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June 1, 2003	Founding of TMT Observatory Corporation by the Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy (ACURA), the University of California (UC), and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech).
April 1, 2005	Creation of the TMT Project Office
January 1, 2008	The National Optical Astronomy Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) joins TMT
March 1, 2009	Completion of Design Development Phase (DDP)
April 1, 2009	State of Hawaii Land Board Approves Comprehensive Management Plan for Maunakea
July 1, 2009	TMT Board of Directors Selects Maunakea as Preferred Site
November 17, 2009	The National Astronomical Observatories of the Chinese (NOAC) Academy of Sciences and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) join TMT as observers
May 1, 2010	Maunakea Management Board Approves TMT Project Completion of the Environment Impact Statement in Hawaii
June 1, 2010	University of Hawaii Board of Regents Approves TMT Project
September 1, 2010	Maunakea Management Board Approves Conservation District Use Permit Application
February 1, 2011	TMT granted its Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP)
April 1, 2012	State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources issues CDUP (4/12)

April 1, 2013	TMT obtains building permit
May 1, 2014	The Kahu Ku Mauna Council, made up of local Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners, and the University of Hawaii Board of Regents approve the University of Hawaii granting a sublease to TMT to build on Maunakea
May 6, 2014	Formation of TMT International Observatory LLC (TIO)
October 7, 2014	Ground blessing ceremony for the TMT site.
December 2, 2014	India formally joins TMT as a member of the TMT International Observatory
March 1, 2015	The Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources issues TMT a Notice to Proceed
May 5, 2015	Temporary stand-down issued by Governor of Hawaii
December 2, 2015	Hawaii Supreme Court invalidates the Conservation District Use Permit On December 2, 2015, the Hawaii Supreme Court invalidated the Conservation District Use Permit issued by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to the University of Hawaii - Hilo to build TMT on Maunakea.
March 1, 2016	Alternate site study begins
October 20, 2016	New contested case hearing begins in Hawaii
December 15, 2016	Sublease vacated by Third Circuit Court
July 26, 2016	State Hearings Officer and former Judge Riki May Amano releases a 305-page report recommending that a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) be issued.
September 28, 2017	The State Land Board announces its decision to approve the Conservation District User Permit (CDUP) for TMT to be built on Maunakea.
October 30, 2018	Hawaii Supreme Court Affirms TMT Permit

The Hawaii Supreme Court, by majority decision, today issued its opinion affirming the Board of Land and Natural Resources' decision to issue a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) for construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Maunakea.

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| June 6, 2019 | Enclosure Pre-ship review |
| June 20, 2019 | Notice to proceed issued by Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources |
| July 10, 2019 | Gov. David Ige and the Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory (TIO) announces that construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) will begin the week of July 15, 2019. |
| July 15, 2019 | Efforts to restart construction stalls |
| December 19, 2019 | Gov. David Ige announces that the state will reduce its law enforcement personnel on Maunakea. |
| February 2020 | TMT, along with its other partners in the US-Extremely Large Telescope Program presents their technical readiness to the Astro2020 survey panel. |
| June 2021 | Project Manager Fengchuan Liu relocates to Hilo, Hawaii |