

## Designer Interface & Basis of Estimates (BOE) Basics

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**Q: Where can I find the recording, power point and questions & answers for this webinar?**

A: All webinars recorded for downloading from the ECSO website, along with any electronic copies of power points, Q&A documents, or other attachments.

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ecso/downloads/GoToMeetingTraining/PostedWebinars.shtm#loadSection>

**Q: Where can I find the Engineering / CADD Systems Office (ECSO) Training Manuals?**

A: The CADD training manuals, along with associated training data sets, can be downloaded from the ECSO website: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ecso/main/FDOTCaddTraining.shtm>

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**Q: The log in page I am getting looks different from the one shown on presentation. Am I using the wrong link? (Designer Interface)**

A: Most likely. You should be seeing that same page. Contact your project manager, Melissa Hollis or Denise Broom and we can help you get to the correct link.

**Q: Who should we contact regarding pay item issues?**

A: Contact Melissa Hollis with pay item questions.

**Q: Does all data added before June 1 supposed to be in the new updated Trnsport?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Do we need to add Phase 52-02 pay item (Lump Sum agreement) into Phase 52-01 Trnsport?**

A:

**Q: Is there an easier way to find your Project Number under the reports then having to toggle down the whole list to find it?**

A: No.

**Q: Could you please clarify: As you enter the pay item into the system, you will not get any error. You will have to wait to run the Project Edit Report and that's when you will see the errors? In the previous system, as we entered the pay items, we would get any errors immediately as processed.**

A: Yes, you will still get errors as you try to enter them. The project edit report will report errors due to changes in the pay items between the time between when you entered the items and running the report. It is a good check before running the Summary of Pay Items.

**Q: To be able to print the xml file for a project, currently our project is not in the drop down menu in the Summary of Pay Items WebGate Reporting, how can we go about printing?**

A: If your project is in the correct work phase to enter in items and quantities, and you have quantities included in the project, it should be showing up in the list. If it's not, please contact your project manager. They will know who to contact with the Web Trns\*port group to get it resolved. In this case, it was the user role set in for the reporting that was causing the problem. They were associated with only one district and this project was in a different district. It was corrected by the security team.

**Q: It seemed like we are allowed to edit the units? Is that correct?**

A: Units? Yes and no. You ARE able to modify the text in that column, however it will give you a warning at the top of the page if you try to save the change. I do NOT recommend changing the units for the pay items. If there has been a change to a unit for a given pay item, then there is a NEW pay item out there for you to be using instead.

**Q: If quantities were generated using MicroStation and Computation Manager, is there any way to transfer pay items and quantities directly to Trnsport without manually doing so?**

A: Yes. That workflow will be shown tomorrow morning during the "CADD Workflow for Quantities with Designer Interface" webinar. Go to the ECSO website to register...

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ecso/downloads/GoToMeetingTraining/ScheduledWebinars.shtm>

**Q: On Lump Sum Projects with the 999-2 Note regarding pay items being for information only, do you show pay item numbers or delete pay item column?**

A: As long as the note is included on the Summary of Pay Items sheet, then the pay items can stay for a LS job. However, make sure that it is consistent, either show them all or shown none.

**Q: The boxes appear to be in constant change....can we maintain an older version close to a submittal?**

A: Yes. Most changes are not vital/critical. However, if there is a mandatory change per a bulletin, the updated summary box template will be posted for use on the FDOT CADD Support community website. If you cannot locate, contact Denise Broom in the ECSO.

**Q: When comparing the pay item range to specific pay item, what is "Area"? Is that the same as Districts?**

A:

**Q: If an Estimates' Office requests for a designer to remove or hide an unused category or row, how should the designer handle that situation? Since, you said, "There should be no modification to the summary boxes for adding or deleting columns and/or rows?"**

A: That statement should not be taken quite so literally. If the column or row is not used, then yes, it can be removed or hidden from the summary box. However, taken in context with the direction in Chapter 8 of the Basis of Estimates, you should not be adding columns for pay items that belong in a different box or subtotal rows where the templates do not call for them to be used. Columns can be added for pay items that should go in the summary box but are not included by default. Not every pay item is included in the templates. Each summary box will need to be customized to an extent to accommodate the pay items needed on the project. But columns for extraneous information such as plan sheet numbers should NOT be added. Nor should columns for items like sod, which has its own summary box, be added to other boxes like the Summary of Side Drain and Mitered End Sections or the Summary of Ditch Pavement. If in doubt, please contact Denise Broom or Melissa Hollis. We will be happy to help and answer your questions.

**Q: For Lump Sum projects, we are required to NOT SHOW sub-totals or totals on any Summary quantity table. Can we delete the formulas for sub-totals on summary quantity spread sheets?**

A: Yes you can for Lump Sum projects.

**Q: Is there a database of summary boxes we can access outside of MicroStation? The reason we ask is because our Project Manager would like fast access to the summary boxes?**

A: No. All of the summary box templates are available through the FDOT software.

**Q: There has been an "unknown error" message when trying to add a category for a newly opened project in Trns\*port. Is that a glitch and has it been noticed?**

A: I believe they have addressed this. I will forward this on to the appropriate group.

**Q: Is there a way to have a special Bridge Acrow Detour Item separate from the Roadway Detour Items?**

A:

**Q: For a Lump Sum project, do we need the pay item number column in the summary boxes?**

A: No it is not "needed", however, it is not required to be removed either. That column may be left in the summary boxes.