

**Years of Experience: 51**

**Registrations:**

Florida Professional Engineer #18091

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

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Final Estimates I & II

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**POSITION:** Senior Project Engineer

**EDUCATION:** University of Puerto Rico College of Mechanical Arts, BSCE  
FHWA (3) year Engineering Training Program

**CAPABILITIES:**

Mr. Taraska is retired from the FDOT after approximately twenty-eight (28) years of service. He also worked with the Federal Highway Administration as an Engineer Trainee for three (3) years. Bob has extensive experience in claims avoidance and analysis as well as materials testing and construction. The following is a brief description of Mr. Taraska's work history with the Florida Department of Transportation and consultants.

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**

**DRB Member-**(2/19-2/20) served on a DRB board for Krome Ave. project in Miami

**EXP Consultants-** (11/17 – present ) Marketing for EXP and also a Project Administrator for a Sumter County LAP project 8/19 to 3/20 and Project administrator on a eight million dollar revetment project in West Palm Beach from 5/1/2022 to 12/3/2022.

**Jacobs Engineering-** (7/13-10/1/17)- Bob Worked with the CEI group out of Tampa and the Orlando area seeking projects for the group. Performed plans review for the Jacksonville Office. Work as a Project Administrator for the last 16 months on the 107th Ave widening project in Miami Fl. Project consisted of widening from four lanes to six, drainage, JPA to install a new 16" water main for the Dade county, signalization, lighting and the removal of the existing canal bridge and replace with a 8 lane continuous slab bridge.

**Madrid Engineering-** ( 7/11-1/13) Starting up a CEI division for Madrid Engineering

**C3TS Area Manager -** (9/09-2/11) Bob was responsible for marketing the CEI aspects of the Company to Districts 5, OOCEA and District 7. Met with DOT personnel in both Districts and formed teams with other consultants.

**Marketing for GBF** (12/07-6/09) Bob has been actively marketing various Districts to secure CEI work for his present company. He also serves as QA on Gbf's ongoing projects. Bob was SPE on two projects one on US 441 in Pahokee and a Widening project on SR 70 in Vero Beach.

**SR 70 / US 41, District One Construction** (09/03-11/07) Bob is the Senior Project Engineer for the US 41 project, the reconstruction to six lanes with the replacement of four bridges (one AASHTO type beam and one flat slab bridge). He also assisted in the claim analysis of the contractors claim for termination of his contract. Reviewed plans and made comments on them for the SR 70 project and serves as Senior Project Engineer for this project

consisting of the widening of SR 70 for approximately 2.6 miles. *FDOT Program Manager - Ms. Cathy Colford., (941) 359-7370.*

**Marketing.** (11/01 – 09/03) Actively marketed work for Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.

**SR 9 / I-95** (10/00 – 10/01) Florida Department of Transportation, District 4, Palm Beach County, FL. Mr. Taraska was the Senior Project Engineer on this project which was the construction of HOV lanes from south of Linton Boulevard to the LWDD L-30 Canal in Delray Beach, Florida. This project was a \$49 Million reconstruction of I-95 which included the demolition and replacement of 10 AASHTO beam bridges, widening and reconstruction of roadway, drainage and cross streets. His responsibilities included plans interpretation, assuring the contractors adherence to specifications, resolving construct issues by being pro-active and reviewing and recommending any extra work items and claims submitted by the contractor to the FDOT. Assuring that the contractor minimized all interference to the traveling public. This included no lane closures during daylight hours on an interstate carrying over 150,000 vehicles a day. He was also responsible for assuring that all records were maintained in accordance with all FDOT procedures. Mr. Taraska kept the program manager informed on all issues of importance and of all potential problems which could be anticipated in the future. Discussed possible solutions with both the contractor and FDOT so that they could be resolved prior to causing any delays to the project or undo inconvenience to the traveling public. *FDOT Program Manager - Mr. Scott Burrie, P.E. (561) 432-4966.*

