



Public Transportation Advisory Committee

February 9, 2023

Meeting Begins 10:05am





MEETING AGENDA

Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 9, 2023 | 10:00 A.M. (local time)
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

1. Call to Order.
2. Guidance on virtual meeting participation.
3. Approval of minutes from September 7, 2022, meeting. (Action)
4. TxDOT Public Transportation Division Director's Report to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee regarding public transportation matters.
5. 2020 Census Impacts on State Funding Formula. (Discussion)
6. Review Potential FY 23 Committee Topics. (Discussion)
7. Public Comment – Public comment will only be accepted during the meeting. Link and details are below. The meeting transcript will be posted on the internet following the meeting.
8. Propose and discuss agenda items for next meeting; confirm date of next meeting. (Action)
9. Adjourn. (Action)



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MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Webex Meeting
September 07, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating: Six participating virtually via Webex

Committee Members Participating via Webex:

John McBeth, Chair
Jim Cline, Vice Chair
J. R. Salazar
Ken Fickes
James Oliver
Dietrich von Biedenfeld

TxDOT Participating via Webex:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Mark Sprick, Director, Administration and Program Support (PTN)
Theodore Kosub, Strategic Programs Development Manager, PTN
Adam Hammons, Communications Manager, PTN

Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Participating via Webex

Michael Walk

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to order.

John McBeth called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Guidance on virtual meeting participation

Adam Hammons briefed on virtual meeting protocols including how public comments can be submitted via Webex at 10:06 A.M.



AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from June 7, 2022 and March 8, 2022 meeting (Action).

John McBeth opened this item at 10:07 A.M.

- John McBeth requested a motion for the approval of minutes from June 7, 2022.
 - James Oliver made a motion.
 - Ken Fickes seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: TxDOT Public Transportation Division Director's report to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee regarding public transportation matters.

Eric Gleason gave his report verbally beginning at 10:09 A.M.

- Eric provided a summary of Commission action from June and July. Between the two meetings, \$146.5 million of grant funding was awarded across the state.
- Discussed working with FTA and Fort Worth to get all necessary items executed.
- Gleason explained they're working with 250 different project grant agreements to put all of this in motion for commission action for June and July.
- Gleason provided an update on emergency relief funding status saying they've spent about 92% as of August. They're looking to complete CARES program expenditures with contract completion in December.
- Gleason gave an update on the department's adopted 2024, 2025 Legislative Appropriations Request. The Commission did adopt the LAR at their August 30 meeting. Also says the additional funding of \$3 million or \$6 million to adjust for Census impact was also included as an exceptional item request. Also said the state matching fund for service expansion projects in rural areas (Rural Area Service Expansion Project) was also included.
- Gleason explained changes to txdot.gov web site.
- Gleason talked about the upcoming transit operators semi-annual business meeting.



AGENDA ITEM 5: Recommendation on Amendments to Texas Administrative Code Chapter 31 governing allocations to rural transit districts. (Action)

John McBeth introduced this item at 10:20 A.M.

- Asked for questions to wait until after Eric Gleason finishes presentation and then asked Eric Gleason to continue.
- Eric Gleason explained in July, the Commission approved a set of proposed changes to the 5311 formula that governs the allocation to rural transit districts.
- Explained they received no comments during a public comment period and there were two minor changes the Commission made as a part of the rules and concludes presentation.
- Chairman McBeth opened the floor for comments. With no comments, requested a motion for approval.
 - J.R. Salazar motioned to approve.
 - Dietrich von Biedefeld seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously at 10:24 A.M.
- Eric Gleason thanked everyone for their patience during the process.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Review Potential FY 23 Committee Topics. (Discussion)

John McBeth introduced topic and passed to Eric Gleason at 10:24 A.M.

