CS/CS/SB 1842 — Transportation Projects on Public Roadways

by Community Affairs Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Bennett

This bill requires the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to notify affected local governments of proposed changes to state highways when the project:

- divides a state highway;
- erects a barrier median which would modify vehicle turning movements; or
- has the effect of closing or modifying existing access to adjacent property.

The notification must occur at least 180 days before the design of the project is finalized. The bill also allows the local government to present alternatives which would relieve the impacts to the business properties. The bill also requires FDOT to hold at least one public hearing in the jurisdiction where the project is located and receive public input.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010. *Vote: Senate 35-0; House 118-0*