



## The Permitting Council

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Dominic Mancini, Deputy Administrator  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)  
Office of Management and Budget (OMB)  
725 17th St NW  
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Dear Mr. Mancini:

The Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council) requests emergency clearance, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) and 5 CFR 1320.13, for the collection of information used in the FAST-41 Initiation Notice (FIN). Approval for the FIN was originally granted in 2018; however, the agency, under previous leadership, allowed the approval to lapse in 2021. To remedy this, the Permitting Council is seeking an emergency clearance to reinstate the expired clearance, identified by OMB Control Number 3121-0001, while it pursues the normal clearance process.

The collection of information is essential to the agency's mission, and the necessary time to obtain approval through the normal clearance process would significantly disrupt implementation of Chapter 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41). This collection is required by statute and serves as an application for sponsors of infrastructure projects to obtain the benefits of being a covered project, as provided in FAST-41. 42 U.S.C. § 4370m-2(a)(1). Identifying these covered projects is the initial step in implementing FAST-41, which provides transparency, predictability, and accountability to the federal permitting process.

Without emergency clearance, the identification and listing of FAST-41 projects would come to a pause and result in public harm. The Permitting Council will not be able to identify infrastructure projects for FAST-41 coverage, and there will be delays in the federal permitting of infrastructure projects designed for use by the public.

This collection of information was previously approved using the normal clearance process, where the Permitting Council took steps to notify and consult with interested agencies and members of the public. The Permitting Council is requesting an emergency clearance for the same collection of information.

Given the critical nature of this collection of information for agency operations, the Permitting Council respectfully requests that OMB respond to this request by the closing of business this



Friday, November 28th. The agency point of contact for this request is Anderson Tran, Chief Policy Counsel and Senior Advisor, at 202-748-3727 or [anderson.tran@permitting.gov](mailto:anderson.tran@permitting.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Domenech". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Emily Domenech  
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