- Eric Gleason explained they identified three topics for the committee over the next fiscal year.
- Introduced new panel member James Oliver and apologized for not introducing earlier.
- Discussed state funding and how they were waiting on US Census announcements for designations which were scheduled for December, 2022.
- Explained which areas could increase in population size, moving into a larger area designation and how this impacts funding.
- Discussed Legislative Appropriations Request and upcoming funding changes and asked for future direction from the committee.
- Updated committee on expansion of intercity bus program and how they're tracking how they're doing.
- Gleason concluded and gave the meeting back to the chair at 10:37 A.M.

James Oliver asked how quickly will funding become available to agencies affected by census impact.

- Eric Gleason explained the first fiscal year impacted by census will be FY24 federal fund and they'll have to see how that plays out a little closer to that time.
- Also explained they have some flexibility and healthy balances going into the new fiscal year.

Jim Cline mentioned the committee should consider impact to service levels and how to soften the blow and maintain service levels.



John McBeth responded by saying they're looking at state funding in the budget that is typically used for the 5304 program. Said they will present to the committee how they can do that in the future.

Jim Cline requested PTAC monitors how agencies are recovering from COVID.

- Eric Gleason asked what he would like to see with that.
- Jim Cline responded saying monitoring ridership and service levels.
- Eric Gleason said they will provide a report to the committee on that.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment – Public comment will only be accepted during the meeting. Link and details are below. The meeting transcript will be posted on the internet following the meeting.

John McBeth introduced this item at 10:46 A.M asking if there are any public comments.

Adam Hammons responded saying there are no comments online.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Propose and discuss agenda items for next meeting; confirm date of next meeting. (Action).

John McBeth introduced item at 10:47 A.M.

Eric Gleason said they are waiting for TTI and the Census release for urbanized area determinations. Said until they get that, the date of the next meeting is going to have to be undetermined. Gleason continued, saying it might be the first part of February and that committee members should keep their schedules open for that timeframe. He also said they may meet every other month after that.



AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjourn. (Action)

MOTION James Oliver moved to adjourn.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:49 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Adam Hammons
Public Transportation Division

