

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 1408

INTRODUCER: Senator Collins

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations

DATE: March 19, 2025

REVISED: _____

| | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION |
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| 1. | Johnson | Vickers | TR | Favorable |
| 2. | | | ATD | |
| 3. | | | FP | |

I. Summary:

SB 1408 designates the Master Patrol Officer Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway in Hillsborough County and the Sergeant Elio Diaz Memorial Highway in Charlotte County and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers for each of these designations.

The estimated cost to FDOT to install the designation markers is \$4,800. See the “Fiscal Impact Statement” below for details.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

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, 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

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

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 before the installation of the markers.³

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

Subsection 1 designates that portion of I-275 between mile markers 47 and 48 in Hillsborough County as “Master Patrol Officer Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway.”

Officer Jesse Madsen, of the Tampa Police Department, was killed on March 9, 2021, when his patrol car was struck head on by a wrong-way driver on I-275. He was responding to reports of a wrong-way driver when he was struck by the car. A witness stated that Officer Madsen had intentionally collided with the oncoming car to prevent it from striking other vehicles. Officer Madsen was a U.S Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Tampa Police Department for 16 years.⁴

Subsection 2 designates that portion of U.S. 41 between Melbourne Street and Church Street in Charlotte County as “Sergeant Elio Diaz Memorial Highway.”

Sergeant Elio Diaz, of the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office, was shot and killed during a traffic stop in Charlotte Harbor on December 15, 2024. During the stop, the driver pulled out a rifle and fired at Sergeant Diaz before fleeing. When he was found a few miles away, the suspect reached for his rifle and was shot and killed by deputies. Sergeant Diaz had served with the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office for over 11 years. Sergeant Diaz was posthumously promoted to Sergeant.⁵

Subsection 3 directs FDOT to erect suitable markers designating each of the above designations.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

⁴ Officer Down Memorial Page, *Officer Jesse Peter Madsen*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/25185-officer-jesse-peter-madsen> (last visited February 27, 2025).

⁵ Officer Down Memorial Page, *Sergeant Elio Diaz*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/27245-sergeant-elio-diaz> (last visited February 27, 2025).

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

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 \$4,800, based on the assumption that a minimum of two markers are required at a cost to FDOT of no less than \$1,200 each for two designations. The estimate includes labor, materials, manufacturing, and installation.⁶ FDOT is expected to absorb the estimated cost within existing resources.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida Statutes.

⁶ E-mail from Jack Rogers, FDOT Legislative Affairs Director, *RE: Transportation Facility Designation Costs*, December 9, 2024. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation).

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.

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