



CITY OF MARATHON
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9th, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Paul Bartnk, Public Works Director
THROUGH: Steve Williams, Interim 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.

May Gross Income	\$97,025.60
2026 Gross Income YTD:	\$561,893.85

- **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. We are looking at a possible area on Sombrero Beach Rd. to install permanent signs.
- **Citywide Vegetation Cutbacks:** Public Works crews have completed 90% 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 Dog Park:** Public Works crews have begun renovations at the Oceanfront Dog Park, and the project is progressing on schedule. Artificial turf and new sod have been installed. The installation of the pavers has been completed, and the infrastructure for the agility equipment is now in place. Installation of the tiki hut is currently underway.
- **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.

- **Green Industries BMP Training:** Several members of the Public Works Department recently completed the Green Industries Best Management Practices (BMP) training hosted by the University of Florida Extension Service. The training covered topics including protection of water resources, lawn and landscape cultural practices, irrigation BMPs, fertilizer BMPs, and pesticide BMPs. At the conclusion of the course, participants completed an examination and will receive their Green Industries BMP certification. The course is also offered in Spanish, which will provide additional Public Works employees with the opportunity to complete the training in the future. Overall, the course served as a valuable refresher for staff and provided new ideas and strategies to help improve operational efficiency and best management practices within the department.
- **69th St. Property Demolition and Installation of Sod:** The City owns the property located at 892 69th Street, which was acquired several years ago through a code enforcement case. The existing structure has since been demolished. An irrigation system has been installed, site work has been completed, and new sod has been laid. The property will now serve as a sod farm to support repairs and maintenance of the soccer field.