John McBeth, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee



Director's Report



October
2022

Final Rule Adopted for Section 5311 Allocation Formula

January
2022

\$10.3 million Section 5311 Funding

June 2023

**FY 23 Federal Rural Area Formula Funds
FY 24 State Funds**

July 2023

**5310 Projects with First Year Amounts
Proposed Rule Changes: State Formula Allocations**

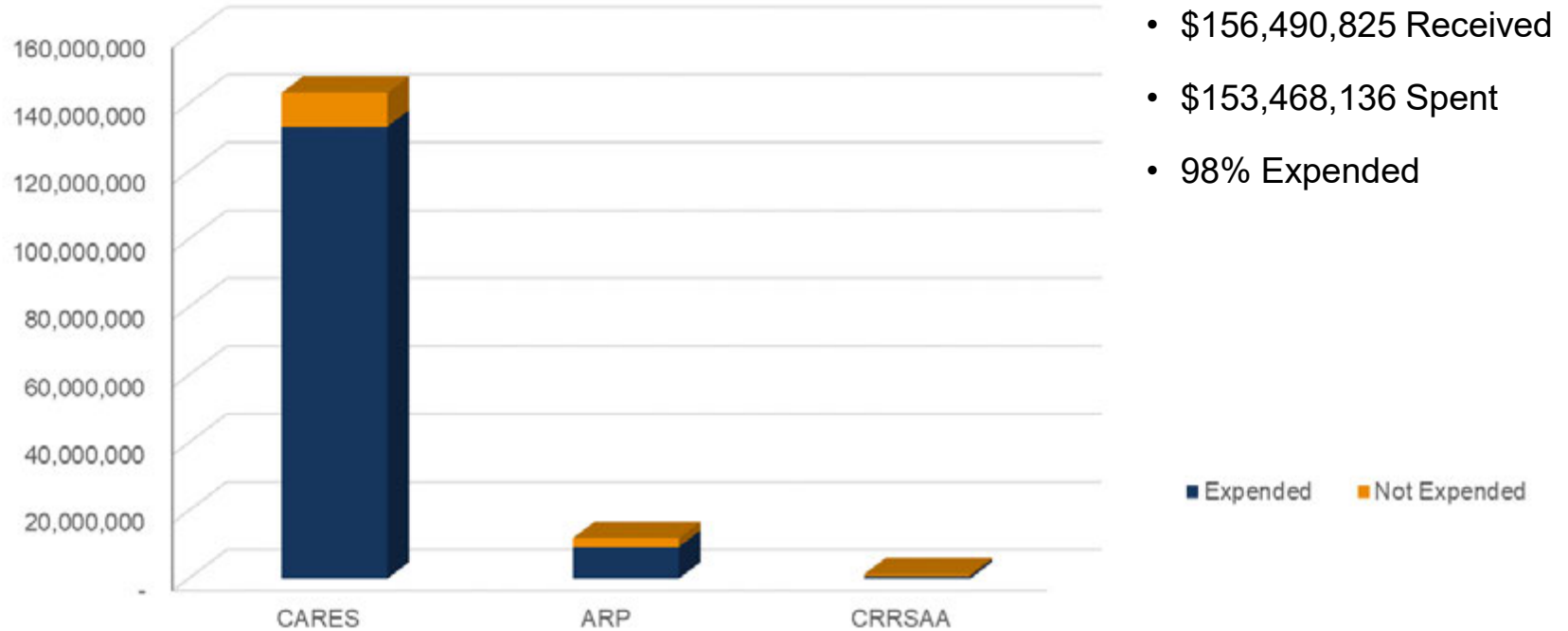


- 2020 Census Impacts: Sustain State Transit Program Per Capita Funding Levels
 - \$3.77 million per year, \$7.54 million over the biennium
 - Exceptional Item funding request

- State Funding for Rural Area Service Expansion Projects
 - \$6 million per year, \$12 million over the biennium
 - Included in Department's Baseline Budget



