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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Carlos A. Solis, P.E. Director of Engineering
THROUGH: Steve Williams, Interim City Manager
SUBJECT: Engineering and Capital Project 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:** As of the time of this report, we are down to one comment with FDOT and said comment should be worked out before this meeting. We are in the final stages of having our bidding ITB approved by FDOT. With that said, the funding of \$1,751,644.00 will be allocated by FDOT in May. We anticipate letting the project for bidding by the end of May, with construction to begin by July of this year. The RFQ for the required Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) are due May 14th, and the ranking committee meeting is scheduled for May 19th, and we expect to bring the recommendation of the ranking to council in the June meeting, followed by the award of the contract, after negotiations with the top ranked firm, in July meeting.

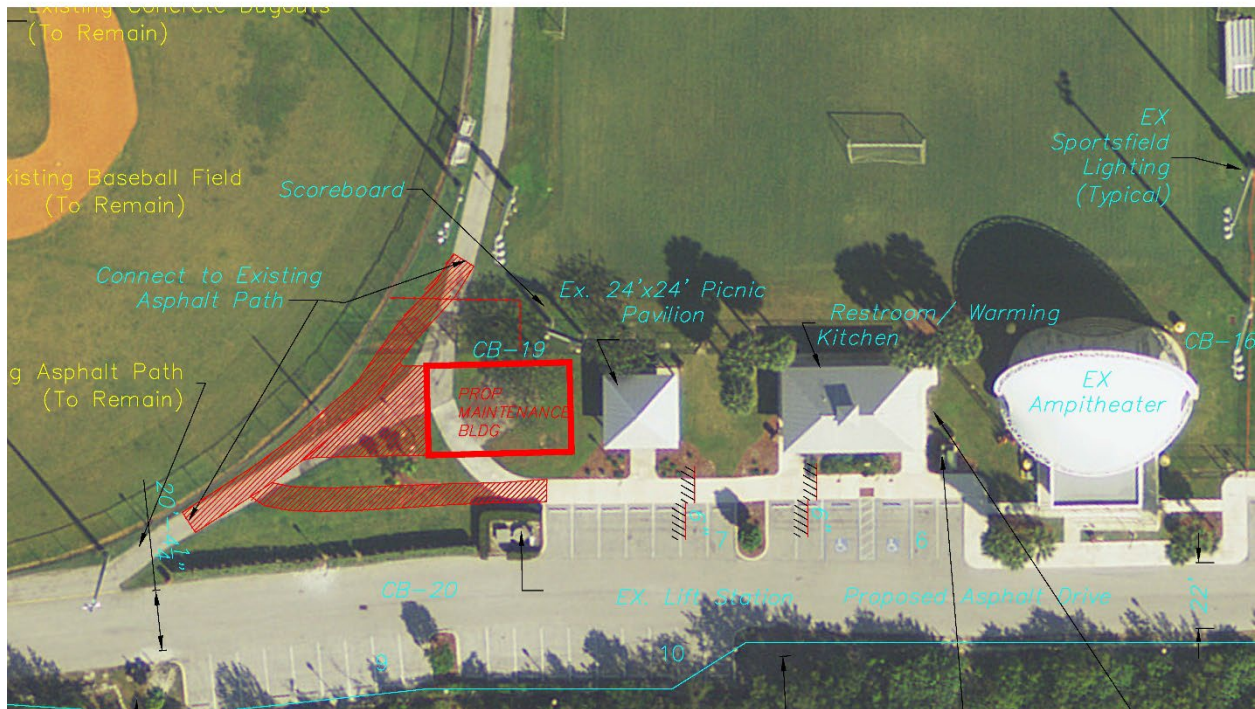
The 116th Street and 112th Street bridges are currently under design and 30% plans have been submitted to FDOT. We anticipate these project ready to go out to bid around November of this year.

- **Quay Property Re-Development:** The City building permit has been issued, and the project has been forwarded to Tallahassee for review, and we expect an expedited review. With that said we anticipate the NTP to be issued by May 11th. The contract provides for 210 days for substantial completion.
- **Sombrero Beach Information/Security:** All permits are issued and the NTP is also issued. Work has begun and the footers are poured after some minor relocation of utility services. The contract time for substantial completion is 110 days.

