

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 37 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Skidmore

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 160

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee	16 Y, 0 N	Walsh	Keating
2) Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Hicks	Davis
3) Commerce Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Under current law, the Legislature may designate a transportation facility, such as a bridge, interchange, or portion of a road, for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Legislative designations do not change the official names of the facilities. The Department of Transportation (DOT) erects markers for each designation, but may not do so until the appropriate city or county commission passes a resolution in support of the designation.

The bill honors two fallen law enforcement officers by designating the “Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace Highway.” The bill directs DOT to erect suitable markers for the road designation.

The bill will have an insignificant negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within DOT’s existing resources.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2022.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

Transportation Facility Designations

Under current law, the Legislature may designate a transportation facility, such as a bridge, interchange, or portion of a road, for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Legislative designations do not change the official names of the designated facilities, and do not require local governments or private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings to account for the designations.¹

Current law sets standards for the naming of state buildings and other facilities. The law provides that except as specifically provided by law, state buildings, roads, bridges, parks, recreational complexes, and other similar facilities may not be named for a living person.²

Road Markers

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each terminus or intersection of a designated road, bridge, or other transportation facility and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the facility.³ Road markers may not be erected until the appropriate city or county commission passes a resolution in support of a particular designation. Additionally, if a designated facility extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government before the road markers can be erected by DOT.⁴

Deputies Donta Manuel and Jonathan Wallace

On November 28, 2007, while attempting to remove stop sticks that were deployed as part of an effort to slow a stolen vehicle, Deputy Donta Manuel and Deputy Jonathan Wallace were struck and killed by a patrol car pursuing the stolen vehicle.⁵ Deputy Manuel was 33 years old and had served with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for 13 years.⁶ Deputy Wallace was 23 years old and had served with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for 1 year and 6 months.⁷

Effect of the Bill

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 715, also known as Bacom Point Road, between W. Morgan Road and S.W. 14th Street in Palm Beach County as "Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace Highway." The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers for this designation.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Designates "Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace Highway" and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

¹ S. 334.071(1), F.S.

² S. 267.062(1), F.S.

³ S. 334.071(2), F.S.

⁴ S. 334.071(3), F.S.

⁵ Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Donta J. Manuel*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/19071-deputy-sheriff-donta-j-manuel> (last visited Nov. 22, 2021).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Jonathan D. Wallace*, <https://www.odmp.org/officer/19072-deputy-sheriff-jonathan-d-wallace> (last visited Nov. 22, 2021).

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,040 for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs at \$520 per sign.⁸ Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,040 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

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. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not require or authorize rulemaking

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Not applicable.

⁸ E-mail from Amanda Marsh, Legislative Programs Office, Department of Transportation, RE:FDOT Memorial Roadway Designation Sign Estimate (Sept. 15, 2021).