Emergency Relief Funding

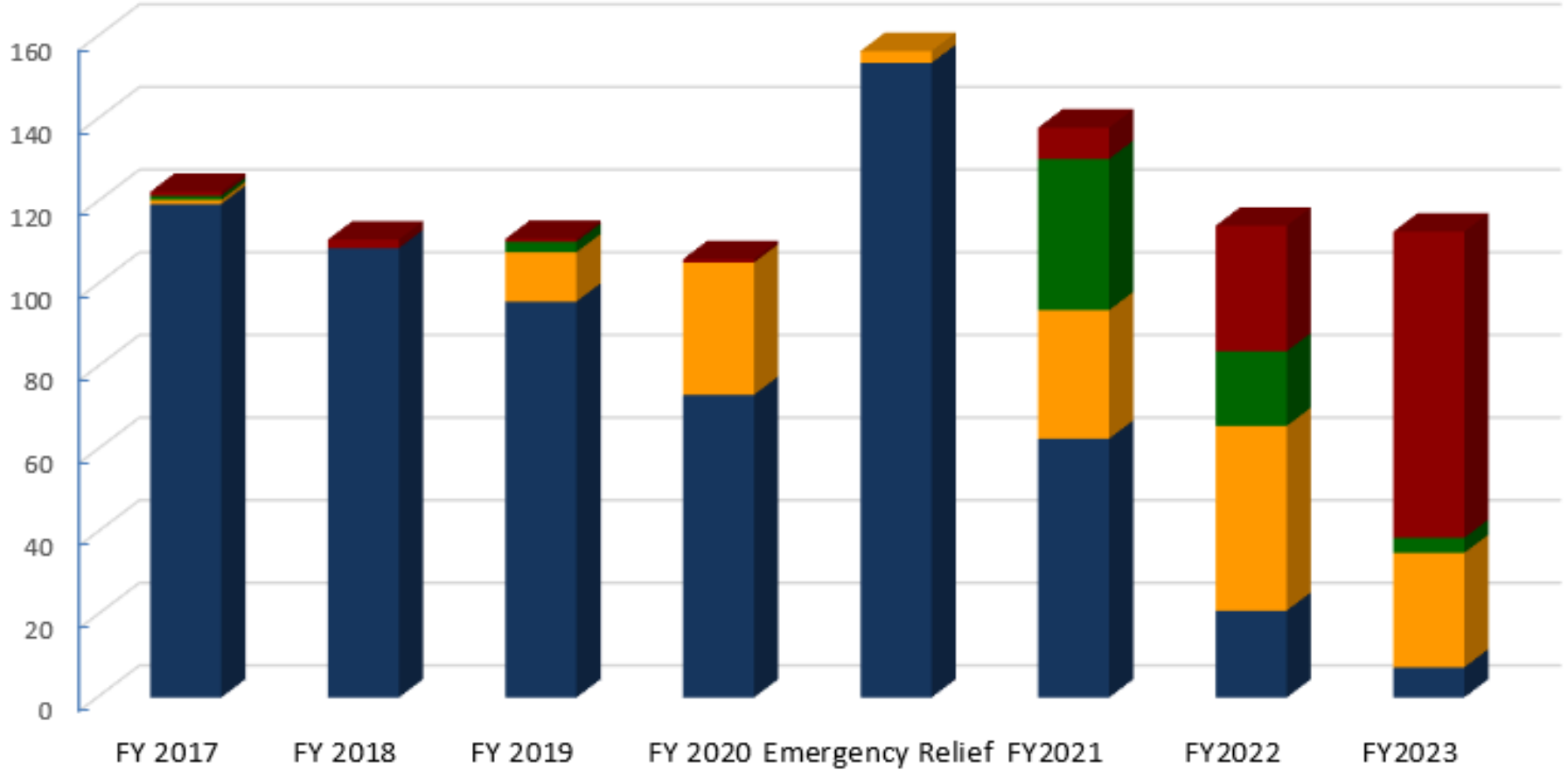


	Expended	Not Expended	Totals
CARES	141,220,169	1,980,303	143,200,472
ARP	11,119,684	810,029	11,929,713
CRRSAA	1,128,383	232,276	1,360,560



Transit Grant Funds - Active/Planned Projects (Million \$)

- Programmed - Contracted (Expended)
- Programmed - Contracted (Not Expended)
- Programmed - Not Contracted
- Unprogrammed



Director's Report – Federal Discretionary Grant \$ Status



Fiscal Year	Program	Award	State Funds	Flex Funds	TDCs ¹	Project Total
2018	5339 B&BF	\$7,000,000		\$4,774,300	5,225,700	\$11,774,300
2019	5339 B&BF	\$13,815,200	\$768,800	\$10,000,000	4,148,000	\$24,584,000
2020	5339 B&BF	\$10,210,000			2,042,000	\$10,210,000
2021	5339 B&BF	\$22,850,000	\$4,450,000	\$10,000,000		\$37,300,000
Total		\$53,875,200	\$5,218,800	\$24,774,300	11,415,700	\$83,868,300

1 - Transit Development Credits do not contribute to the total project budget.

