

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 1738

INTRODUCER: Senator Hill

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: March 30, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woods	Meyer	TR	Pre-meeting
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 1738 designates that portion of Main Street between West 6th Street and West 8th Street in Duval County is designated as "Ms. Eddie Mae Steward Avenue."
- SB 1738 designates that portion of Main Street between West 37th Street and West 46th Street in Duval County as "Dr. Mary L. Austin Jones Avenue."
- SB 1738 that portion of Main Street between West 8th Street and West 18th Street in Duval County as "Mrs. Flossie Brunson Avenue."
- SB 1738 designates that portion of U.S. Highway 1 between Finch Avenue and Trout River Boulevard in Duval County as "Dr. Robert L. Brown, Sr., Highway."
- SB 1738 designates that portion of Lem Turner Road between Interstate 95 and Edgewood Avenue in Duval County as "Ms. Barbara Van Blake Parkway."
- SB 1738 designates that portion of Florida First Coast Highway beginning at Burney Road and continuing north through the 5500 block of Florida First Coast Highway in Nassau County as "Ms. MaVynee 'The Beach Lady' Betsch Highway."

- The Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers designating these areas.

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:

The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 1738 designates that portion of Main Street between West 6th Street and West 8th Street in Duval County is designated as "Ms. Eddie Mae Steward Avenue." Ms. Eddie Mae Steward was one of Jacksonville's leading advocates for civil and human rights.
- SB 1738 designates that portion of Main Street between West 37th Street and West 46th Street in Duval County as "Dr. Mary L. Austin Jones Avenue." Dr. Mary L. Austin Jones is a reverend in the City of Jacksonville whose outreach and ministries comfort and spiritually console families and individuals throughout the community.
- SB 1738 designates that portion of Main Street between West 8th Street and West 18th Street in Duval County as "Mrs. Flossie Brunson Avenue." Mrs. Flossie Brunson nearly single-handedly organized her community to turn a once blighted neighborhood into one that blossoms anew with energies and hope for its young people, young families and seniors.
- SB 1738 designates that portion of U.S. Highway 1 between Finch Avenue and Trout River Boulevard in Duval County as "Dr. Robert L. Brown, Sr., Highway." Dr. Robert L. Brown, a doctor in the City of Jacksonville, was a change agent for economic development efforts.
- SB 1738 designates that portion of Lem Turner Road between Interstate 95 and Edgewood Avenue in Duval County as "Ms. Barbara Van Blake Parkway. Ms. Barbara Van Blake taught mathematics for 12 years in Florida and was an active supporter of civil rights and labor union organizing.

- SB 1738 designates that portion of Florida First Coast Highway beginning at Burney Road and continuing north through the 5500 block of Florida First Coast Highway in Nassau County as "Ms. MaVynee 'The Beach Lady' Betsch Highway." Ms. MaVynne is the official historian and matriarch of American Beach.
- FDOT is directed 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.

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 to be \$4800 (\$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:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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