**Skypass Bridge, Port of Palm Beach.** (01/00 - 9/00) Resident Engineer for the Port of Palm Beach. Mr. Taraska was the Resident Engineer and had daily supervision of the construction of the \$15 Million bridge for the Port of Palm Beach which elevates U.S. 1 over the existing Port properties. The Skypass Bridge is a 1,900 lineal feet, AASHTO bulb T bridge which included 14 spans of 150 lineal feet and elevates U.S. 1 approximately 50 feet above the Port Facilities. This project also consisted of construction of Phases 5 & 6 parking lots, Slip 3, and the construction of the roadway on Peanut Island. This also included the relocation of numerous utilities and the resolution of conflicts from unknown underground utilities. Assisted both the port authority and the contractor in resolving major soils problems encountered in the excavation of the new ship berth construction. This construction entailed the use of steel sheet piles and soil anchors. This construction was further complicated by the fact that Tropical shipping corp. had to be provided access to the area surrounding the construction site. This required very close coordination between the port, Tropical and the contractor. This was accomplished by our team conducting weekly meetings so as to keep all parties informed and to discuss any potential problems and their solutions. *Project Manager - Mr. Edward Oppel (Past Port Director (561) 793-0874.*

**\$100 Million Bascule Bridge Replacement Program.** (10/97 - 12/99) Florida Department of Transportation. Assistant District Construction Engineer. Mr. Taraska was responsible for the supervision of Consultant CEI and the contract administration of over \$100 million Bascule Bridge Replacement Program. The project included the construction of sheet piling, with soil anchors, sea walls, as well as bascule bridge construction. **17<sup>th</sup> Street Causeway** consisting of Carina Pier Design with segmental approaches to a high level draw span. **Hallendale Bascule Bridge Replacement.** Bob had also overseen the review and recommendation for approval of all supplement agreements, time extensions and claims, and was Department Representative to local governments and civic associations. *FDOT District Construction Engineer - Mr. Manny Then, P.E. (561) 845-0665.*

**Assistant District Construction Engineer.** (3/96 to 10/97) Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Taraska served the District Construction Engineer in resolving construction problems encountered by the (3) resident engineers in the Fourth District. Bob reviewed claim settlements for approval as well as District Construction Office Representative to local municipalities and negotiated contractor claims for both time and money. He was also responsible for manpower analysis of the Resident offices and the scheduling of both Department personnel and consultant forces. *FDOT District Construction Engineer - Mr. Manny Then, P.E. (561) 845-0665.*

**DOT Projects within Broward County.** (1/95 - 3/96) Resident Engineer. Florida Department of Transportation. Bob was responsible for inspection of all DOT Projects within Broward County. His duties included final estimates, preparing supplemental agreements, negotiating extra work, recommending time extension requests, and overseeing Contact administration of all projects. He was also responsible for resolving all construction related problems that arose within the residency and interpretation of the plans and specifications. This necessitated working around utility conflicts, working with JPA's and working with the contractor and utility company to eliminate or reduce delays to the contractor. Also required numerous contract changes to work around unforeseen utility conflicts as not delay the contractor. *FDOT District Construction Engineer - Mr. Manny Then, P.E. (561) 845-0665.*

**\$82 Million Reconstruction of I-95 from the New River Bridge to Broward Boulevard.** (9/91 - 1/95) Florida Department of Transportation Project Manager. Mr. Taraska was responsible for the \$82 million Reconstruction of I-95 from the New River Bridge to Broward Boulevard. This project included roadway and steel box girder design. This included a 500 foot steel box girder over the Interstate and frontage roads. It also had two 150 foot curver box girders on two separate ramps from the park and rinde parking lots to I-95. Bob's duties included the supervision of a Consultant CEI, interpretations of plans and specifications and was present on the project every day.. Mr. Taraska also negotiated all supplemental agreements for extra work and claims. This construction was the missing link as I-95 had been reconstructed prior the beginning of this project. The challenge was working both day and night in order to reduce the impact to the public and constructing the project in a manner that was expeditious for the contractor yet safe and efficient to the public. Bob also was also the FDOT's public spokesman on the phasing and upcoming maintenance of traffic changes. *Don Henderson P.E. (954) 777-4101.*

