



CITY OF MARATHON  
**PUBLIC WORKS**

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2026  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Carlos A. Solis, P.E. Director of 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 & 112<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Replacement:** The 100% plans have been submitted to FDOT and we expect to have approved bid set By March, at which time request for bids on the 117<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge will be let. We are still slated for construction to begin in May or June of 2026. We will also be putting out the RFQ for Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI) services this month and anticipating bringing the ranking of firm to the April Council Meeting. The 115<sup>th</sup> & 112<sup>th</sup> bridges are about three months behind the 117<sup>th</sup> and follow the same sequence.
- **Quay Property Re-Development:** The Notice of Ward is sent to Mike Haack Excavating, and the project is in for building permit review. Upon issuance of the building permit by the City, it will need to be rendered to Tallahassee for review. Construction is estimated to begin by April. Resubmittal to FDEP and the ACOE have been made for the boat ramp and seawall restoration permit. We have also requested a submerged land lease from the State to cover the majority of the basin between the new and old ramp to control the area and prevent anchorage of vessels in the ramp area.
- **Sombrero Beach Information/Security:** The Permit has been issued and appeal period expired for review by Tallahassee and the Notice To Proceed issued on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The project is expected to be completed by mid-June.
- **City Hall Modification:** Work on the new office is mostly complete, with cosmetics to be completed. Work in the lobby area began last week and is expected to take approximately three weeks. We have set up a station for the receptionist and

building permit tech in the foyer to maintain the service to the public as we complete these improvements.

- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** The Docks are nearly complete. We have requested pricing from our contractor for the completion of the site utilities, water and electric conduit, around the spit to serve the docks. This work was initially slated to be completed with the building remodel, however since we have the contractor on-site, and the desire to provide water service now, will allow the City to lease the docks ahead of the completion of the building remodel.
- **Seven Mile Marina Re-Development:** We expect to put the project out to bid in the spring and be under construction by summer. The project will renovate the existing building to provide for the permanent reception for Pigeon Key, along with an office for Marina personnel use. We will also have an additional area for lease within the building. In addition to the mentioned uses, we will also provide an area for enclosed lockers for use by the charter boat captains.
- **92<sup>nd</sup> Street:** We received and reviewed the 30% plans for the elevation and re-construction of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, which has significant flooding during King Tides. The City is still pursuing grant funding for the construction phase of this project.
- **Community Park Skate Park:** Construction is proceeding as scheduled, and the contract runs through the end of May. We are on schedule to complete the parking and drive area by the end of February for use during the Seafood Festival.
- **Community Park Splash Pad:** As we proceed with the planning for the new splash pad, we are negotiating pricing from the Skate Park contractor for the installation of the pad. The skate Pad package is purchased and delivered to include all equipment and components; however, we hire the contractor to install. By allowing the current contractor to install the pad, we can start work on the pad within the next month or so, when permits are issued, instead of waiting until the skate park is finished at the end of May before starting on the splash pad project. It is ill advised to have to separate general contractors working in the same area.
- **US 1 Beautification Project:** The project is ready to be bid, pending approval of changes to the FDOT agreement provided by the City.
- **Boat Ramp Dock Repairs:** The docks at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and Quay boat ramps need to be repaired, replacement of the stringers. Cap boards and decking. FDEP and the ACOE have determined that full permits are required for this work. The FDEP permits are issued, and we are awaiting permitting from the ACOE.
- **Community Park Soccer Fields Re-Sodding:** Bids are out for the re-sodding of the soccer field, and we expect to bring a recommendation of approval to the March meeting. Work is expected to begin shortly after this year's Seafood Festival. All

areas in the vicinity of the field will be re-sodded so as to minimize cross-contamination of different grass species. The City is also sodding a small field on a lot owned by the City on 69<sup>th</sup> St to provide replacement sod as needed on our fields when damaged by event, thus extending the time before the entire field needs to be re-sodded.

### **Upcoming Projects:**

- **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.
- **Aviation Blvd. Trail Lighting Project:** Our consultant is proceeding with the design of the trail lighting. The project construction is funded by a \$959,400 grant from FDOT. The City had budgeted \$60,000 for the design, based on information from FDOT, and we were able to negotiate the contract for \$31,702. Underground conduits and pull boxes are already installed as part of the trail construction project, which will minimize any impact to the area. The project is slated for construction in the summer of 2027.
- **Oceanfront Pickleball Courts:** We are awaiting release of the permit by Tallahassee to begin the project. City staff will be installing the new solar lights, thus reducing the overall cost of the project.
- **City Wide Fire Hydrant Project:** Plans, being prepared in-house, are proceeding for approximately 16 new hydrants to be installed throughout the City.
- **Community Park Restroom:** We have issued a design contract for the new restroom to be constructed in the vicinity of the new Skate Pak and Splash Pad. The project is funded by the TDC. We expect to be ready for bid by the end of May, and construction to begin by August.

### **General updates:**

- **Building Plan Review:** The Engineering department has processed 40 permits reviews for Engineering and Utilities, and 57 total inspections for projects requiring engineering and utilities reviews in the month of October.

