

# ACIS – Arizona Crash Information System Training Video 3 Crash Analysis using ACIS



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# ACIS - <a href="https://adotdw/acis">https://adotdw/acis</a>

- ACIS can be used to download crash data for Crash Analysis / Warrant Study / Agency Summaries
- ➤ The Standard Detail Report are the most commonly used report for this type of analysis.
- This training will show how to download data and best practices on saving the data / links and using the data for analyzing the data.





The Standard Detailed Report can be used for crash data with the following parameters:

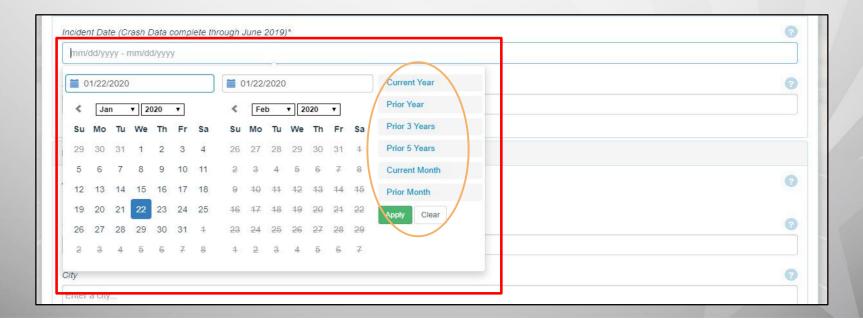
- CRASH PERIOD
- INCIDENT FLAGS
- LOCATION
  - Spatial region
    - City
    - County
    - COG/MPO
    - Tribal Area
    - ADOT district
  - By specific route
    - Advanced map search (draw a box or rectangle around a location)
    - Milepost segment for a route (both directions can be selected if the route is divided)
    - Local road segment
    - Intersection (150 feet buffer is the default but any buffer can be used based on what is entered by the user)



For a specific route query, certain parameters such as incident flags or spatial region do not need to be selected, the route segment or intersection and the crash period are the most common parameters used



- → The first step when running the query is to <u>enter the crash period</u>, it is recommended that the user does not leave this blank
- → The most common crash period used is the <u>last 5 years of complete data</u> available (example: if crash data is complete through June 2020 then the most current 5 year period will be 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2020)
- → The ACIS site will show the crash completion date, this is updated every 3 months
- → Options are available to select the prior 5 years or 3 years, please note that is for calendar years only and may not reflect the most current 5 year period of complete data





- → The incident flags can be entered next. This is optional when using the standard detailed report
- → The user should not enter any flags if they want all the data for a given location

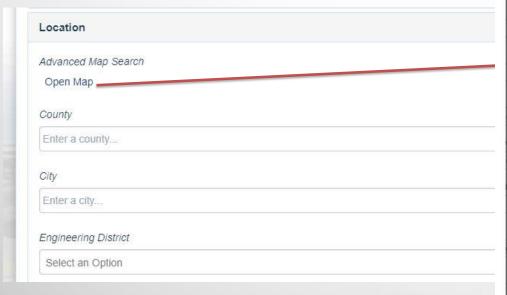




- → The location should be entered next. The user can enter the route and crossing feature manually or use the advanced map search
- → Please do <u>NOT</u> use the advanced map search and the manual route search in the same query as this will create a potential conflict and no data will be found
- → The advanced map search is recommended for intersections or traffic interchanges only and not segments
- → Click on the **Open Map** link to use this feature



The example here shows an easy way to query data for an urban freeway interchange



Please note that some filtering and review of the data will be necessary after using the map search, in this example some crashes on the mainline may be pulled in the query but these crashes may not be needed in the analysis of the data for the traffic interchange



Advanced Map Search

Open Map

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- → The **spatial regions** such as County, City, COG/MPO, Tribal Area, ADOT District should be selected only **for querying agency data**.
- → <u>To query Route specific data</u>, the spatial regions such as County, City, COG/MPO, Tribal Area, ADOT District are optional and do not need to be entered when using the **ROUTE** data field. <u>Entering these fields may restrict your query or cause a potential conflict and no data may be found</u>
- → The Route Type field is used for the type of road that is entered, highway or local or ramp
- → To search for ramps the user must manually add ramp to the *Route Type* data field.



→ In the **Route** data field, type the route name and select from the drop down list

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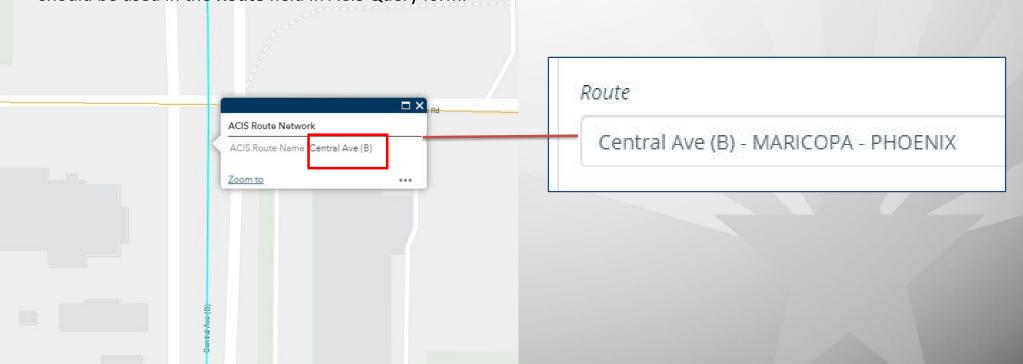


If the user can't identify the route that is needed based on the drop down selections available in the **Route** field, they can use the ACIS route explorer

ACIS Arizona Crash Information System

Home Reports ▼ Crash Facts ACIS Route Explorer

After clicking on the route explorer link, the user can zoom into the location and click on the route to show the name that is used in ACIS. In the example below Central Ave in Phoenix was identified as Central Ave (B). This is the route name that should be used in the **Route** field in ACIS Query form.





