



CITY OF MARATHON
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14th, 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.

June Gross Income	\$94,857.35
2026 Gross Income YTD:	\$669,678.85

- **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.
- **Citywide Vegetation Cutbacks:** Public Works crews have completed 95% 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.

- **Sombrero Beach Improvements:** In preparation for the July 4th holiday and the annual fireworks celebration, Public Works crews spent the week completing several maintenance and improvement projects at the event site. Crews re-graded the parking lot and applied new #57 stone to improve parking conditions. They also performed landscaping along the beach, including removing coconuts and dead palm fronds from the coconut trees to enhance safety and appearance. Additionally, crews cleaned all sand traps and repaired a leaking foot shower to ensure the area was ready for holiday.
- **Quay Boat Ramp Replacement:** As part of the Quay dock replacement project being completed by LPS, Public Works crews constructed and installed a new safety railing at the Quay boat ramp. The new railing enhances safety and accessibility for residents and visitors using the dock. Bollards were also installed to protect the dock from being hit by boats backing down the ramp.
- **Sombrero Blvd. Curve Repair:** Public Works crews have completed roadway improvements on the curve of Sombrero Boulevard adjacent to the golf course. The existing edge of pavement was only 8 feet from the roadway centerline, creating a narrow travel lane. Crews widened the roadway by extending the pavement to 10 feet from the centerline, improving safety for motorists. Staff are also obtaining quotes for the replacement of current guardrail along this section to provide additional roadside protection.