

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 839 Road and Bridge Designations

SPONSOR(S): Grimsley and others

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee		Johnson	Miller
2)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council			
3)				
4)				
5)				

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The bill provides the following road designations:

- The bridge on S.W. 17th Street between 12th Avenue and S. Pine Avenue in the City of Ocala in Marion County as the “Kenneth H. ‘Buddy’ MacKay and Jim H. Williams Bridge.”
- State Road 739 in Lee County between Six Mile Cypress Parkway and U.S. Highway 41/Alico Road, known as the Metro Parkway Extension as the “Michael G. Rippe Parkway.”
- State Road 285 in Okaloosa and Walton Counties that is north of College Boulevard in the City of Niceville as the “Doolittle Raiders Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 331 between the Alabama State Line and U.S. Highway 98 that includes the incorporated area of Walton Highway as “The Beach Highway.”

The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of these road designations.

DOT estimates that the cost to erect eight suitable road designating markers is approximately \$3,200; this assumes the placement of a marker at each end of each designated road segment. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund and includes installation and maintenance costs.

The bill does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

¹ This designation is upon the completion of the road.

- Section 1 Designates the “Kenneth H. ‘Buddy’ Mackay and Jim H. Williams Bridge;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 2 Designates the “Michael G. Rippe Parkway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 3 Designates the “Doolittle Raiders Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 4 Designates “The Beach Highway;” directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 5 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

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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 because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Buddy MacKay is a former Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Florida. Jim Williams is a former Lieutenant Governor of Florida. The Doolittle raiders were involved in the bombing of Tokyo during World War II, and planned and practiced for their mission at Eglin Air Force Base. Michael G. Rippe was DOT's Director of the Southwest Area Office and later the District Director of Transportation Development for District 1.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES