The Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center
U.S. Department of Transportation

Streamlining Review and Approval of Transportation Infrastructure

The Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center (IPIC) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for improving performance of Federal environmental review and permitting of infrastructure projects. Housed within DOT's Office of Policy Development, Strategic Planning, and Performance, IPIC is the central resource for streamlining delivery of all DOT projects. IPIC advances methods that facilitate efficient environmental review and approval of projects, encouraging innovative solutions for complex and challenging projects. It promotes the use of best practices across DOT to improve consistency and effectiveness in all phases of project delivery. IPIC makes recommendations on proposed policy, guidance, and legislation affecting transportation project delivery.

IPIC is advancing the Administration's plan to rebuild America's infrastructure by implementing the President's recent Executive Order and supporting any future comprehensive infrastructure proposal, which will seek long-term reforms to how infrastructure projects in the U.S. are funded, delivered, regulated, and maintained.

IPIC oversees DOT implementation of project delivery reforms in recent transportation laws, such as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). These reforms include synchronizing environmental reviews and minimizing duplication, establishing programs to measure progress in accelerating project delivery, and integrating geospatial and other data tools with fiscal management systems to provide improved data and greater public transparency.

KEY IPIC INITIATIVES:

- Advance Administration's infrastructure initiative
- Implement FAST Act project delivery reforms
- Collaborate with the Permitting Council
- Manage and maintain the Permitting Dashboard
- Support DOT Operating Administrations and the Build America Bureau
- Coordinate with the Council on Environmental Quality

IPIC collaborates with the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council), established by Title 41 of the FAST Act (FAST-41). IPIC coordinates DOT's own reform efforts with the reforms the Permitting Council is championing for infrastructure projects covered by FAST-41, and manages and maintains the publicly-available Permitting Dashboard on behalf of the Permitting Council. The Dashboard serves as a key FAST-41 tool for tracking permitting timetables and keeping infrastructure projects on schedule.

IPIC provides direction and support to DOT's Operating Administrations and the Build America Bureau regarding environmental review and approval. IPIC provides support to a range of project developers, environmental specialists, and data analysts across DOT and its partner agencies. IPIC also acts as the DOT's liaison to the White House Council on Environmental Quality on issues related to infrastructure and project delivery, and as the co-chair for the interagency Transportation Rapid Response Team, a group of Federal resource, regulatory, and land management agencies that address key issues at the intersection of transportation and environmental review and permitting.

For more information, please visit www.transportation.gov/PermittingImprovementCenter or email IPIC at IPIC@dot.gov.