

FAST-41 QUICK GUIDE *for* PRACTITIONERS

YOUR GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF FAST-41 COVERED PROJECTS

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE A FAST-41 PROJECT

Be a proactive and engaged project manager. Make contact with the project sponsor and/or their representatives to set-up early meetings to discuss agency and FAST-41 requirements. Involve all other federal, state, and local offices that will need to issue permits or authorizations for the proposed project. These meetings allow all agencies to become familiar with the proposed project, identify challenges, synchronize requirements (where possible), and develop estimated timelines for all necessary actions.

The more defined the expectations and timeline, the more successful the overall process will be for the agencies and project sponsor. Stay engaged, communicate often with the project sponsor and other agencies involved, and lead the process to a final decision.

Please note that a Major Infrastructure Project (MIP), subject to Executive Order 13807 (One Federal Decision), can apply to become a FAST-41 covered project. If this happens, the overall timeline and action milestones are tracked for transparency on the Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard.

DO YOU WANT HELP COORDINATING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS FOR YOUR LARGE AND COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS?

You have an opportunity to request assistance from the Permitting Council, a one-stop shop that provides targeted assistance for FAST-41 covered projects and supports and leverages the expertise of member agencies to ensure better environmental and community outcomes. It can also showcase the capability and efficiency of your agency's efforts!

BACKGROUND

"FAST-41" refers to Title 41 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) ([42 U.S.C. § 4370m](#) et seq.), which created the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC or the Permitting Council).

For more information on [FAST-41, covered projects, and the Permitting Council](#) view the FAST-41 Fact Sheet on the Permitting Dashboard.

Participation in FAST-41 is voluntary. If a project sponsor believes their project is covered, they can submit a [FAST-41 Initiation Notice \(FIN\)](#).

Find more detail in OMB and CEQ's Guidance for Federal Agencies ([Memorandum M-17-14](#)).

View the [Permitting Dashboard](#) to explore projects, view the accountability scorecard, and more.

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The Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard

When a project is approved for FAST-41 coverage, the FAST-41 section of the Permitting Dashboard is updated to include the project. The lead federal agency coordinates with other agencies issuing permits or authorizations and the project sponsor to develop a Coordinated Project Plan (CPP) and action milestone estimates (required within 60 days of FAST-41 approval) 42 U.S.C. § 4370m-2(c)(1)(A).

The lead federal agency has the responsibility of managing the information and data for CPP updates, dashboard milestone status, and overall project management.

<https://www.permits.performance.gov/>

The following are helpful reminders to ensure your success:

- The CPP is the guiding document for the project; using a CPP may eliminate the need for various MOUs.
- The Permitting Dashboard is public facing and is intended to provide a real-time snapshot of actions and milestones; you must maintain accurate, up-to-date information.
- Frequent coordination with all cooperating and project sponsor representatives can help avoid conflicts later in the project.
- FPISC-OED staff are available to assist through all stages of the project.
- Data management guides and user guides are available for your reference.

FAST-41 PROCESS

Most FAST-41 projects require an EIS and will generally follow the steps below. Note that some projects may have slightly different requirements.

Your first 60 days on the project will look something like this if you are the lead federal agency:



Participating and Cooperating Agencies: The lead federal agency will be in touch with you early within the first 60 days to discuss your roles and responsibilities. For information on activities after the 60 days, please see [OMB/CEQ Memorandum M-17-14 Guidance for Federal Agencies Regarding the Environmental Review and Authorization Process for Infrastructure Projects](#).