→ After the route is selected, the user can select Include Both

Directions for routes that are divided

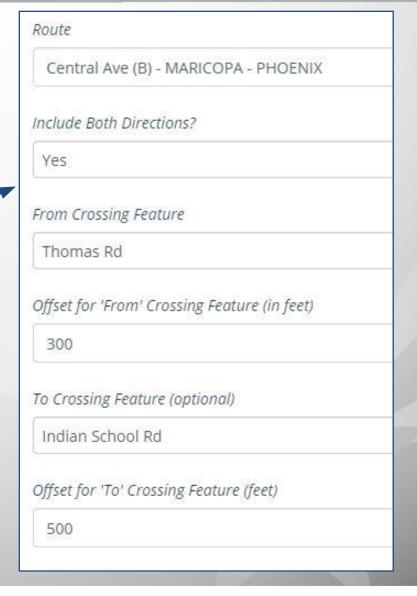
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Intersta	te 40 (WB)	
Include Bo	th Directions?	
Yes		

To enter a MilePost (MP) segment for a state highway, make sure to enter the offset (if needed) in feet and not miles. In this example, the MP range for the route was entered as 40.5 to 46.8

Route
Interstate 40 (EB)
Include Both Directions?
Yes
From Crossing Feature
M040
Offset for 'From' Crossing Feature (in feet)
2,640
To Crossing Feature (optional)
M046
Offset for 'To' Crossing Feature (feet)
4,224

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- → To query data for a local road segment, enter the route names and the buffer around the beginning and end of the segment
  - In this example, all crashes on Central Ave from Thomas to Indian School will be pulled, for crashes at the Thomas intersection the buffer is 300 feet and the Indian School intersection buffer is 500 feet





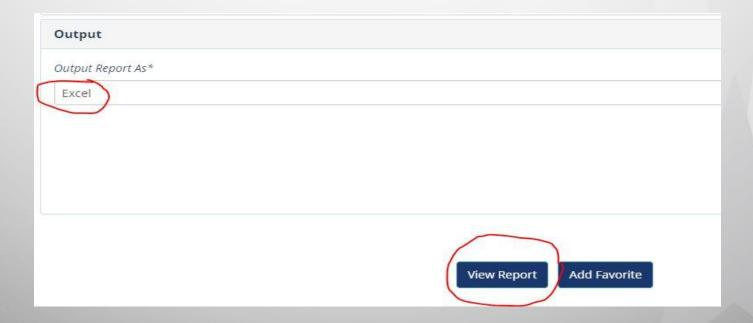
- To query Intersection Data, enter the intersecting road in the "From Crossing Feature" field and do NOT enter any route in the field. When the "To Crossing Feature" is left blank the query automatically becomes an intersection query.
- → The default buffer is 150 feet for an intersection if no value is entered in the offset for "From Crossing Feature"
- → The user can enter any value here (in feet) for the buffer they want to use, for example, if a roundabout location is queried the buffer may need to be larger
  - In this example, all crashes that occured within 1000 feet of this intersection (in all directions) will be pulled in the query

Leave this empty to search on an intersection Route US Highway 89 (NB) Include Both Directions? Yes From Crossing Feature E Marketplace Dr Offset for 'From' Crossing Feature (in feet) 1.000

To Crossing Feature (optional)



- Output Report As field select the EXCEL as <u>output type</u> and then clicking on the View Report button
- → The most common output type is **Excel**, since this format will allow the user to view, filter, sort, and do additional analysis on the data by creating charts, graphs, etc. if necessary
- → Other report outputs such as XML, CSV, and PDF are not recommended for data analysis unless the output is being imported into another software.

