

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 1918

SPONSOR: Senator Sebesta

SUBJECT: Road Designation

DATE: April 4, 2005

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Evans	Meyer	TR	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay as the "Bob Graham/Sunshine Skyway Bridge" and the portion of Interstate 275 in Pinellas County, which extends from the Howard Frankland Bridge to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, as the "St. Petersburg Parkway/William C. Cramer Memorial Highway." Also, this bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

This bill repeals section 25 of chapter 2004-392, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require 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; (2) 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; and (3) 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, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1- Designates the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay as the "Bob Graham/Sunshine Skyway Bridge." The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Robert (Bob) Graham began his political career as a Florida State Representative (1966–1971) and a Florida State Senator (1970–1979). He then served as the Governor of Florida (1979–1987) and as Florida's U.S. Senator. (1987-2004).

Section 2- Repeals section 25 of chapter 2004-392, Laws of Florida.

Section 3-Designates the portion of Interstate 275 in Pinellas County, which extends from the Howard Frankland Bridge to the SunshineSkyway Bridge, as the "St. Petersburg Parkway/William C. Cramer Memorial Highway." This is the same road which was repealed by section 2 of this bill. The bill also directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Congressman William C. Cramer, who represented the Tampa/ St. Petersburg area in the U.S. Congress for many years, co-authored the 1956 41,000 mile Interstate and Defense Highway Act. Later, he was instrumental in expanding the original system to include the 32 mile bypass for the Tampa area which became I-275.

Section 4- Provides an effective date of July 1, 2005.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designating markers for these roads designation is approximately \$1600. This is based on the assumption that each marker will be assembled at a cost of \$400 per marker. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is also responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

Howard Frankland Bridge is misspelled.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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