



Expediting or Fast-tracking a Building Permit

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Expedited vs Fast-tracking Process

Skagit County Planning and Development Services has an approved list of building permit (building, grading and floodplain development) projects that are “**expedited**” (estimated 2-4 weeks for first review). Please see the table below to determine if your project meets the criteria to be expedited. No action is required by the customer, these projects are automatically moved to our expedited list.

Some projects may be eligible for “**fast-tracking**”. These are project where the applicant or their farm animals have been displaced from their home due to fire, flood damage or any other natural disaster. Please notify our department if your project meets this criteria. In this scenario, we do our best to get permits reviewed immediately (less than one week).

Counter Information and Our Review Process

General counter request for information shall be provided as a public convenience only ([SCC 14.06.040\(2\)](#)). We aim to give you the best information based on the details of the project provided, but it is up to the applicant to meet all code requirements for their project. We will not expedite or fast-track an application based on a difference between counter information and application submittal review.

Personal reasons (i.e. family illness, loan timeframes) are unfortunately not criteria for expediting or fast-tracking your application. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received and a customer’s place in line is honored. We recognize the importance of getting your permit to you as fast as possible and are always looking for ways to improve our process through new technology, staffing and workflow management. Our department goal is to speed up the line, not re-arrange it.

Expedited Building Permits	
Project Subtypes	Description/Requirements
AFHI	Adult Family Home Inspections
CELL-ADD	Adding or replacing antennas on an existing tower and no substantial expansion of ground equipment
CommMech	Commercial mechanical
Deck	Residential decks or patios (covered or uncovered) that are outside of shorelines jurisdiction (>200' of shoreline)
FNDO	Foundation repair or replacement for existing buildings and no increase in footprint or height if within 200' of a shoreline
REMODEL	Residential interior remodel/repair only and no increase of footprint, height, or volume
TI	Interior tenant improvements with no change in occupancy classification and no increase in footprint
MOBLR	Mobile home replacement in manufactured parks only
SIGN	Signs attached to an existing building (detached are not expedited)
Town of La Conner	Projects located within the Town of La Conner Jurisdiction
Swinomish Tribe (Administrative Only)	Projects located within Swinomish Indian Tribal Community/Skagit County and applicant has chosen SITC to do the full review
Refinery Project (A-UD zoning)	Expedited for Development Review to ensure timely coordination with City of Anacortes. Other reviews are not expedited.