



CITY OF MARATHON  
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 2025  
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

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

**Capital Infrastructure Projects**

- **Marina & Station 14 Generators:** All work for the generators for the Marina and Fire Station is complete.
- **117th Street, 116th Street & 112th Street Bridge Replacement:** FDOT has informed us that they will be funding the additional cost for the replacement of the substructure for 117th Street, and recently informed us that they will also fund the additional work for 112th St and 116th St. Our total construction funding for these project is revised from \$2,156,018 to \$5,363,644. The City will cover the cost for the required CEI services.  
Our consultant is back on tract and we are expected to submit 60% plans for the 117th St Bridge to FDOT on May 13th, and 30% plans for 112th & 116th on May 15.
- **Quay Restroom:** The restroom at the Quay is complete, and the facility is open to the public.
- **Oceanfront Park Tiki:** The tiki structure and all miscellaneous work are completed and operational.
- **Quay Property Re-Development:** We have the final plans for the site work, site electric and lighting, and pavilions, and the project will be let out to bid this month. The permits to the ACOE and FDEP for the new boat ramp and restoration of the seawall and shoreline are currently being reviewed by the agencies.

- **Sombrero Beach Information/Security:** The project is currently out to bid. This project is funded by the TDC, and we plan to have a resolution for acceptance of a contractor at the June meeting and will have the project under contract before July 2025, to ensure our funding is not jeopardized.
- **City Hall Modification:** The contract is executed, and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for this week. Upon issuance of the building permit, the Notice to Proceed will be issued. The project has 130 days for final completion.
- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** The permit from the FDEP is issued, and we are awaiting the permit from the ACOE. The project is currently out to bid, and we anticipate bringing the to resolution to award to Council for the June meeting and having the project under contract by July 1, 2025. This project has \$505,000 funding from the TDC.
- **Marina Bump-Out Demo and Wall Construction:** We have contracted with Keys Construction company to remove the office bump-out and replace the area with a flush wall. The bump-out was an addition to the building several years ago and began to separate from the wall. It will be replaced with a wall section with a window for service to the customers. The project should be completed in the next two weeks.
- **Community Park Soccer Field Re-Sodding:** The bid for the re-sodding of the soccer field has been let, and we anticipate bringing a resolution to Council for approval at the June meeting. We anticipate completion by July 31th, and will keep the field closed for another three weeks to allow the new turf to establish itself. We are working with the Park & Rec department to establish operational rule to help preserve and better manage the maintenance of the fields. This includes rotation of the goals to minimize excessive use in the same location, thereby allowing the turf to heal. We may also close the field to the public in-between seasons to again let the turf rejuvenate.
- **92<sup>nd</sup> Street :** We have received the grant for the design phase for the raising and other stormwater improvements for 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and are meeting with our consultant to lay out the project parameters. We expect to bring a resolution for this contract at the June meeting.
- **Community Park Skate Park:** We have a resolution on the agenda for this meeting to approve a “Piggy-Back” contract with Platform Group for the re-development of the skate park. The contract includes modification to the park parking area. We are also in discussions with FDOT to modify the park access to better align with the new parking layout. A contingency is added to this contract for the required work associated with this modification. The re-development effort is assisted by the Florida Keys Community Center, headed by Matt Sexton, which will provide both financial assistance as well as project management and assistance with amenities.

- **Community Park Splash Pad:** We have begun the preparation of plans and coordination for the installation of the new splash pad at Community Park. The pad will be constructed adjacent to the new Skate Park, and the work associated with the skate park will prepare the pad area for this project. The City is also performing the initial work for a restroom with minor concession area to service both the skate park and splash pad area.

### Upcoming Projects:

- **Seven Mile Marina:** We recently had a meeting with our AE firm to go over corrections needed on the plans. We expect to have this project out to bid this month, and under construction by early fall.
- **Sombrero Beach Road Bike Path Improvements:** Staff will begin the selection process for a consultant to prepare plans for the stormwater and bike path improvements at the curve on Sombrero Beach Road. The plan will raise the bike path and add an injection well for discharge of area runoff.
- **Oceanfront Pickleball Courts:** The Engineering Department has completed the plans for the new Pickleball Courts at Oceanfront Park. The project is expected to go out to bid this month, and construction to start late July early August.
- **Community Park Maintenance Building:** Staff is preparing the site plan and bid package for the installation of a metal maintenance building at Community Park to house all the required facility maintenance equipment. The building will be located in the open area next to the tennis court and restroom.
- **Community Park Projects:** Staff is working on several projects for improvements to Community Park. The Bocci Ball courts will be re-installed at a location TBD. Work on the new batting cage has been completed. The resurfacing of the Tennis and Basketball courts is nearly complete, pending some punch list items that need to be corrected.
- **Oceanfront Park Exercise Station:** City staff will begin the installation of the exercise equipment at Oceanfront Park by the end of May and will take about two weeks to complete.
- **Master Drainage Plan:** We are coordinating with one of our consultants for the update of the City's Master Drainage Plan, which was initially prepared when the City incorporated. We are pursuing a grant application to cover the cost of the plan update.

## General Public Works Issues and updates:

- **Building Plan Review:** The Public Works & Engineering department has processed 84 permits reviews, and 56 inspections for projects requiring engineering review and inspections in the month of April.
- **US 1 – FDOT Maintenance Agreement:** We have a resolution on this agenda for a maintenance agreement with FDOT to take over all landscape maintenance on US 1 from the Seven Mile Bridge to the Toms Harbor bridge, excluding the overseas trail and other areas maintained by FDEP. We anticipate beginning this work on July 1. We are in the process of interviews for the additional staff required, and anticipate being ready for the task by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Boat Ramp and Beach Parking:** The revenue collected from parking and user fees are as follows.

April Gross Income:	\$125,498.15
April	
2025 Gross Income YTD:	\$480,254.40

- **Radar Speed Sign:** We have delivery of the portable radar sign and be placing it at locations throughout town, in particular the collector roads, The trailer mounted sign collects and stores data, not on particular vehicles, but provides information on the degree of speeders in the area placed. We will use this information to establish the best location for the permanent signs. We now have a total 10 post mounted sign that we will install in locations as determined by the information collected.
- **Baseball Field Batting Cage:** Public Works staff has completed the new batting cage adjacent to the south field at Community Park:
- **Parks/Beach Beautification:** Staff has completed the installation of new landscape and flowers at Community Park and Sombrero Beach.
- **Right of Way Planting:** Landscaping has been installed in the swale along the curve on Sombrero Beach road as you approach the beach. We have also added new landscaping along the Aviation Blvd. trail area to provide some color and aesthetics to the area.
- **Invasives Removal:** Public Works staff participated in the removal of invasive species between the highway and the water along US 1 between Seven Mile Marina and the Seven Mile Bridge.

- **. Restroom Upgrades:** The male restroom in the lobby area at City Hall has been repaired with new epoxy mimicking the terrazzo floor initially installed. An area of the floor had “bubbled up” creating a tripping hazard. We have also epoxied the floors at the restroom at Sombrero Beach. The concrete floors were stained and had a constant dirty appearance, even when clean. The new floor repairs provide a brighter clean look to the restrooms.