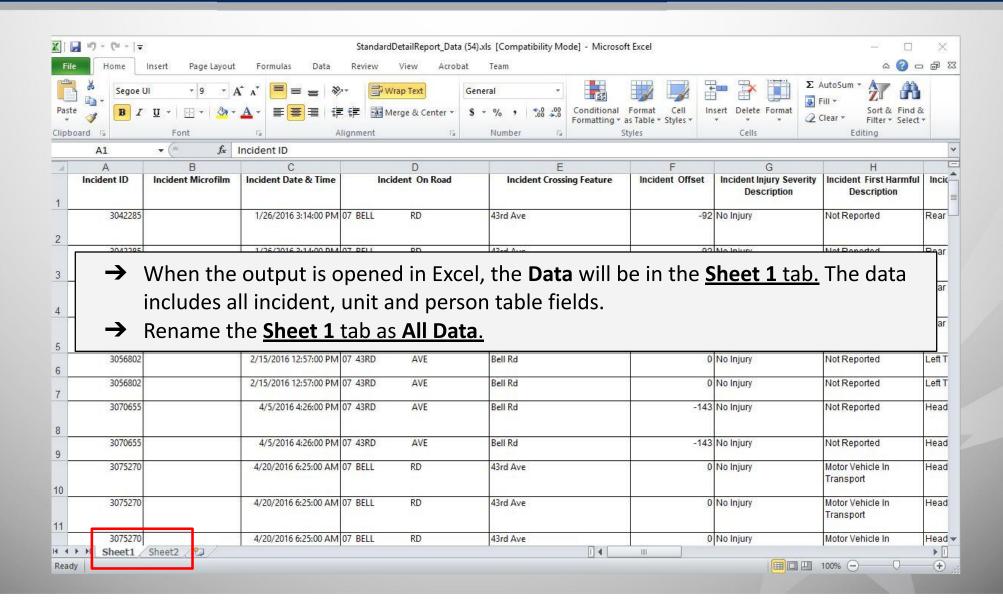




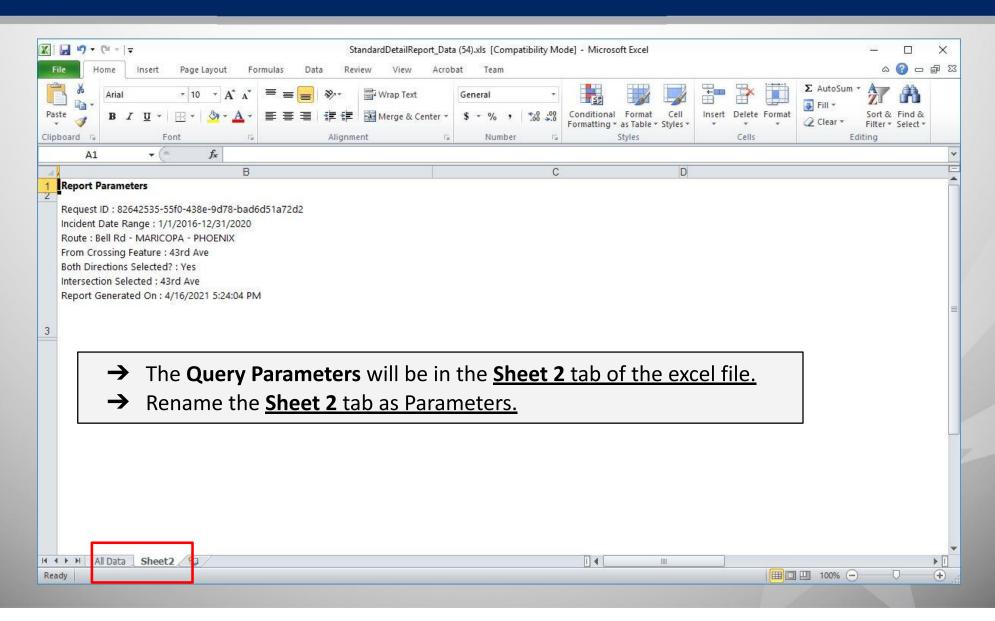
→ The standard detailed report has all the crash-related variables based on the incident id such as location, light and weather condition, direction of travel for each unit involved, violations, physical condition, safety device usage, and body style.

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Incident Date & Time	Unit Event Sequence Desc3
Incident On Road	Unit Event Sequence Desc4
Incident Crossing Feature	Person Type Desc
Incident Offset	Person Safety Device Desc
Incident Injury Severity Description	Person Violation Desc1
Incident First Harmful Description	Person Physical Desc0
Incident Collision Manner Desc	Person Physical Desc1
Incident Light Condition Desc	Person Physical Desc2
Incident Weather Desc	Person Physical Desc3
Incident Intersection Type Desc	Person Physical Desc4
Incident Junction Relation Desc	Person Physical Desc5
Incident Traffic Way Type Desc	Person Physical Desc6
Incident File Number	Person Physical Desc97
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Unit Body Style Desc	Latitude
Unit Travel Direction Desc	Longitude
Unit Action Desc	X
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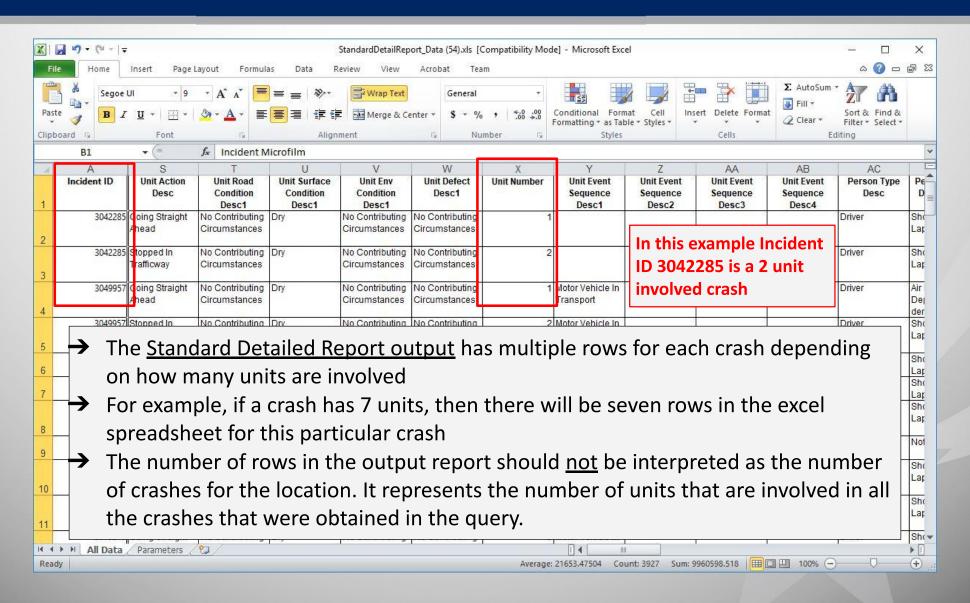






