



Agenda Item Summary

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Staff Presentation on Lakeshore Drive Potential Scenic Road Designation

Presenter:

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Description:

Staff Report on Lakeshore Drive as a candidate for County Scenic Road designation.

Recommended Action:

Staff find that there is a reasonable basis for designation of Lakeshore Drive, excluding the portion within approximately 710 feet of SE Hawthorne Road, as a County Scenic Road. If the Board wishes to proceed with the designation of Lakeshore Drive as a County Scenic Road, then direct staff to advertise a public hearing to consider a Resolution for that designation.

Prior Board Motions:

June 3, 2025 – Direct staff to investigate Lake Shore Drive as a candidate for County Scenic Road designation.

Fiscal Note:

There would be a cost for mailouts for a public hearing, but those costs are covered under current department budget in account 008.65.6500.554.49.00 with the account description of other charges and obligations.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

On June 3, 2025, in response to a citizen request, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to investigate Lakeshore Drive as a candidate for County Scenic Road designation. The procedure, criteria, and associated protections for such a designation are included in Alachua County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Article IX. Scenic Road Corridors Overlay (commonly referred to as the "County Scenic Road Ordinance"). The Ordinance's Section 405.41. *Procedure for designation* states that once a request has been received to designate a particular road as a scenic road corridor, staff will review the proposal and prepare a report and recommendation to be presented to the Board.