

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

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BILL: CS/SB 576

INTRODUCER: Senator Campbell

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: February 22, 2017      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Miller	TR	<b>Fav/CS</b>
2.			ATD	
3.			AP	

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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 576 revises two previously enacted honorary designations, creates four additional honorary designations of transportation facilities around the state, and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers designating or correcting the designations of the transportation facilities as described in the act.

The expected fiscal impact to install the designation markers required under the bill is \$6,000.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations may not be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.<sup>1</sup>

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 334.071(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 334.071(2), F.S.

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations prior to installation of the markers.<sup>3</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill revises two, and creates four, honorary transportation facility designations around the state as follows:

**Section 1** of the bill revises a designation enacted in section 1 of chapter 1951-26497, Laws of Florida, the “Broad Causeway Boulevard” in Miami-Dade County, to the “Shepard Broad Causeway.”

The Broad Causeway was designated in honor of Shepard Broad, the founder of Bay Harbor Islands. The Town of Bay Harbor Islands and the Miami-Dade County Commission requested revision of the designation to reflect his full name.

**Section 2** of the bill directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers correcting the designation revised in section 1.

**Section 3** of the bill creates the following four honorary transportation facility designations around the state:

#### **Candice Ellize Francois Street**

The portion of Palm Avenue between Pembroke Road and Miramar Parkway in Broward County is designated as “Candice Ellize Francois Street.”

Candice Ellize Francois was born on March 10, 1994, in Miami. She was in the International Baccalaureate Program in high school where she was involved in multiple school activities. Shortly after graduating from high school, she was diagnosed with a rare cancer of the jawbone. She passed away on October 26, 2014, at the age of 20.

#### **Georgia Ayers Way**

The portion of S.R. 9/N.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between S.R. 934/N.W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street and N.W. 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as “Georgia Ayers Way.”

A community activist since the 1960’s, Georgia Ayers was assigned to community relations boards and advisory boards to facilitate relations between the community and local police. Among Ms. Ayers’ many contributions to the community, she founded the Alternative Program with a Miami-Dade Circuit judge in 1982, working with the court system to offer an alternative

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<sup>3</sup> Section 334.071(3), F.S.

to jail time for people charged with felonies or nonviolent crimes. She also founded the area's Daily Bread Food Bank. Ms. Ayers recently passed away at the age of 86.

#### **Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street**

The portion of N.W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between N.W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street and N.W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street."

Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor was a podiatrist who also assisted in training new physicians. Dr. O'Connor also participated in several medical missions to Jamaica and Haiti. He passed away on February 23, 2015, at the age of 50.

#### **Robert 'Bobby' L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway**

The portion of U.S. 441/S.R. 7 between N.W. 155<sup>th</sup> Lane and N.W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as "Robert 'Bobby' L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway."

Robert "Bobby" Parker, Sr., joined the Miami-Dade Police Department in 1976, where he served in every civil rank in the Department, from police officer to Captain, before being appointed through the ranks of Major, Chief and Assistant Director. On April 1, 2004, he became the first African-American Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. He honorably served the Department and his community for 33 distinguished years. Mr. Parker passed away in 2015.

**Section 4** of the bill amends section 28 of chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida, to correct the spelling of a previously enacted designation in Miami-Dade County, from the "Reverend Wilner Maxi Street," to the "Reverend Wilner Maxy Street."

**Section 5** provides the bill take effect July 1, 2017.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The estimated cost to remove, revise, and re-install the designation markers to correct the previously-enacted designations, as well as for the four created designations required under the bill, is \$6,000 for 12 signs at a cost of no less than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time, but does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, dedication event costs, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

The FDOT advises the following designations are not located on the State Highway System:

- Candice Ellize Francois Street, and
- Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

This bill amends section 1 of chapter 1951-26497, Laws of Florida, and section 28 of chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida.

**IX. Additional Information:**

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Transportation on February 21, 2017:**

The CS adds the following designations:

- “Candice Ellize Francois Street” in Broward County,
- “Georgia Ayers Way” in Miami-Dade County,
- “Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street” in Miami-Dade County, and
- “Robert ‘Bobby’ L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway” in Miami-Dade County.

The bill also corrects the spelling from “Maxi” to “Maxy” in a previously enacted designation of the Reverend Wilner Maxy Street in Miami-Dade County.

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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