

# **Project Accounting**

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#### PROJECT ACCOUNTING IN FMS/PPF



#### **Responsibilities**

Resource Administration attends PRB meetings, submits authorization and modification requests to FHWA, loads and monitors project budgets, monitors and updates Project End Dates, monitors inactive projects, monitors subprogram balances and marks phases as completed "C Status"

Project Accounting assigns ADOT and Fed Aid Project Numbers in Project Master, updates PM Names in Project Master, AZ360 project setup, FHWA Billing, monitoring and reporting, ICAP and payroll reject resolution, Transit and Aero fiscal responsibilities, Project Dashboard Training and other accounting oversight throughout the lifecycle of an ADOT project

Final Voucher does the final reconciliation, including financial entries (AZ360 and FMIS), related documentation, polices, regulations, etc. (the responsibilities will be explained in this presentation)



#### **PROJECT ACCOUNTING - TEAM**

Patrycja Kozaczka – PPF Accounting Administrator Sophia Kreutz – Project Accounting Manager

> Ali Radai Lori Gibbs Maria Coronado Mary Fagyas Rebecca Fimbres Sharri Moss Vacant



## How it begins in FMS...

**Project Master** is the system where project information is entered before being sent to AZ360. Project numbers are generated through an automated process in a sequential order within Project Master (*Highway and Local*). Certain "Other" projects are currently assigned through a manual process.

When the Major Program information is entered into the system it is <u>crucial</u> that the information is correct. Based on the information provided, Project Master will generate the 5 character Major Program. This affects the rest of the Programs and Program Phases when they are set up.



#### **PROJECT MASTER - Users**

Project Managers (PMG/LPA): Highway, Local and Other projects (AZ Smart, TA, etc.)

MPD: Planning, Research, Other, includes State Parks, Studies, Miscellaneous

AERO: AERO projects (FAA and State funded)

Transit: Transit Grant projects (FTA)

Other: AZ Highway Magazine

Facilities for Building projects

Maintenance Projects

GOHS Grants Motor Carrier

ECD (Enforcement and Compliance)

BECO (Business Engagement and Compliance) LTAP (Local Transportation Assistance Program)

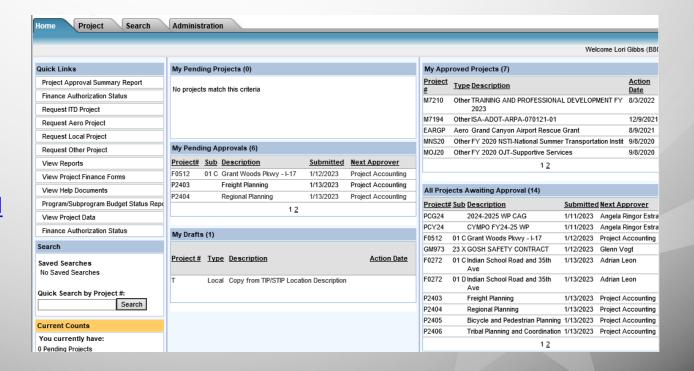


#### **PROJECT MASTER – Home Page**

Microsoft Edge is your best friend!

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**Project Master Portal** 





#### PROJECT MASTER- New Project

- Every field needs to be filled.
- If there is a dropdown, use it!
- For ITD projects (on our system),
   a GIS location must be
   generated, otherwise a Fed Aid
   number cannot be generated.
- Ensure that the information is accurate, some information CANNOT be changed after the project has been approved.
- Resource Program: Type of Funding used for the Project.

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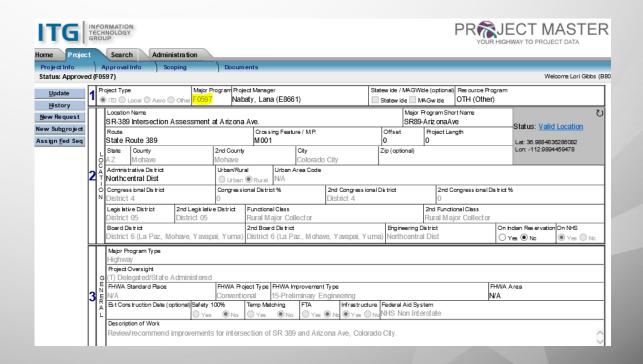
#### **PROJECT MASTER – New Project**

Major Program and Project Detail are reflected in Sections 1, 2, and 3

Major Program (F0597 - first 5 characters)

Program (F059701 – first 7 characters)

Program Phase (F059701C – all 8 characters)





#### **PROJECT MASTER- Phases**

Once Major Program is approved the Program Phase can be created

As soon as this phase letter is approved it cannot be changed. If changes are made, a new project has to be created due to system and interface issues.

