



CITY OF MARATHON
PUBLIC WORKS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11th, 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.

July Gross Income	\$116,636.45
2026 Gross Income YTD:	\$790,057.45

- **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 completed all renovations at the Oceanfront Dog Park. The park has officially reopened and is now being enjoyed by residents and visitors. The installation of the new dog water fountain marked the final phase of the project. To maintain the facility and preserve the turf, the dog park will continue to be closed on the first and third Mondays and Tuesdays of each month for routine maintenance and turf repairs.
- **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:** Public Works crews have begun removing invasive vegetation from the dune system. To ensure this project does not impact daily operations, crews will dedicate one day each week to vegetation removal while continuing to maintain their regular Public Works responsibilities. This phased approach allows the project to progress steadily without affecting the department's routine services. In addition, Public Works crews have completed improvements to the parking area. New #57 stone was delivered and spread throughout the lot, and damaged parking stops were replaced to improve safety and the overall appearance of the area.
- **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. Upon inspecting the guard rails, staff found deficiencies that needed to be addressed. A contractor has been selected and work to replace the guardrail will start the week of August 10th.
- **Soccer Field Turf Replacement:** The contractor has completed work on the Community Park soccer field, and Public Works crews have assumed responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the facility. Working with recommendations provided by the contractor, staff have developed a comprehensive monthly maintenance schedule to ensure the turf remains in excellent condition and performs as intended.