**\$65 Million Reconstruction of I-95 from the Dade County line to Griffin Road.** (3/89 - 9/91) Florida Department of Transportation. Project Manager. Bob's duties included supervising Consultant CEI, interpreting plans and specifications, negotiating with contractors for all extra work and claims, and ensuring that the project was contracted in close conformance with plans and specifications. This project consisted of the reconstruction of I-95 including the demotion and construction of 10 AASHTO beam bridges. Each bridge varied in length from 125 feet to over 400 feet. These 10 bridges crossed I-95 over 5 urban arterials. Bob was on this project daily as this was his only responsibility. The project also included the construction of the first noise barrier wall in the State, which consisted of hollow augured pile foundations and precast post with precast panels. De-bugging the procedure was essential in the proper construction of the wall. *I-95 Program Manager - Mr. Edward Yue (954) 777-4694.*

**I-595 Bridge Construction.** (3/88 - 3/89) Florida Department of Transportation. Project Manager. Mr. Taraska supervised the Consultant CEI on \$120 million I-95, I-595 Bridge Interchange, and I-595 at University Drive and 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These projects consisted of seven (7) curved steel box girder, one (1) and two (2) lane bridges. **I-595 & 441 Interchange Segmental Bridge Flyover** Bob's responsibilities were to resolve construction related issues. Bob's duties included negotiations of supplemental agreements and interpretation of plans and specifications. Also included was the construction of several curved segmental concrete bridges. *I-595 Program Manager - Mr. Pat McCann (866) 336-8435.*

**District Permit Engineer.** (12/85 to 3/89) Florida Department of Transportation. Bob was responsible for ensuring that Consultants design met applicable standards. He also reviewed design Plans for compliance with MUTCD and State standard indexes and was responsible for scheduling of FDOT Centerline Crews. *FDOT District Traffic Operations Engineer - Mr. William Walsh (866) 336-8435.*

**District Construction Engineer Fourth District.** (9/77 to 12/85) Florida Department of Transportation, District 4. Mr. Taraska was responsible for the interpretation of plans and specifications for all road and bridge construction within the (7) counties of the Fourth District. This also included contract administration duties which included claim negotiations, supplemental agreements and time. Some projects were I-75 from Dade County Line Road to Andytown which was a steel bridge, University Drive in Broward County, and various high-level bridges, both

conventional and segmental design. The segmental portion of this project consisted of the [I-595 / I-75 Sawgrass Interchange](#) which was a multi-level segmental construction. This highly urbanized area presented itself with numerous utility relocations both before and during construction. He was also responsible for supervising the construction inspection all turnpike widening which occurred from Miami to Fort Pierce. This included the construction of new toll plazas as well as the widening of existing toll facilities. Minimizing the disruption to the traffic flow was of primary concern. *Deputy District Engineer – Mr. Jim Chandler (800)-435-2368.*

[District Construction Engineer for the Sixth District.](#) (5/77 to 9/77) Florida Department of Transportation, District 6. Bob was responsible for Contract administration of all road and bridge contracts in Dade and Monroe Counties. This also included the supervision of the Florida Keys Bridge Construction Program. This responsibility included interpretation of plans and specifications, final estimates, and contract negotiations of all extra work and/or claims. *Deputy District Engineer - Mr. Jim Chandler (800) 435-2368.*

[District Materials Engineer.](#) (9/73 to 5/77) Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Taraska was responsible for Materials Testing of highway materials utilized in construction. Bob supervised the initial soil boring program and recommended foundation design. He was also responsible for the inspection at several pre-stress yards within the district. *Deputy District Engineer - Mr. Bob Johnson (866) 336-8435.*

[Area Engineer.](#) (4/71 to 9/73) Florida Department of Transportation. Bob was Area Engineer for the interstate construction office. He was responsible for inspection of several large I-95 projects in Broward County. These projects included roadway, several utilizing dredge fill for embankment, AASHTO beam construction for six I-95 bridges over cross streets with an average length of 200 feet each, utility relocations and resolving problems between the contractor and utility companies. Bob was assigned to these projects on a daily basis and supervised their construction first hand. *I-95 Resident Engineer - Mr. John Hughes (866) 336-8435.*

[Federal Highway Trainee](#) (8/68 to 3/71) Federal Highway Administration. Bob was assigned to various assignments throughout the United States. He was exposed to federal regulations, policies and procedures. Bob was also trained as a project engineer on federal land highway construction projects.