System generated Federal Aid numbers are fix and can't be changed.

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Budget Item - Number used to describe the Funding Source being used on the project. Please use the comments box if the Budget Item Number does not work properly.

The system assigns Federal Aid Project
Numbers based on the provided information.
For example, Highway Projects are assigned based on the Route, Section (Route Section Location), and an automated Sequence Number.

F059801C - 060-F(204)

This number is used in FHWA's system as the Federal Project Number.



#### **PROJECT MASTER - DATA**

- Project Initiation
  - Major Program
  - Program Phase
- Project Detail
  - Location Name
  - Location Details
  - Work Description
  - Funding Source(s)
- Assign Federal Aid Number
- AZ360 Interface
- Update Project Manager

All projects are reviewed and approved before they go to AZ360 and are reviewed once they are successfully interfaced into AZ360.

Changes made in other systems are not always reflected in the current Project Master (FAST, PIRT, AZ360...etc).

\*The process of getting a project added to AZ360 requires the data to go through an interface, which processes once a day. At the earliest, a project will appear the next day after it is <u>approved</u> in Project Master



### PROJECT MASTER – Keep in mind!

Unfortunately, not all elements can be updated in Project Master once the project has been set up. A CAM (Cost Accounting Modification) must be created in AZ360 to update the requested changes:

- Crossing Feature/M.P. (Beginning and End Mile Post)
- Project Length
- Project Oversight
- Program Short Name
- Program Category (type of work)
- Status

Timing is important! Don't submit a project before it is ready. Things always seem to change (*Legal documents, location name...etc.*). Project Accounting uses the 5-Year Program and eStip for confirmation of the submitted project information.





AZ360 is State of Arizona's statewide accounting system, that is used to track expenditures, charges, revenues and budgets, and so much more.....



#### **AZ360 – Project Accounting**

- Project Master interfaces to AZ360
- Major Program, Program and Phase updates
- Review and approval of the funding
- Budget review and approval
- Review and approval of various transaction documents as CH, GAE, JVC, etc.
- Review and resolution of payroll and ICAP rejects
- Review weekly FHWA Billing for accuracy before submission
- Review of ineligible transactions
- All fiscal related tasks for Transit and Aero
- Review and update of Object and Activity Code eligibility
- Process various correction requests
- Ad-hoc reporting and reconciliations
- Phase closures



### **AZ360 – Project Accounting**

Some of the daily issues we encounter are usually due to insufficient or misaligned budgets.

#### **Examples:**

- **ICAP** a percentage of each expenditure on projects (not local) that covers overhead (*administrative costs*)
  - Don't forget to include ICAP in your budget calculations
- Payroll Additive a percentage of each payroll charge on projects
  - O Don't forget to include Payroll Additive in your budget calculations
- Ineligible Costs charging Annual, Holiday and Sick leave to projects
- Ineligible Costs charging general/administrative tasks to projects (check your activity codes)



### **FHWA Billing**

We are responsible for billing FHWA an average of 60 million dollars a month.

These billings are performed weekly and require an extensive amount of work and expertise to complete.

Multiple ADOT groups including GAO are involved in this process.

It is important that these billings are done properly and timely because we work on a <u>reimbursement</u> basis for the majority of ADOT's projects.

We have established Performance Measures to track the amount of items that reject and are not included in the reimbursement requests.



#### **END DATES!**

End Dates are required by FHWA and need to be maintained by ADOT.

Expired End Dates prevent ADOT from receiving federal reimbursements.

Any expenses and/or charges are not eligible for federal reimbursement if the are incurred <u>after</u> the <u>End Date</u> (All items that were incurred after an End Date has expired and before a new End Date has been approved are also ineligible.)

PM is responsible for the entire project until all phases are put into F (Final Voucher) status.



