



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

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

Capital Infrastructure Projects

- **117th Street, 116th Street & 112th Street Bridge Replacement:** Design is proceeding for all three bridges for a full bridge replacement. We expect design, permitting, and FDOT approval by the end of the year, and construction to begin in early 2026.
- **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:** Bids were received last Wednesday and were not evaluated prior to the completion of the report and Council Meeting agenda. The recommendation for the award will be brought to the council at the next meeting.
- **City Hall Modification:** The project is moving forward with approval of lead items. Upon confirmation of delivery of the longer-term lead items, a final schedule will be provided. The work in the lobby area will not commence until all material and equipment is delivered and readily available. To minimize the time of disruption. During this work, we will set up the reception area and a building department tech in the foyer for access to the public.
- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** We extended the bid date to make certain revisions to the plan for clarity. We expect to bring the recommendation of ward at the next council meeting.

- **Marina Bump-Out Demo and Wall Construction:** The work is complete, and the contractor is working on a couple punch list items. All inspections with the building department are complete and passed.
- **Community Park Soccer Field Re-Sodding:** The bids for the re-sodding of the soccer field have been formally rejected. There were only two responses, and both were deemed not to be in the City's best interest. Due to the timing and the upcoming season, the project will be delayed until after the Seafood Festival next March.
- **92nd Street:** We met with our selected consultant on the project, and we are negotiating the final scope and contract for the design to raise the road.
- **Community Park Skate Park:** The contract has been executed, and the demo of the existing improvement has begun. Plans are in for the issuance of permits for the balance of the work.
- **Community Park Splash Pad:** We have received design and layout alternatives for the new splash pad and have collectively agreed upon a layout, see attached. We are working with Aquatix and will piggy-back a contract with the City of Key West using SourceWell contract. Our team toured two different facilities in Key West, provided by separate companies, and looked at both long term maintenance and operations, as well as initial installation, and determined that the Aquatix system is far superior in terms of operation and maintenance. We are currently working on design and pricing for the system and are hoping to bring a contract to council at the June meeting. The sitework preparation for the area will be performed with the sitework for the Skate Park.

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 plans for the courts are being completed by a consultant.

- **Oceanfront Park Exercise Station:** City staff have begun the installation of the new exercise equipment at Oceanfront Park and expect it to be complete within the next two weeks.
- **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 98 permits reviews for Engineering and Utilities, and 89 total inspections for projects requiring engineering and utilities review and inspections in the month of May.
- **US 1 – FDOT Maintenance Agreement:** The agreement of the maintenance of the US 1 corridor is executed, and we are in the process of completing our equipment purchase and hiring of additional personnel for the anticipated July 1 start date.
- **Boat Ramp and Beach Parking:** The revenue collected from parking and user fees are as follows.

May Gross Income: \$122,397.65

2025 Gross Income YTD: \$707,674.75

- **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 of 10 post-mounted signs 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 have completed the installation of new landscape and flowers at Community Park and Sombrero Beach.

- **Right of Way Maintenance Items.** 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. Staff have trimmed all Palms in the vicinity of Sombrero Beach in anticipation of the July 4th celebration. The Coconut Palms on the beach have also been trimmed and cleared of coconuts.
- **Invasives Removal:** Public Works staff have begun to remove the invasives encroaching in the dunes at Sombrero Beach.