



CITY OF MARATHON
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 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:** FDOT is reviewing the final Bid set. Once they issue the concurrence to bid, we will put the project out to bid. We also have issued an RFQ for the required Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) and we will be ranking responded to issue the contract for this work. We expect to be under construction before the end of June.
- **Quay Property Re-Development:** The City building permit has been issued, and the project has been forwarded to Tallahassee for review. Upon clearance by the State, the Notice To Proceed will be issued. The contract provides for 210 days for substantial completion.
- **Sombrero Beach Information/Security:** All permits have been issued, and the Notice To Proceed was issued for a March 30th start date. A Modification was required to the foundation, as the cap rock in the expansion location was not found up to a depth of 20 feet. The modifications to the design were minor with no additional cost but needed a permit revision. The contract time for substantial completion is 110 days.
- **City Hall Modification:** All work is complete, and we are working through a small punch list with the contractor. We expect the contract to be closed within the next week.
- **Seven Mile Marina Docks:** Contractor is completing the installation of boulder rip rap for stabilization and erosion control of the spit for the finger piers. Work for the

utilities is expected to begin within three weeks. The revised permit for this work is issued. Once work begins, the installation, testing and close-out is expected to take four weeks. Completion of the finger docks is expected to be complete within the next two weeks.

- **Seven Mile Marina Re-Development:** We expect to put the project out to bid in the spring and be under construction by 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 has resumed after a short hiatus to accommodate the site and parking improvements for the Seafood Festival. Site electric has been installed, which includes a new electric service and meter. The new service is designed to handle the demand for the future Splash Pad, restroom as well as the skate park lights and soccer field pump system. Upon completion of the Skate Park, the final lift of asphalt will be installed and parking striping completed.
- **Community Park Splash Pad:** All site preparation for the new Splash Pad is currently being completed. Once the Skate Park contractor completes the project, the installation of the Splash Pad will begin. We are working on completing the purchase of the equipment and bidding out the work for installation of all components, slab, tanks, and equipment building.
- **US 1 Beautification Project:** We are still waiting on the revised agreement with FDOT for the grant installation of landscaping in the FDOT R/W. The beginning of the project will be delayed by a couple of months as the area is currently under construction for the installation of the force main as part of the deep injection well project. We will likely bid the project this month, and once the areas are cleared and release from the existing project, we will issue the Notice To proceed for the work.
- **Boat Ramp Dock Repairs:** All permits have been issued for the work, and the contractor is scheduling the mobilization and procurement of material for the work. We determined that the 33rd Street ramp can remain open during the work, since it has two piers and one can remain open while the other is re-built, however the Quay boat ramp will need to be closed for approximately five days to complete this work.

Once we have a schedule set, we will provide a minimum of one week's notice, both by physical signage and information sent out by our PIO.

- **Community Park Soccer Fields Re-Sodding:** Work has begun the re-sodding. The contractor has sprayed the first course of herbicide and is expected to spray the second course in two weeks. Earthwork to remove the existing sod and site grading will begin in May. This contract also includes the re-sodding of the Dark Park at Oceanfront Park and a pilot sod farm on a City owned lot on 69th Street. The intent of sodding this parcel is to use this as a sod farm to repair areas in the soccer fields as may be needed after potential impact by events and similar functions. Our expectation is that this will substantially extend the life cycle of the fields.
- **Sombrero Beach Road Bike Path Improvements:** The contract for the work has been executed, and we have a kick-off meeting scheduled with FDOT later this month. Work on the design survey should begin within the next four weeks. 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 is progressing, and City staff have installed the foundations for the new solar lights. The courts are paved and pavers being installed. The light poles will be erected this week. The acrylic surface for the courts is scheduled to be installed in the next two weeks. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of April.
- **Community Park Buildings Painting.** Work is completed on the painting of the offices, restroom and pavilion and tower at community Park.
- **33rd Street Boat Ramp Trash Dumpster Enclosure:** The permit has been issued for the construction of an enclosure for the dumpster at the boat ramp. The work is

expected to start this week and is being performed by City staff. Once completed, the dumpster will not be visible to the public and will also contain any loose trash and debris around the dumpster.

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Upcoming Projects:

- **City Wide Fire Hydrant Project:** Plans, being prepared in-house, are proceeding for approximately 16 new hydrants to be installed throughout the City.
- **Community Park Restroom:** We have issued a design contract for the new restroom to be constructed in the vicinity of the new Skate Pak and Splash Pad. The project is funded by the TDC. We expect to be ready for bid by the end of May, and construction to begin by August.

General updates:

- **Building Plan Review:** The Engineering department has processed 22 permits reviews for Engineering, and 79 total inspections for projects requiring engineering reviews in the month of March.