

COURTNEY CAMPBELL CAUSEWAY

Parkway barrier selected

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CLEARWATER — There will not be ugly chain link fences the length of the Courtney Campbell Parkway.

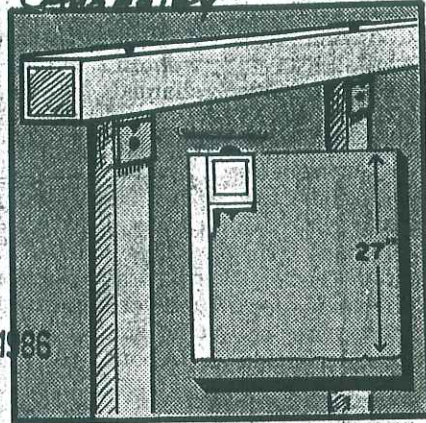
Nor will there be a three-beam barrier or a double-rail guardrail, two other proposals from the Department of Transportation.

What there will be is a single box-beam rail, a mere 27 inches above the ground.

In a letter to the county, the DOT acquiesced to the wishes of community leaders, who set up howls of protest when it was learned the DOT planned a four-foot chain link fence on both sides of the causeway to separate recreation areas from the roadway.

County Commissioner George Greer, who spearheaded a commission resolution protesting the fence, said an editorial in the *Clearwater Sun* was instrumental in helping the DOT change its mind.

"(Sun Editor George) Graham was the guy who kick-started the whole thing," Greer said. "Then Alan Bomstein (president of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce) picked up the ball and



ran with it.

"This is one case, at least, where a blend of local government, newspaper and the Chamber, was successful."

Greer called the newly proposed barrier "absolutely the least obtrusive of the plans under consideration."

In the letter from the DOT, Deputy Assistant Secretary W.R. Trefz said, "The department feels the box-beam barrier will provide needed safety for pedestrians and motorists and will be aesthetically pleasing. It also is suitable for inclusion in already under way landscaping designs being prepared by local government and the private sector.

"It is the department's aim to provide not only an efficient and safe facility to link the two counties, but to provide a causeway that is definitively 'Florida' to those traveling from one side of the bay to the other.

As proposed, the six-inch

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