



CITY OF MARATHON PUBLIC WORKS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 9, 2021
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Carlos A. Solis, P.E. Director of Public Works & Engineering
THROUGH: George Garrett, City Manager
SUBJECT: Public Works Update

The following is an update of the status of Public Works projects and related issues:

Capital Infrastructure Projects

- **Marina Office Modification and Improvement Project:** We are still on track to have the project put out to bid and ready to begin construction at the end of April when the season slows down.
- **Marina & Station 14 Generators:** Plans and specifications are complete for the new generator at the marina and replacement of the existing generator at Fire Station 14. The project is being bid this week and expected to be submitted for council approval at the next council meeting
- **Sombrero Area Stormwater Project:** The structures have started arriving last week, and the contractor has begun the repair of the existing damaged well structures. Installation of the new structures will begin within the week. We have discovered three additional damaged well structures that we will repair under this project, as we are well within the allocated grant funding for the project.
- **Community Park Office Renovation:** The plans required a review and possibly minor modification by the Architect due to the new building code going into effect. Structural components are already reviewed with no modifications required. We expect the the plans back in the next couple weeks to bid the project.

- **Sunset Park Grassy Key Kayak Launch and Oceanfront Park Repair Project:** A recommendation to award the project is this agenda. We expect to begin construction .
- **City Wide Fire Hydrant Installation Project:** We are beginning the design work for the next round of hydrants. In the next couple of months, we will coordinate with the Fire department for the locations of the next round of new fire hydrants to be installed throughout the city.
- **Bridge Repair Projects:** Permit applications have been submitted to the USACOE and SFWMD for issuance of the requisite permit to perform the repair work. As soon as the permits are issued, the project will be let to bid.
- **Sombrero Beach:** We have issued the PO for the repair of the erosion control mat at the west end of Sombrero Beach. The work should be completed in the next three weeks.

Upcoming Projects:

- **Restroom at Sunset Park & Quay Property:** The TDC has approved partial funding for the restroom at the Quay property in the amount of \$75,000.00. The first component of the grant is to provide a study to demonstrate that the proposed restroom will have a positive impact on tourism, as this project is considered a capital project not on a beach park, and as such requires the report to be submitted and approved by the TDC.
- **Coco Plum Road Repair:** We expect to have plans completed by the end of the month for the repair and reconstruction of portion of Coco Plum Drive east of the beach. Once complete we will bid the project, and expect to be completed before the end of September.

General Public Works Issues and update:

- **Street R/W Maintenance:** Our crews continue with vegetation cutbacks and have completed Grassy Key and the Coco plum area. We will continue behind the Airport in the next couple weeks and work our way to the west end of town.
- **33rd Street Boat Ramp:** Our crews have placed new gravel in the stormwater area. We are applying for the boater improvement fund to replace the badly corroded trench drain in front of the ramp. We will also be re-striping the pavement within the next month.

- **Jessie Hobbs Park:** Our crews have removed the excess sand from the park and placed gravel in exposed areas where water accumulates creating a slippery mess.
- **US 1 Banners:** We have installed the “Stay Safe” banners along the light poles on US 1 that were provided by the TDC. The banners will remain in place until Mid-June.

Misc.

- **Building Plan Review:** The Public Works & Engineering department has processed 34 permits for projects submitted to the building department. We will continue working with the department and applicants to ensure our stormwater criteria is met for all project, and the City is compliant with our MS 4 permit from FDEP. The City has been rather lax in enforcement of the criteria and created some pushback from FDEP in our annual report. Going forward, we will be proactive in ensuring the required measure are being met.
- **K-Mart Shopping:** After a long pause this last year, the Tiki bus stop at the Kmart Shopping Center is back on the front burner. We are working with the City of Key West to take the lead for the construction of the shelter through their advertising contractor. We will keep council posted on the progress.