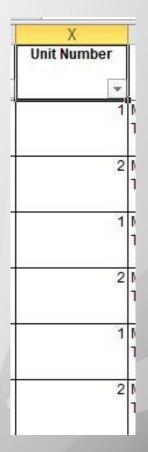




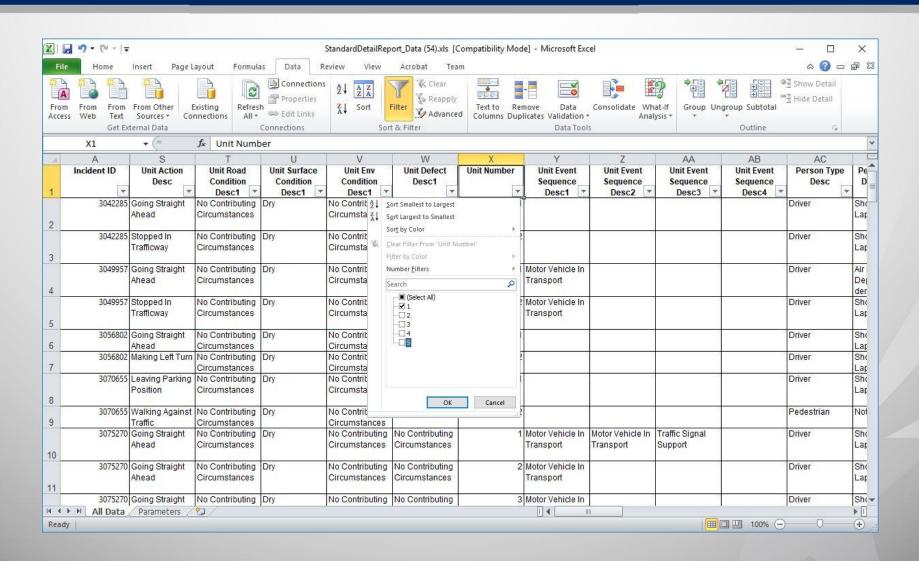




- → To obtain the number of crashes, the USER should filter on **Unit Number** for value **1** in the excel spreadsheet
- → The **Unit Number** is located in column X
- → Use the filter in excel to select Unit Number = 1 only
- → After the filter is selected, copy all data into a new tab in the excel spreadsheet and rename the tab as **Unit 1**
- → The **Unit 1** tab in the excel spreadsheet is an easy way to find the number of crashes and also filter on other incident level criteria such as severity, year, crash type, light condition, first harmful event, etc. as need to study the crash.



