

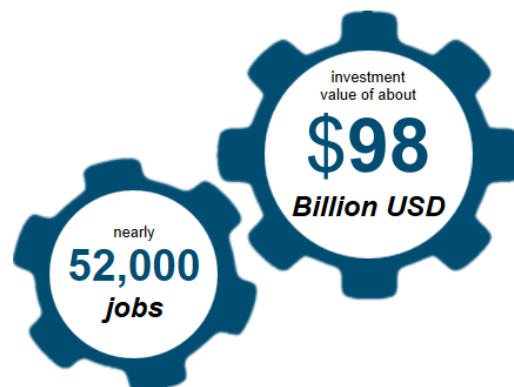


Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council Annual Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2021

The Permitting Council facilitates deliberate, coordinated, and transparent Federal environmental reviews and permits for FAST-41 “covered” infrastructure projects. Title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) provides unique transparency into the Federal permitting process through management of a comprehensive Federal permitting timetable for each FAST-41 covered infrastructure project on the public-facing Permitting Dashboard, which accounts for, organizes, and coordinates all necessary Federal environmental reviews and authorizations for a project. There were 29 FAST-41 covered projects undergoing active review in FY 2021.

Permitting Council FY 2021 Highlights

- The Permitting Council was fully re-established, and upgraded its operations, internal structures, and processes to support implementing FAST-41 and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- With the help of BOEM, its Federal agency cooperators, and project sponsors, in FY 2021 the Permitting Council became the central coordinating body for permitting offshore wind energy in the United States, and a key implementing agent of the Administration’s goal to deploy 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind in the United States by 2030, while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use.
- The Permitting Council made significant progress in strengthening the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and Tribal Nations by enhancing Federal agencies’ abilities to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials in the permitting of infrastructure projects that have Tribal implications
- The Permitting Council initiated a suite of permitting timetable and Permitting Dashboard improvements that will improve transparency and foster more complete FAST-41 covered project permitting timetables.



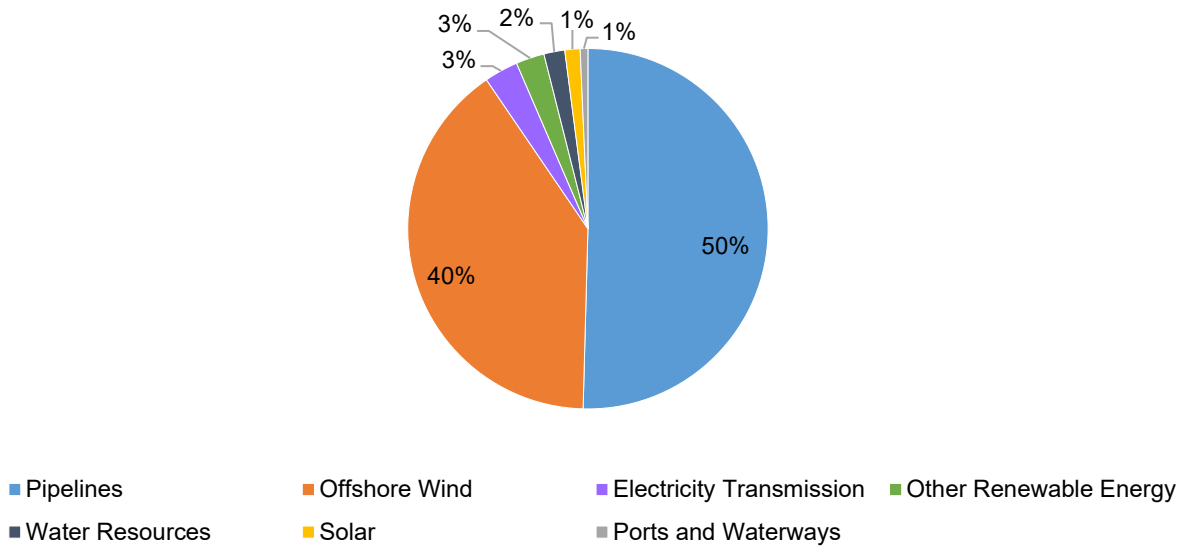
Projected economic investment and jobs associated with projects undergoing active Federal review in FY 2021.

“The FAST-41 process has facilitated efficient and conscious coordination amongst all agencies, keeping everyone’s eyes on the same target and moving in the same direction. It has increased understanding of roles and responsibilities among all parties involved, while creating transparency and accountability for project stakeholders. Participation in FAST-41 has helped CPRA navigate challenges and complexities of the permitting process to keep everyone moving forward.” - Bren Haase, Executive Director, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Permitting Council - Supporting America's Renewable Energy Future

The portfolio of FAST-41 covered projects demonstrates the level of investment in the country's clean energy future - Offshore Wind, Solar, and Other Renewable Energy Production together represent 44 percent of total economic investment dollars in covered projects.

Share of Investment Dollars by Sector - FY 2021



Twelve offshore wind projects make up over 40 percent of the Permitting Council's project portfolio. These projects are anticipated to produce over 16 gigawatts of energy, which would power more than 5.9 million homes for one year and offset the greenhouse gas emissions of more than 6 million passenger vehicles driven for one year.



ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

The 2021 Annual Report to Congress details and evaluates Permitting Council progress in implementing FAST-41. The ARC is developed by the Permitting Council's Office of the Executive Director in consultation with the Permitting Council member agencies.

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