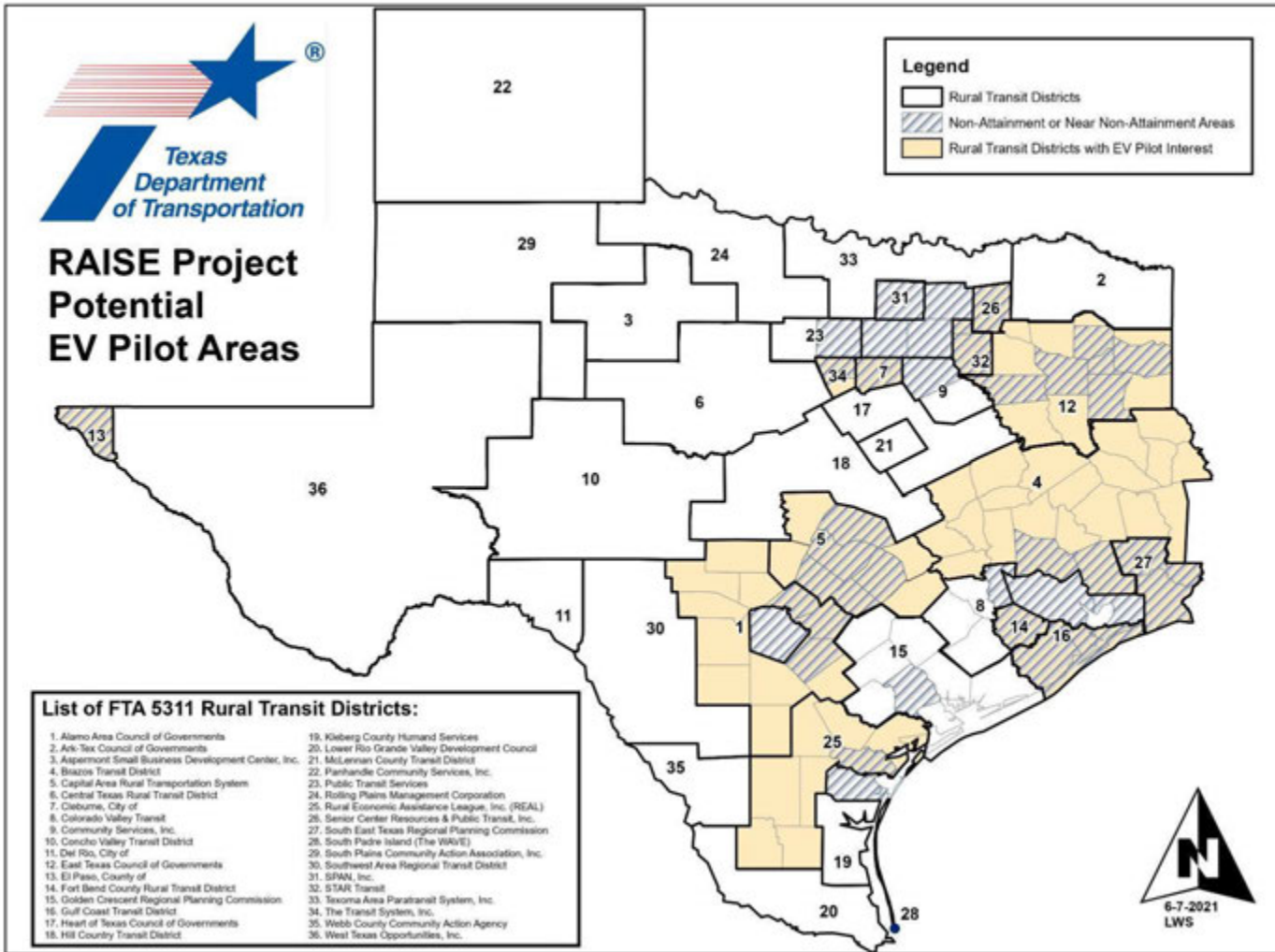


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Fiscal Year	Delivered	On Order	Not Ordered	Total
2018 ✓	233	0	0	233
2019	169	49	0	218
2020	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2021	0	0	100	100
Totals	402	49	100	551

Facilities

Fiscal Year	Development	Construction
2018	n/a	n/a
2019	4 (1)	1 ✓
2020	0	2
2021	0	4
Totals	4	7