# Want to Check Your Project and Budget?

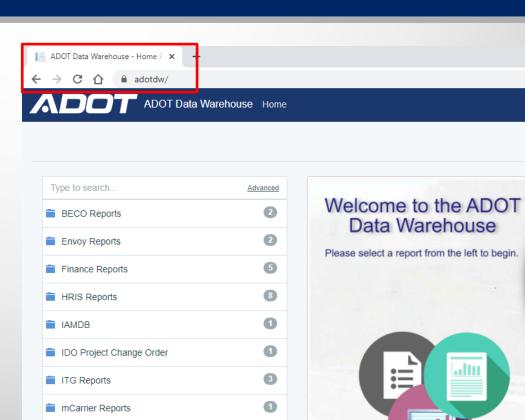
- Did the project interface to AZ360?
- Is it ready to be charged?
- How much budget is left on the project?
- Is the project end date up to date and correct?
- Have encumbrances been established?
- How much is encumbered vs available?
- How can an encumbrance impact other transactions?



# **Project Dashboard**

#### **Project Dashboard Link**

This dashboard is accessible to all ADOT employees but works only within the network in the office or via VPN.



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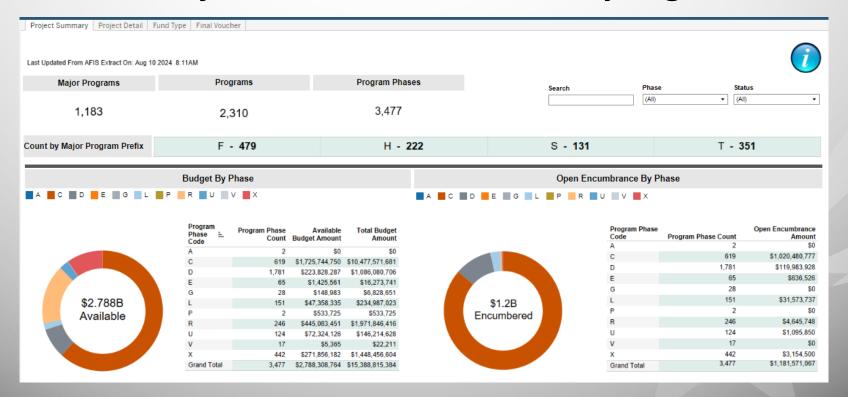
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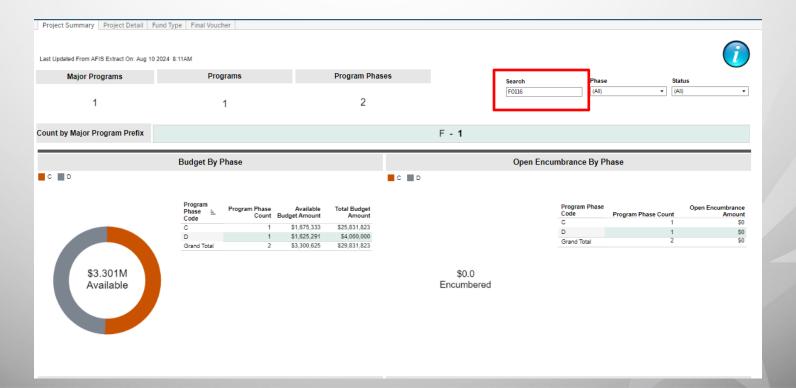