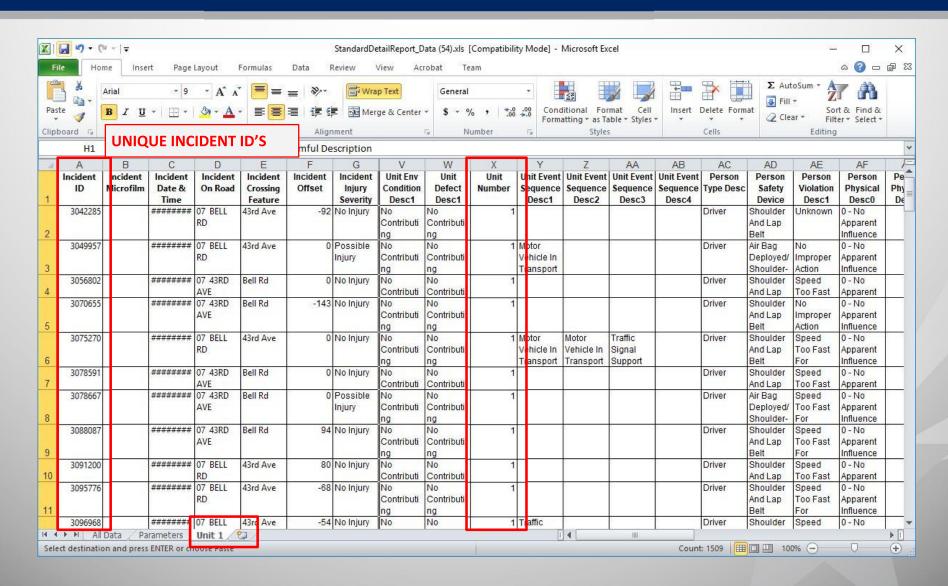




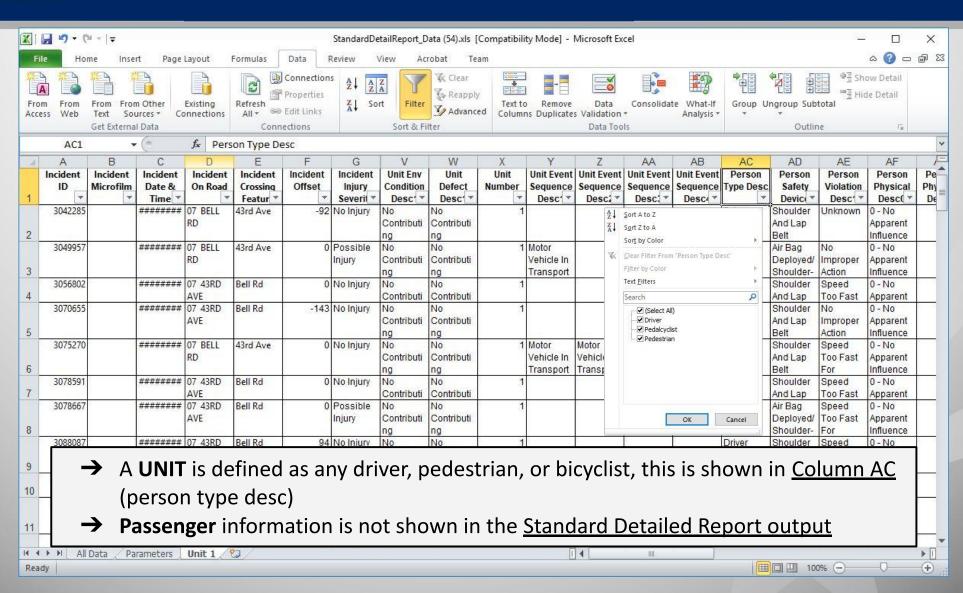


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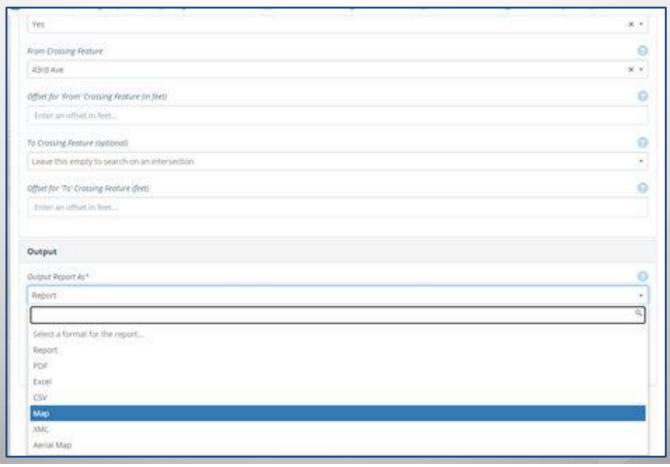
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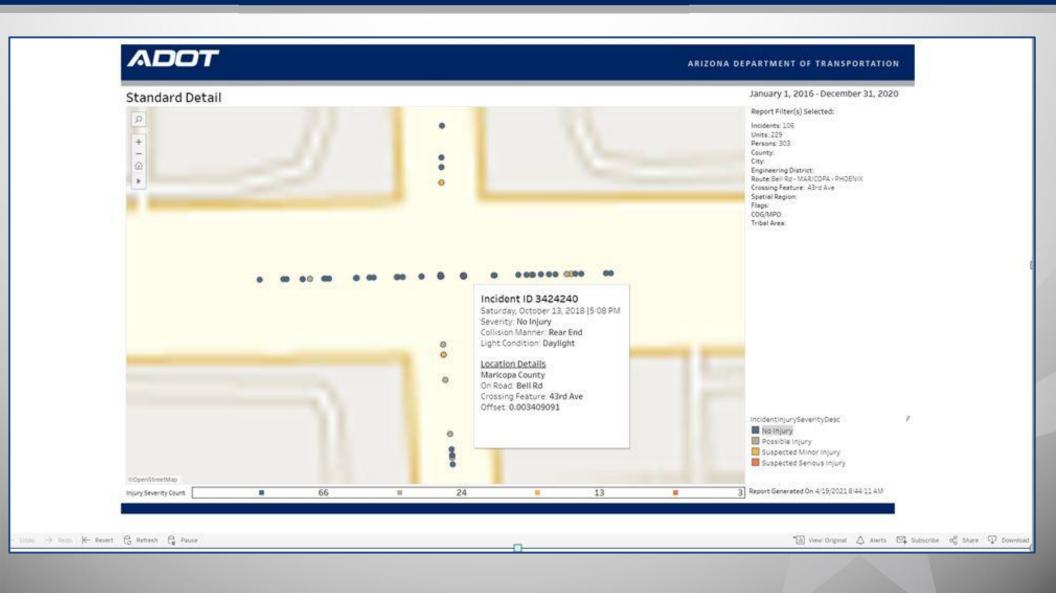


## **Generate Crash Map**

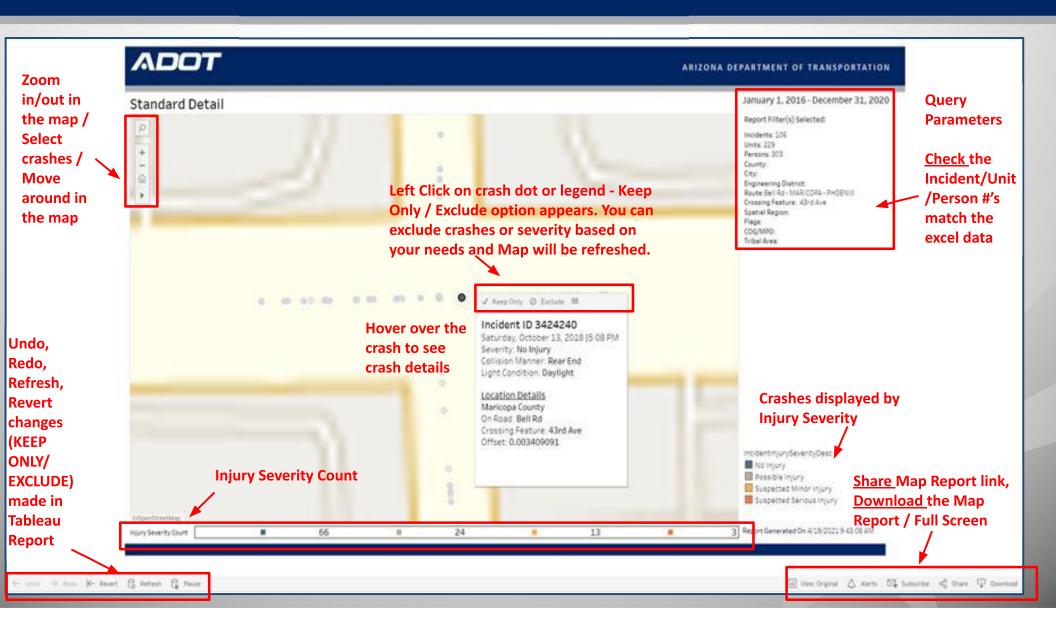
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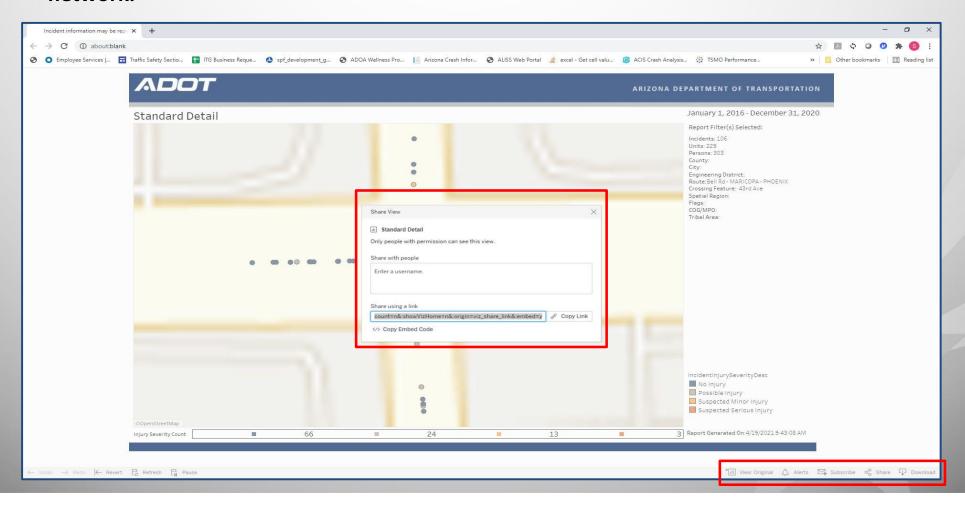






