

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.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

BILL: SB 1034

INTRODUCER: Senator Hooper

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Virginia Creighton Bridge

DATE: March 15, 2021

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Vickers	TR	Pre-meeting
2.			ATD	
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 1034 designates Bridge number 100850 on S.R. 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway over Old Tampa Bay in Hillsborough County as “Virginia Creighton Bridge” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The estimated cost to the FDOT to install the designation markers required under the bill is \$1,000. See Section V, “Fiscal Impact Statement,” for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

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 are not to 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.¹

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the 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.²

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

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before installation of the markers.³

Virginia Creighton

Virginia Creighton worked in the field of wetland science and regulation for almost three decades, with a combination of government policy, regulatory, and environmental consulting experience. Ms. Creighton was a certified Professional Wetland Scientist and specialized in formal jurisdictional determinations and wetland qualitative analyses. She acted as an environmental project manager on multiple FDOT and local-level projects, as well as for private developments, including small and large-scale developments of regional impact. She was directly involved in obtaining environmental resource permits for over fifty transportation projects. Ms. Creighton was essential to development of the Courtney Campbell Causeway – Old Tampa Bay Water Quality Improvement project, and she received an award for the Best Project in Florida from the FDOT in 2018. Ms. Creighton passed away on May 29, 2020, survived by her husband and two sons.⁴

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill designates Bridge number 100850 on S.R. 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway over Old Tampa Bay in Hillsborough County as “Virginia Creighton Bridge” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

⁴ See email to committee staff, December 7, 2020 (on file in the Senate Transportation Committee). See also Legacy, *Virginia A. “Ginger” (Sinn) Creighton*, available at [Virginia Creighton Obituary - \(2020\) - Land O' Lakes, FL - St. Augustine Record \(legacy.com\)](https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/land-olakes/obituary.aspx?n=virginia-creighton&pid=obituary) (retrieved February 11, 2021).

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$1,000, based on the assumption that a minimum of two markers are required at a cost to the FDOT 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. The FDOT is expected to absorb the estimated cost within existing resources.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.