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Implementation steps for the “permit streamlining” provisions of Title 41 of the “*Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act*,” (better known as FAST) continue to make progress. To assist in the process a “fact sheet” has been created by the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC), which discusses the key components and benefits of FAST-41 in addition to defining “Covered Projects” and detailing the involved Federal Agencies [[For details, see: “FAST-41 Fact Sheet”](#)]. There are significant benefits to using the FPISC process including: strict time limits on permit reviews, mandated agency coordination, use of state environmental impact statements, a two year statute of limitations on lawsuits (6 years in the normal process), and a requirement that to even file a lawsuit against the project the challengers must clearly point out the project’s deficiencies in the public comment period.

FPISC currently has 37 projects in the permit streamlining program, BUT it can handle up to 200 large scale projects. If you are about to get involved with a large infrastructure project, we urge you to read over the fact sheet and visit www.permits.performance.gov for additional information. If your firm is working on large infrastructure projects, we would encourage you to contact FAST.FortyOne@fpisc.gov to have your projects considered to be FAST-41 “covered” projects.