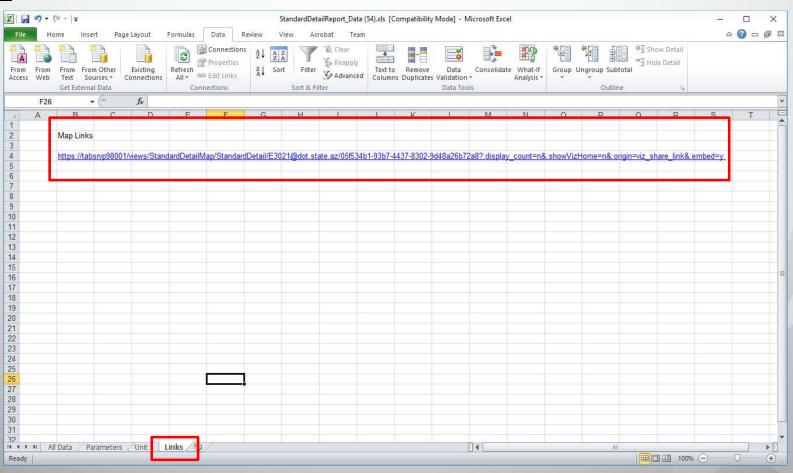


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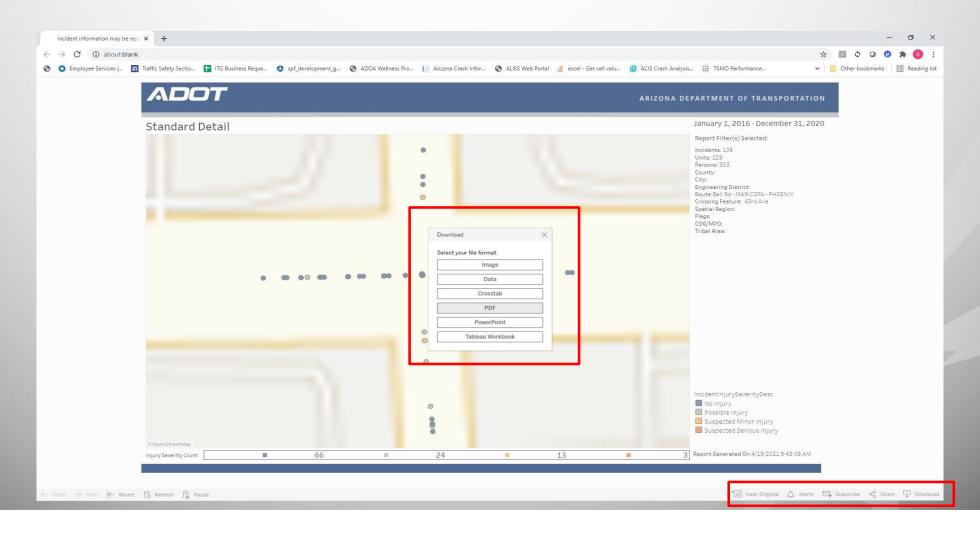


- Create a tab and name it <u>Links</u>
- → Paste the copied map link path in the excel as shown below
- → Save the excel file



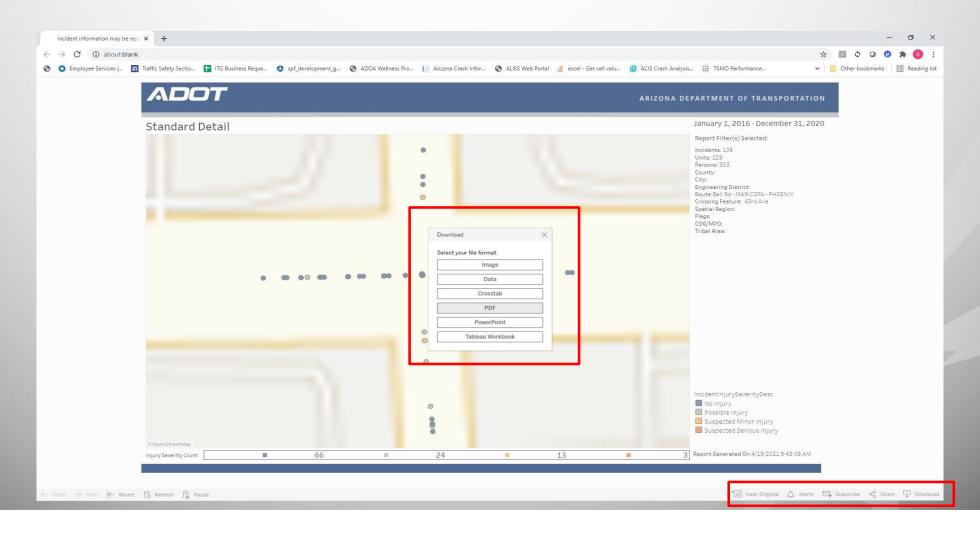


→ Click on <u>DOWNLOAD</u> button on the bottom right corner. <u>Create</u> a the map report as PDF or image per your needs. <u>Save</u> this file in the same folder where you saved your excel crash data.





