

## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Donald Wiley, Chairman Sumter County Board of County Commissioners 7375 Powell Road Wildwood, FL 34785

RE: Proposed Project on Sumter CR 102 aka Marion County SE 180th Street

## Chairman Wiley,

Marion County has recently learned that Sumter County will be holding a Public Hearing on June 24, 2025, to consider the conversion of a portion of Sumter County Road 102 (CR 102, aka Marion County SE 180<sup>th</sup> Street) to a one-way corridor. This change raises concerns about accessibility and convenience for our Marion County residents that live along this road.

The proposed one-way configuration will significantly disrupt the daily routines of Marion County citizens. With CR 102 no longer accessible for two-way travel, residents will be forced to reroute using Sumter County roads simply to complete everyday tasks, such as commuting, grocery shopping, and accessing essential services. This not only adds time, but fuel costs for our citizens.

While Sumter County has filed a maintenance map for CR 102, half of the road is still within the Florida statute defined legal boundary of Marion County. It is not clear that Sumter has the authority to modify the public road without input from the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

We respectfully urge the Sumter County Board to reconsider or modify the scope of this project in a way that preserves two-way access or offers viable alternatives for affected residents. We also request that additional public input be sought before final decisions are made, ensuring that the voices of Marion County citizens are adequately heard and represented.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely

Matt McClain,

Commissioner District 3

c: Kathy Bryant, Chairman Craig Curry, Commissioner Carl Zalak, Vice Chair Michelle Stone, Commissioner Mounir Bouyounes, Marion County Administrator