



CITY OF MARATHON
PUBLIC WORKS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10th, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Paul Bartnk, Public Works Director
THROUGH: George Garrett, City Manager
SUBJECT: Public Works Update

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

- **Boat Ramp and Beach Parking:** The revenue collected from parking and user fees are as follows.

February Gross Income	\$96,794.60
2026 Gross Income YTD:	\$204,202.80

- **Radar Speed Sign:** We have begun installing the permanent speed radar signs. Installation has been completed on Coco Plum Drive and Aviation Dr. In addition, we continue to relocate the portable speed trailer to various areas to help determine where additional permanent signs may be needed.
- **Citywide Vegetation Cutbacks:** Public Works crews have completed 50% of the citywide vegetation cutback program. Vegetation is being trimmed to a depth that ensures clear visibility for motorists and reduces the frequency of required maintenance. Completion of this task may take additional time this cycle as we have assumed maintenance responsibilities along the US-1 corridor.
- **Upgrades to Oceanfront Park Boardwalk:** Public Works crews have completed the cap rail replacement as part of the Oceanfront Park boardwalk repairs, along with the paver walkway. The next phase will involve replacing the decking along the walking surface of the boardwalk and kayak launch. The final phase will be applying a stain. The remaining work is anticipated to be completed within the next two weeks.
- **City Street Sign Replacement:** Public Works crews have begun replacing multiple street and road signs throughout the City. This work includes street name signs, regulatory signs, and caution signs located within City-owned rights-of-way and at City

facilities. Our crew dedicates 1-2 days a week to install and replace signs, while still providing for other maintenance requirements and small projects performed by our facilities/infrastructure maintenance crew.

- **Boat Ramp Seaweed Removal:** Public Works crews are actively removing seaweed from the Quay and 33rd Street boat ramps. Due to persistent north winds, seaweed accumulates on the ramps and creates hazardous conditions for launching and retrieving boats. Crews address this buildup regularly and remove the seaweed at least once a day to maintain safe access.
- **Pickleball Lighting Installation:** Public Works crews will install solar lighting for the pickleball courts at Oceanfront Park. The lights have been ordered, and staff are coordinating with the contractor to schedule the installation at the appropriate time.
- **69th St. Property Demolition:** The City owns the property located at 892 69th Street, which was acquired several years ago through a code enforcement case. The existing structure on the property is currently in a dilapidated condition and presents a safety concern. The proposed plan for the site is to repurpose the lot into a fenced in sod farm to support maintenance needs for the City's soccer fields. Discount Rock and Sand has been selected as the contractor to complete the necessary work associated with this project.
- **Sombrero Beach Dumpster Enclosure:** Public Works crews have completed repairs to the dumpster enclosure at Sombrero Beach. The project included the installation of a double gate to fully enclose the dumpster area. The enclosure was also stained to improve its appearance and durability.