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# **Generate Crash Charts** /

→ Select Site Summary Brands ACIS Report



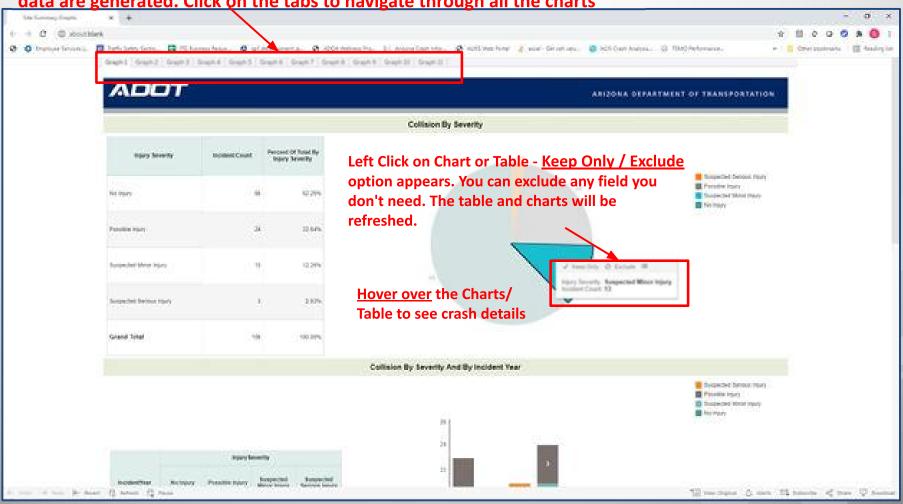


- → Enter the query parameters. The parameters should be same as the Standard Detail Report you ran for the same project site.
- → Output Report As field select the Visualization as <u>output type</u> and then clicking on the View Report button

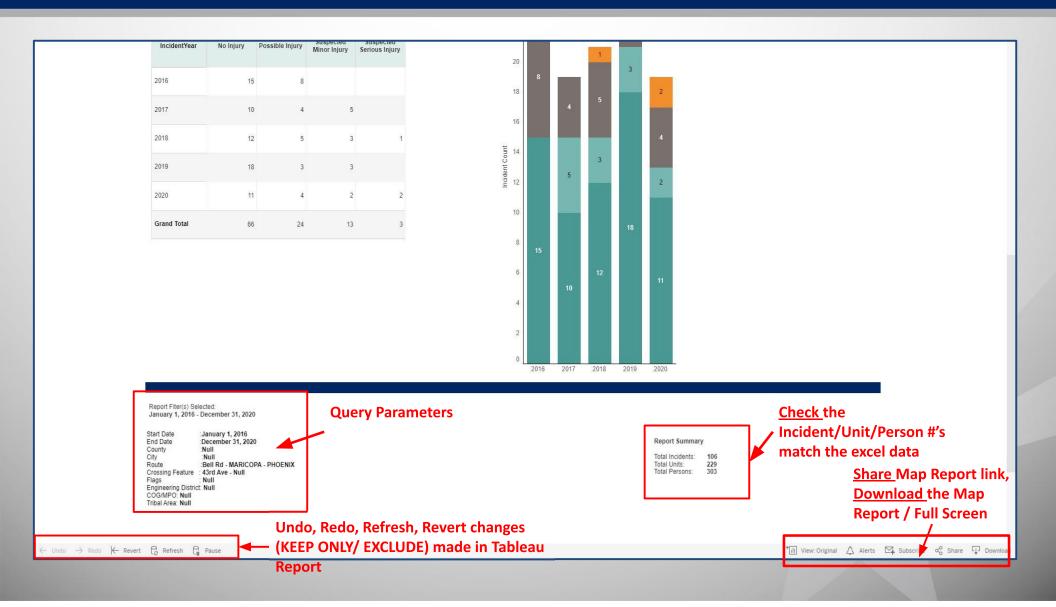
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11 Tabs of Graphs/ Charts summarizing the crashes (incident/unit/person) data are generated. Click on the tabs to navigate through all the charts

