

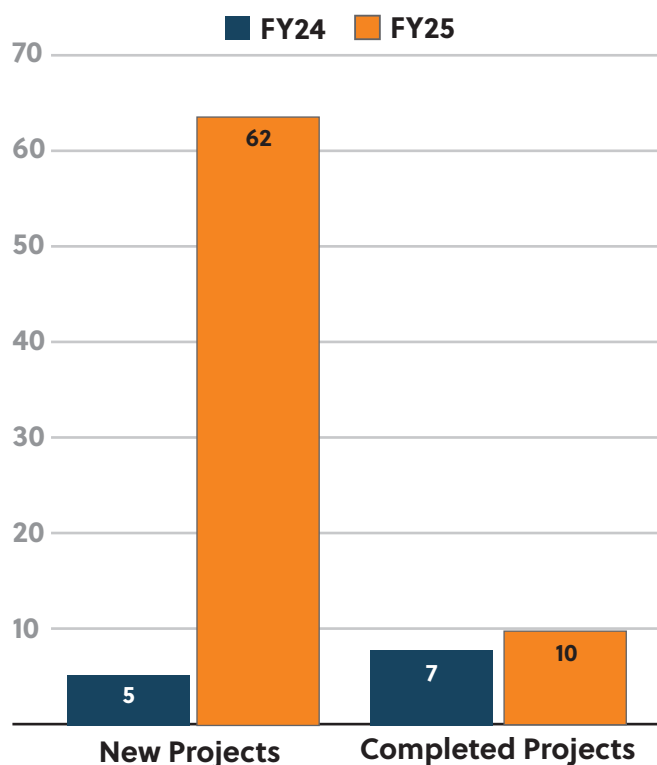


Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2025

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4370m-7(a)(1), as amended, this Annual Report to Congress from the Executive Director details the progress of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council) in implementing Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) during Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This report includes: an introduction to FAST-41 and the Permitting Council; a description of the FAST-41 covered project portfolio; and an evaluation of progress made in implementing FAST-41 during FY 2025.

Read the full FY25 Annual Report to Congress [here](#).

FY 2025 FAST-41 Implementation Highlights



First manufacturing sector covered project



First use of FAST-41 transparency authority for mining projects



First-of-its-kind memorandum of understanding (MOU) executed with the State of Alaska

Growth in the FAST-41 Portfolio. The active project portfolio (including both covered and transparency projects) more than doubled, growing 158 percent (from 33 projects to 85 projects) between FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Prior Annual Reports

Previous reports to Congress for FY 2016-2024 can be found [here](#).

Completed Project Highlights

A total of ten projects receiving permitting assistance from the Permitting Council completed the environmental review and permitting process in FY 2025. Standout completed projects include:

- **3PL Railroad Valley Exploration Project** is located in Nevada and involves mineral exploration activities; commodities of interest include lithium, boron, tungsten, sodium, potassium and phosphate.
- **Amelia A&B** is located in Georgia and will excavate sands to extract titanium oxide, zircon and other minerals.
- **Aqqaluk Pit Exploration and Expansion** is expanding current zinc mining operations from the existing Aqqaluk pit at the Red Dog Mine in Alaska.
- **Stibnite Gold Project**, located in central Idaho, will entail open pit mining and processing of gold and antimony, new road construction, utility upgrades, reclamation and restoration activities.
- The **Harbor Island Seawater Desalination Facility**, located near Port Aransas, Texas, will provide up to 100 million gallons per day of drinkable water. The project successfully completed the federal permitting process two months earlier than initially expected.

Notable Firsts

FY 2025 saw the realization of several firsts for the Permitting Council:

Transparency Authority:

The Council used this statutorily identified tool for the first time in 2025 under the direction of the Executive Order (EO) on **Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production**, which focused on unleashing the nation's vast mineral resources for use in transportation, infrastructure, defense capabilities, and the next generation of technology. At the completion of FY 2025, the mining sector included 33 active transparency projects.

Statewide MOU:

In August 2025, the Permitting Council entered into its first statewide MOU with the state of Alaska. Signed by Executive Director Emily Domenech and Alaskan Governor Mike Dunleavy, the MOU provides for federal permitting assistance through the Permitting Council's FAST-41 program, as the state and the federal government work together to streamline the permitting process for critical infrastructure projects across Alaska. As part of the agreement, the Permitting Council will provide federal permitting support to select projects in the state, ensuring focused technical assistance, transparency, accountability and predictability in the permitting process.

Breaking New Ground:

In the past year the Permitting Council has prioritized the addition of projects in new sectors and states. In July 2025 the agency welcomed its first manufacturing sector project to FAST-41 coverage—the **Riverview East Stack Extension Project**. Once permitted, the Florida-based project will provide critical fertilizer products to increase food production nationwide. In FY 2025, the Permitting Council added covered projects in 12 states and added mining projects in 19 states.

How to Get Started

Ready for a transparent, predictable and accountable permitting process for your project? Visit [permitting.gov](https://www.permitting.gov) to connect with our team of experts for pre-application consultations, or simply email us at FAST-41@permitting.gov to get started. 