*. See <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2011/may/18/effort-to-name-17th-street-bridge-after-alma-lee/> (Last viewed 10/7/2011).

² Willard Siebert. *Letter: Naming bridge for Loy is fitting for way she bridged different people, common interests*. See <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2011/apr/29/letter-naming-bridge-for-loy-is-fitting-for-way/> (Last viewed 10/7/2011).

designated segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government; and

- The Florida Department of Transportation must place a marker at each termini or intersection of a designated road or bridge, and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

Effect of Proposed Change

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The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2012.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Designates Alma Lee Loy Bridge in Indian River County; directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 Designates John W. Brantley, Jr., Bridge in Marion County; directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.

Section 3 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") will incur costs of approximately \$1600 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption that two markers will be erected for each designation at a cost of \$400 per marker. FDOT will also incur the recurring costs of maintaining these signs over time and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

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 because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On October 19, 2011, the Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee adopted one amendment, which added a new section, designating bridge number 36055 crossing the Ocklawaha River as the "John W. Brantley, Jr. Bridge."