

# THE PERMITTING DASHBOARD

## FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

### Overview:

The Permitting Dashboard is an online tool for Federal agencies, project developers and interested members of the public to track the Federal government's permitting and review process for large or complex infrastructure projects. Federal permits and reviews safeguard such irreplaceable resources as historic properties, Native American cultural sites, endangered species, and clean water, and ensure that projects do not interfere with national defense activities, air or water vessel navigation, or international relations objectives.

### THE FEDERAL PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Steering Council was created by Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015, which added FERC and NRC to the 13 agencies and departments that composed a previous "Steering Committee" created under executive authority.

#### Agencies:

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Department of Agriculture  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Department of Defense  
Department of Energy  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Homeland Security  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Department of the Interior  
Department of Transportation  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Udall Foundation

## Dashboard Benefits

Reporting project review timeline data on a common, government-wide platform for all projects that meet the threshold criteria will provide a number of key benefits.

### The Dashboard will

- ➔ increase the transparency of the permitting and review process to the public.
- ➔ allow interested parties to receive notice of upcoming projects and track progress on projects throughout their review, as well as to analyze past project reviews.
- ➔ shorten review timelines by encouraging early coordination and synchronization of agency review schedules.
- ➔ provide data for Federal agencies to analyze permit and review practices in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of these processes.
- ➔ help assess the progress of the reforms included in the Administration's Implementation Plan, as well as related legislation.
- ➔ identify common external drivers and trends that influence project review processes.
- ➔ track improved environmental and community outcomes to document the important role that permitting and review processes play in safeguarding these resources.

For question related to the Permitting Dashboard, please email: [PermittingDashboardFeedback@dot.gov](mailto:PermittingDashboardFeedback@dot.gov). More information can also be found at: <https://www.permits.performance.gov/about>

Agencies are required to report performance schedules for all new infrastructure projects that meet certain criteria of size and complexity, using a standardized set of milestones.

**Permitting Dashboard Project Information:**

The following project information, to the extent applicable, will be visible to the public via [www.permits.performance.gov](http://www.permits.performance.gov). This information is self-reported by key individuals at the project’s lead Agency and continually updated to reflect the evolving nature of the project information. The data depicted on the public website has been entered and approved using a linked Dashboard application. Note that not all fields will display for all projects, if that information was not applicable to the projects or otherwise not provided by the project lead Agency.

### METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION (BOTTINEAU LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT)

**Project Information**

**Sector:** Surface Transportation  
**Project Category:** DOT Title-1 Projects  
**Project Status:** In Progress  
**Project Website:** [MetCouncil Bottineau Project webpage](#)   
**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$1,536,000,000

*Description:*

The Metropolitan Council has proposed the Bottineau Light Rail Transit project to extend the METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT) by approximately 13 miles. It would operate from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment includes 11 new light rail stations, approximately 1,670 additional park-and-ride spaces, accommodations for passenger drop-off, and bicycle and pedestrian access, as well as new or restructured local bus route connections to nearby residential, commercial, and educational land uses.



*Location*

**City:**  
**State:** MN  
**Zip Code:**

*Lead Agency Information:*

**POC Name:** Maya Sarna  
**Agency/Department:** Department of Transportation  
**Bureau/Mode:** Federal Transit Administration

*Sponsor Contact Information:*

**Project Sponsor:** Metropolitan Council

**PERMITTING TIMELINE**

Action	Coordinating Agency	Target Completion	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">▼</span> Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit <span style="float: right;">In Progress</span> </li> </ul>			
<b>Milestones:</b>			
Pre-construction Notification (PCN)/Form ENG 4345/Joint Application Form Received		Complete 06/29/2016 Target: 06/29/2016	
PCN Application Deemed Complete		In Progress Target: 06/30/2017	
<a href="#">View Full Details</a>			
Publication of Public Notice		Complete 07/20/2016 Target: 07/20/2016	
Final Verification/Permit Decision Rendered		In Progress Target: 06/30/2017	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">▶</span> Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) <span style="float: right;">Complete</span> </li> </ul>	Department of Transportation		