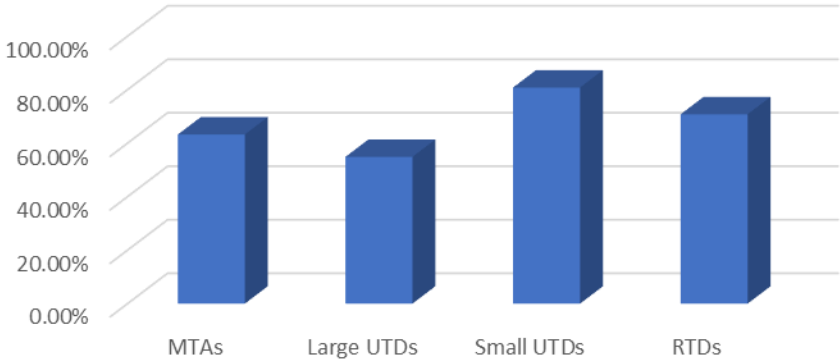
- PTN recently selected Hatch as the consultant for the EV Pilot Program



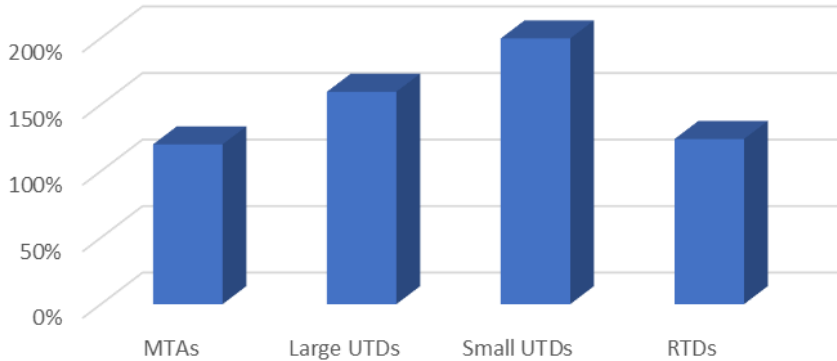
Program	Funds
State Funds	\$ 36,965,909
Federal Funds	See Below
5303	\$ 13,122,262
5304	\$ 2,628,893
5307	\$ 57,715,169
5310	\$ 11,697,965
5311	\$ 61,565,116
5339 Rural	\$ 4,000,000
5339 Small Urban	\$ 4,182,716
5329	\$ 2,723,928
Total (State and Federal Funds)	\$ 194,601,958



