

## **For Immediate Release:**

### **Marathon airport project wins award, county recognition**

**MARATHON, FL (May 20, 2026)** – The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, May 20, during their monthly meeting, recognized Florida Keys Marathon International Airport for winning the Runway Project of the Year award from the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives.

The Runway 7-25 project, which began in March 2025 and was completed in October of that year, involved relocation and replacing the airstrip, as well as other modifications to meet FAA standards, according to MTH's social media page.

The \$30 million project was funded through grants from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation and local funding, according to MTH.

“This award reflects the dedication, coordination, and vision behind Marathon’s transformative runway relocation project,” Monroe County Executive Director of Airports Richard Strickland said. “The reconstruction of Runway 7-25 represents a major investment in the future of air transportation in the Middle Keys and enhances safety, resiliency, and operational capabilities for years to come.”

SEC-AAAE, which represents 12 states as well as the Virgin Islands and District of Columbia, is the largest chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. MTH’s award was announced in March 2026.

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