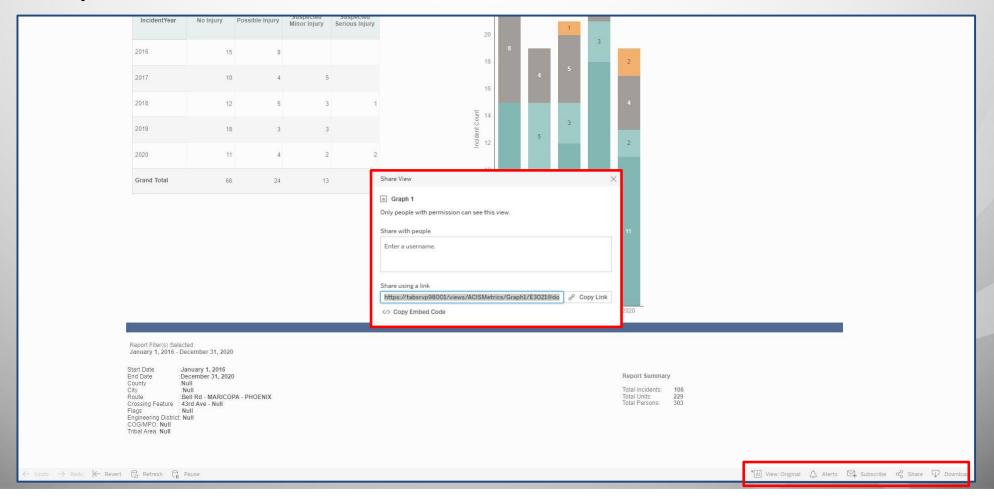






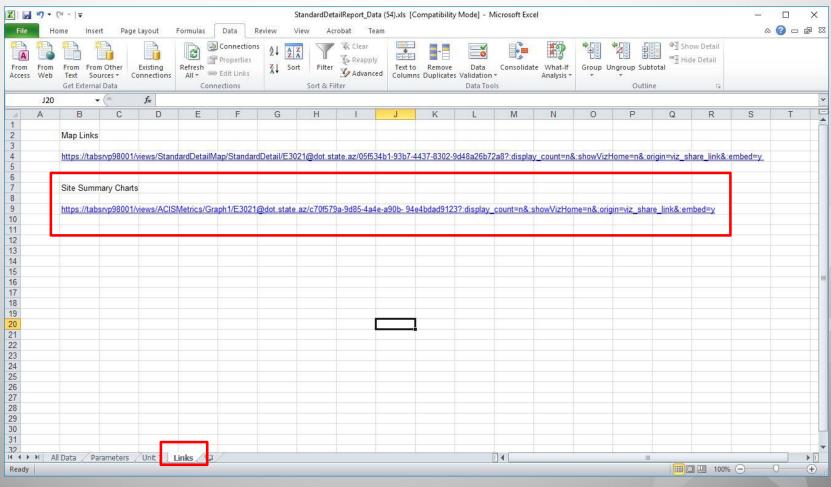


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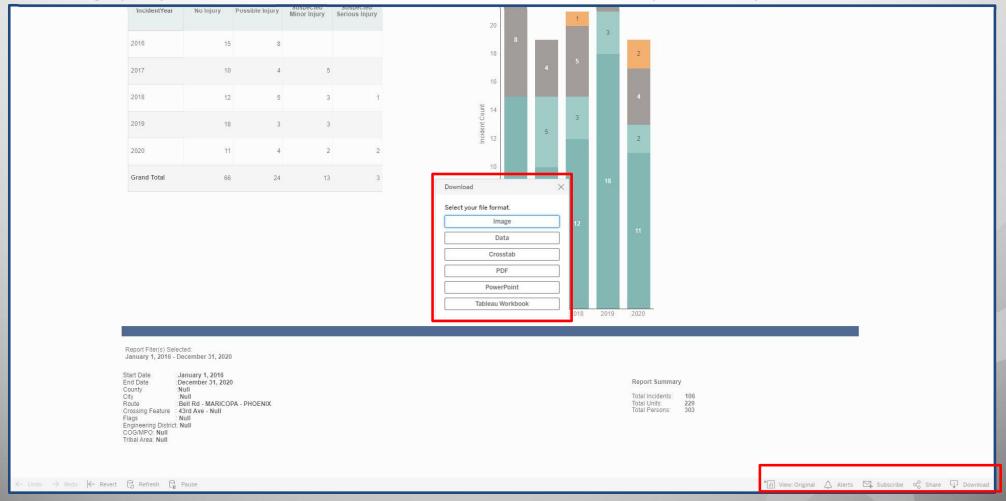


- → In the <u>Links</u> tab of the excel data file <u>PASTE</u> the copied Site Summary Graphs link path in the excel as shown below
- → Save the excel file



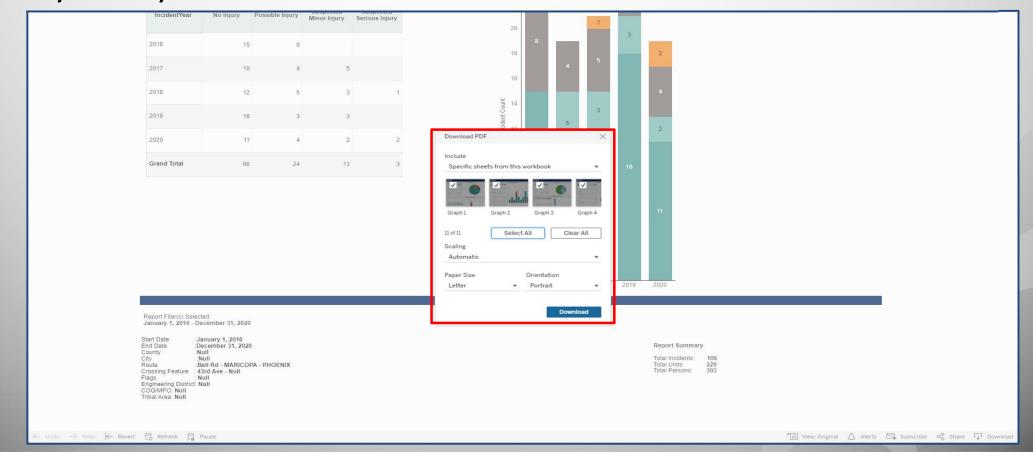


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- → Select "Specific Sheets from this workbook" option in Include field.
- → Click on <u>SELECT ALL</u>. This will select all the 11 tabs.
- <u>Create</u> a the map report as PDF or Image per your needs. <u>Save</u> this file in the same folder where you saved your excel crash data.





#### **Best Practices in Downloading, Saving Crash Data from ACIS**

- → Following the above described steps will help the user to download crash data, crash location maps, summary charts / tables needed to understand the crash location, patterns and understand the safety concerns.
- → Saving the files with Project Location name and Query date will help locate the files in future easily.
- → Renaming the excel data Tabs. Creating new tabs, naming them and adding UNIT 1 data and links to Map and Site Summary Graphs will help retrieve the same reports without re-running the queries.
- → <u>CHECK</u> the Query Parameters, Incident #, Unit # and Person # are same between Excel / Map and Site Summary Graph OUTPUTS.



#### Best Practices in Downloading, Saving Crash Data from ACIS

→ If you are querying Crash Data for a BEFORE & AFTER study. Run the BEFORE query for the project site. Create FAVORITE by clicking the Favorite button at the bottom next to View Report

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# Best Practices in Downloading, Saving Crash Data from ACIS BEFORE AND AFTER ANALYSIS

- → When you are running AFTER query, go to Favorites and select on the project site.
- → The query form will open with BEFORE saved query with all the parameters
- → Change the CRASH PERIOD field to after period dates. Rerun the Standard Detail Report and Site Summary Queries.





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- → Copy the web brower link for the BEFORE query Favorite saved.
- → <u>Paste</u> in the <u>Parameter Tab</u> of the excel data for future use. This will help reduce Query Form errors if another user is querying the after data.