Ridership Recovery FY 2022 vs. FY 2019

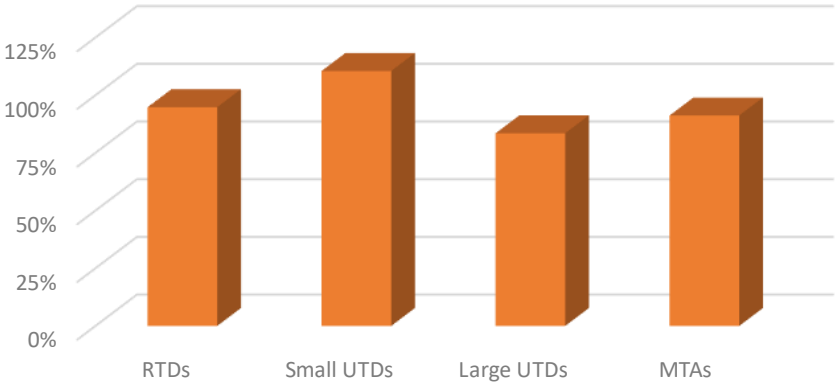


Ridership Recovery FY 2022 vs. FY 2021

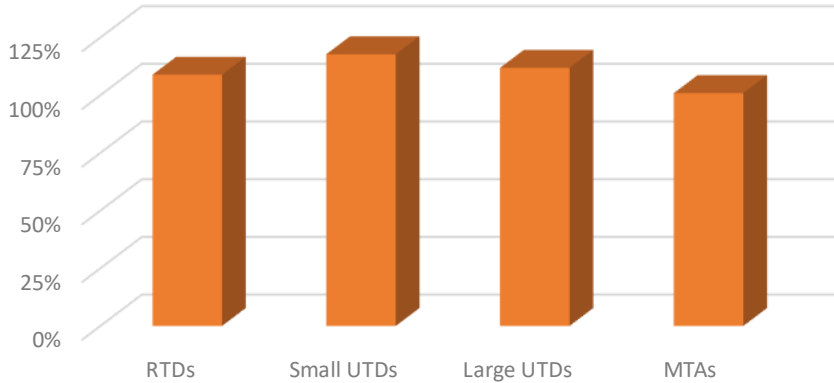




Percentage of Vehicle Revenue Miles Recovered FY 2022 vs. FY 2019

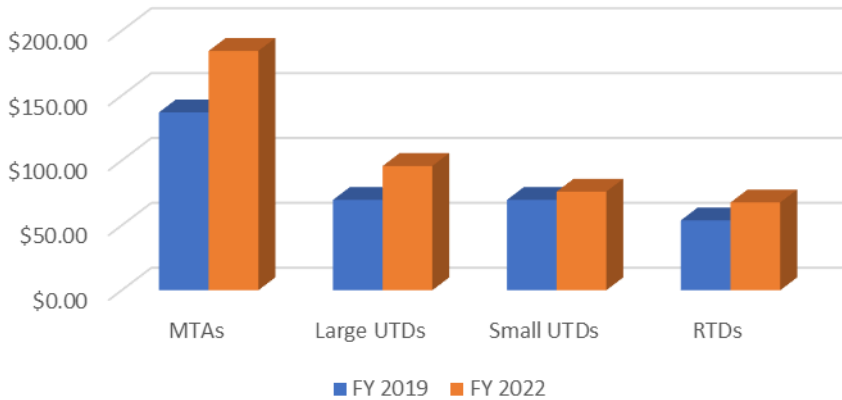


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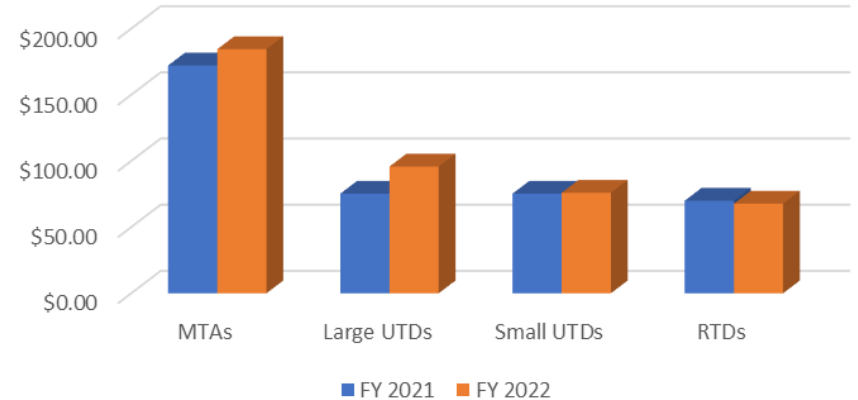




Operating Expense Per Total Vehicle Hours
FY 2019 vs. FY 2022



Operating Expense Per Total Vehicle Hours
FY 2021 vs. FY 2022



Operating Expense Per Total Vehicle Hours

Transit Agency Type	FY 2022 as % of FY 2019
MTAs	135%
Large UTDs	138%
Small UTDs	109%
RTDs	126%