- **City Hall Modification:** All work is complete, and the contractor is completing the punchlist items. The area should be fully open by mid May.. We expect the contract to be closed within the next week.
- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** Contractor has mobilized to 33rd Street to complete replacement of the pier docks decking and wood structures. The ramp is now fully open with all repairs and replacement complete. We have approved the submittals for the utility installation at the marina, and the contractor is mobilized to begin this work and is expected to be completed in three weeks. Once complete a final inspection will be performed and any punchlist items identified shall be given to the contractor for corrections. .
- **Seven Mile Marina Re-Development:** We expect to put the project out to bid in the spring and be under construction by late 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.
- **92nd Street:** The city has reviewed the 60% plans and return them to our consultant with our comments. The design is proceeding. With the road being raised, we are working on mitigating the impact to access existing homes and potential stormwater solution for the same. The City is still pursuing grant funding for the construction phase of this project.
- **Community Park Skate Park:** Construction of the park components continues and the contractor has made good progress in this area of work. The new electric service has been installed, and new electric service to the athletic fields irrigation pump complete. Water services have been installed to service the splashpad and future restroom.
- **Community Park Splash Pad:** Staff has completed its planning and research for the development of the splash pad and has an agenda item on this meeting to approve a contract with SplasPads USA. We expect to begin construction of the pad as soon as the Skate Park contractor has completed his project and de-mobilizes from the site.
- **US 1 Beautification Project:** All agreements are received by the City, and the maintenance agreement for the new landscaping is on this agenda. The contract documents and plans are complete and we anticipate letting the project to bid later this month. The beginning of construction will be delayed until the contractor installing the directional bore for the City's new effluent forcemain is de-mobilized from the area.

- **Boat Ramp Dock Repairs:** As noted above in this report, the repairs at the 33rd Street boat ramp are complete. The contractor is ready to move to the Quay property as soon as the City gives him the clearance to do so.
- **Community Park Soccer Fields Re-Sodding:** Work is proceeding at all three sites being sodded.. The existing vegetation has all been removed, sites are graded and top soil applied. The contractor has begun to lay sod on May 1. We anticipate all work been completed before the end of May. The fields will remain closed to the public for a minimum of four weeks to allow the sod to take roots and establish itself.
- **Sombrero Beach Road Bike Path Improvements:** The contract for the work has been executed, and we have a kick-off meeting scheduled with FDOT on May 11. Survey work is underway and should be completed before the end of May. We have a LAP grant from FDOT for \$283,000 for construction funding in FDOT fiscal year 2028, which begins in July of 2027.
- **Aviation Blvd. Trail Lighting Project:** We are proceeding with the design of the project and have 60% plans are submitted to FDOT. On the recommendation of our consultant, we are opting to use solar light bollards in lieu of energized light bollards. The use of bollards in this area is both aesthetically pleasing and a better match adjacent to the airport. The path does have underground conduit and pull boxes, however the spacing of this was based on light poles when it was designed over seven years ago. As such the coverage of light using bollards are insufficient and breaks in the conduit and additional pull boxes would be required impacting the path. The solar bollards will actually be installed at a lower cost since we would eliminate 1.5 miles of copper wiring, and three electric service connections, not to mention the energy cost savings in operations. 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. The project is slated for construction in the summer of 2027.
- **Oceanfront Pickleball Courts:** Construction of the project is nearly complete. The asphalt is being allowed to cure for 28 days prior to laying the acrylic surface as recommended by the supplier of said surface. Fencing is complete, and paver are being installed. Site lighting is complete. We anticipate opening the courts to the public by the end of May.
- **Community Park Buildings Maintenance Building.** The location of the new Parks & Rec maintenance shed has been revised as requested by the P&R Director. The new location is adjacent to the south soccer field entrance just west of the pavilion in the area. The engineering Dept. is preparing the required site and grading plan to include the relocation of a small portion of the path and sidewalk. We have issued the PO for the purchase of the building and are letting a bid to the construction of the

foundation and slab, path relocation, and erection of the metal building. We expect to begin construction in July.



- **33rd Street Boat Ramp Trash Dumpster Enclosure:** The dumpster enclosure at the 33rd Street Boat ramp is complete. All work was performed by City staff.
- **Tower at Community Park Demolition/Repair:** A serious deficiency was discovered at the tower adjacent to the main Pavilion at Community Park which resulted in the immediate closure of the area. We determined that one of the columns was severely rotted, losing 70% of its area. The tower does not have a purpose other than aesthetics and the P&R department has future plans for this area, therefore it was determined that the best course of action was to remove the tower to the roof level of the pavilion. The gazebo at the top of the tower will be re-used as a gazebo adjacent to the tennis courts to provide shelter for spectators watching any events. The one column will be replaced, at a short height, as required to support one of the beams of the gazebo. We have prepared a plan and received an emergency cost proposal to complete the work.

Upcoming Projects:

- **Community Park Restroom:** The design layout of the building is complete and approved by the City, and the architect is proceeding with the development of the construction plans. Since this area is far enough away from the splashpad area, we see no reason why the construction of the building cannot start while the splash pad is being built. We anticipate having plans completed and letting the project for bidding by the end of June. We would anticipate 6 month for construction of the restroom building.

General updates:

- **Building Plan Review:** The Engineering department has processed 72 permits reviews for Engineering, and 42 total inspections for projects requiring engineering reviews in the month of April.