#### **Project Dashboard – Summary Page**



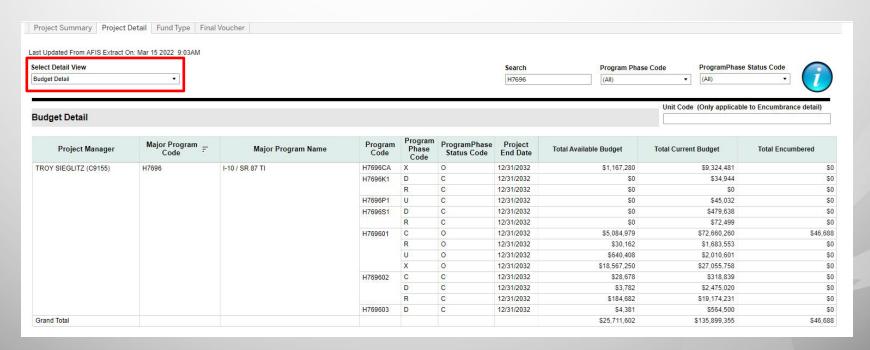


## **Project Dashboard – Summary Page**



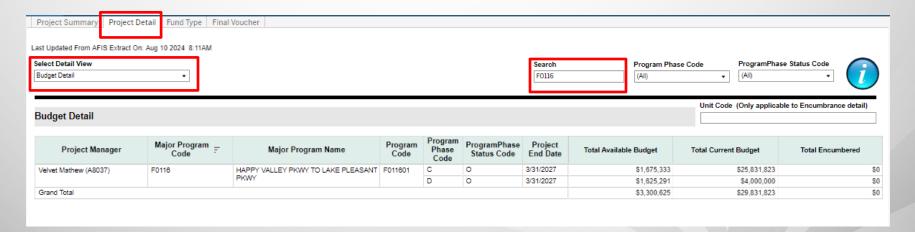


# **Project Dashboard – Project Detail**





# Project Dashboard - Project Budget Detail

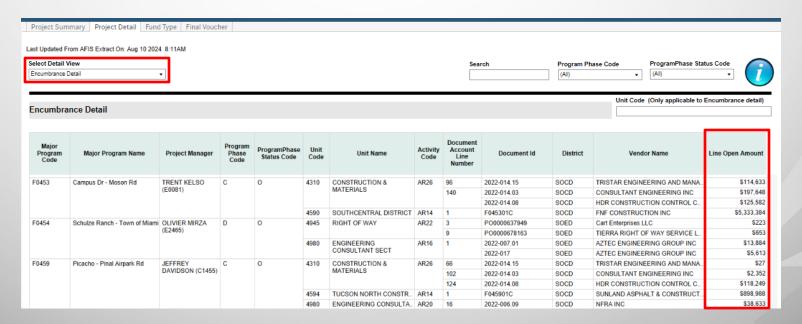


The Project Detail tab shows you the details from the Summary tab, broken out in 3 reports: Budget Detail, Encumbrance Detail and Inactive Report

The Budget detail shows the budget information on the phase level including the total of encumbrances.



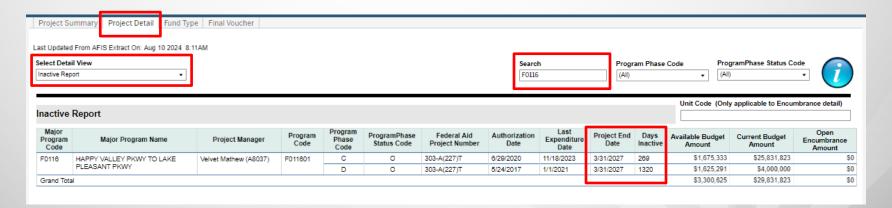
# **Project Dashboard – Encumbrance Details**



The Encumbrance detail shows the open encumbered amount for every single vendor and AZ360 document on each phase.



## **Project Dashboard – Inactive Report**

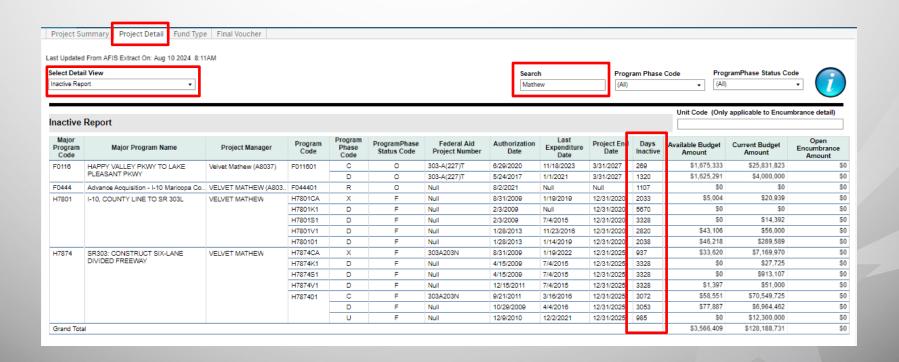


The inactive report shows the how long a project is inactive without any expenditures. It also provides information from the budget detail and the End Date.

This report can be run for a project or for a project manager (see next slide).



# **Project Dashboard – Inactive Report**





#### How and when to contact us....

Project initiation with questions to Project Master
Project updates/changes
Project manager change
AZ360 document errors (when project related)
APP errors when budget/project related
Project related data/reports if not already available
Expenditure corrections for previous fiscal years

Send an email to <a href="mailto:PAccounting@azdot.gov">PAccounting@azdot.gov</a> with all relevant information.

More is better as we have to research on our side and the smallest piece can have the biggest impact! Please be patient with us, we are short staffed and it takes a while to provide solutions to all requests.



# **QUESTIONS?**



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