Operating Expense Per Total Vehicle Hours

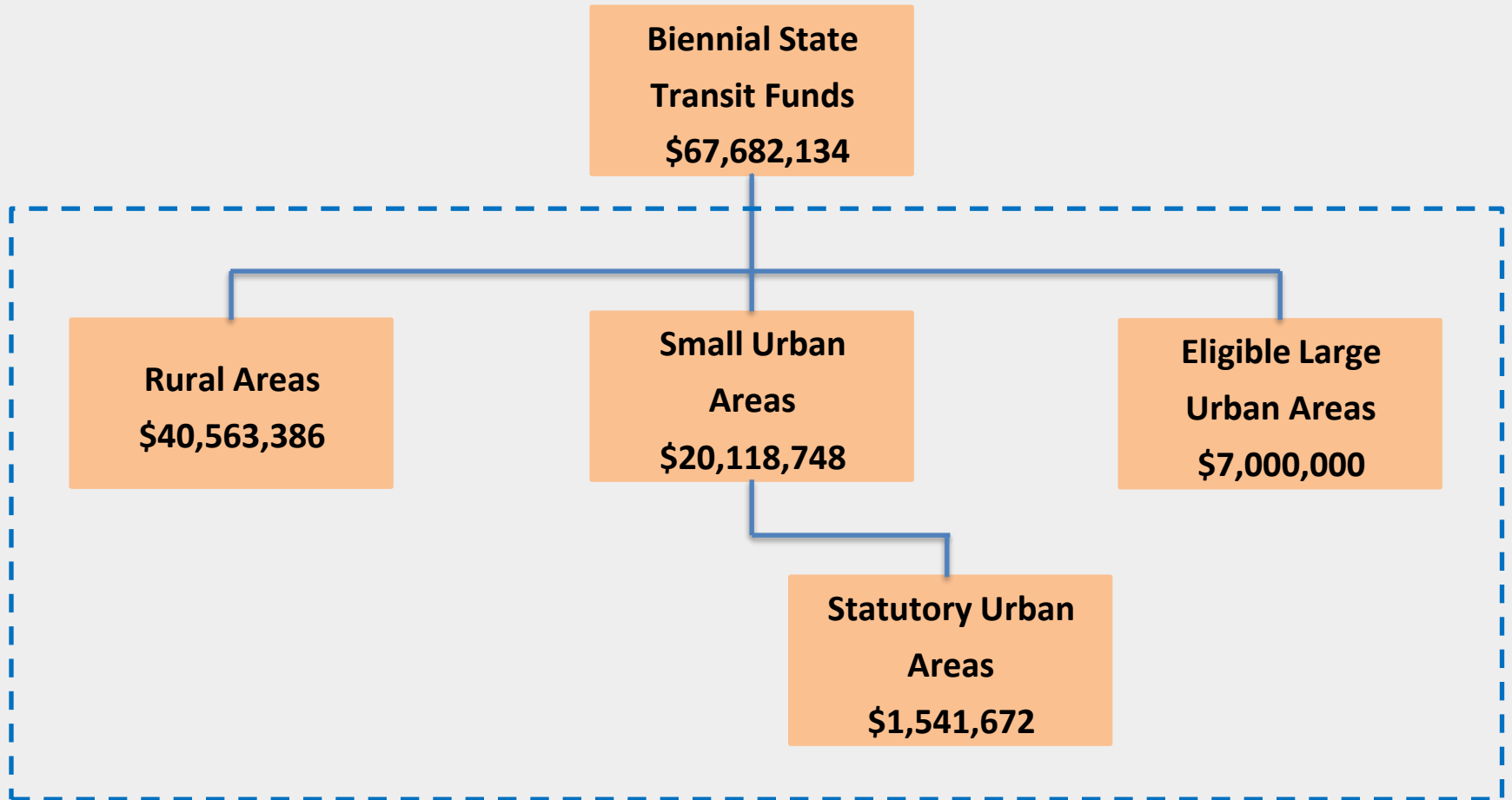
Transit Agency Type	FY 2022 as % of FY 2021
MTAs	107%
Large UTDs	127%
Small UTDs	101%
RTDs	97%



- Intercity Bus Program – Prior Year Balance and FY 23 Apportionment
- Statewide Multi-modal Transit Plan (2050)
- Transportation Alternatives Program – Preliminary Project Applications
- Service Expansion Program – Post Session Start-up



2020 Census Impacts on State Funding Formula



2020 Census Impacts – UZA Determinations



- Significant changes in UZA designations



Rural Area		Small Urban		Large Urban
Eagle Pass	➔	Eagle Pass		
		New Braunfels	←	New Braunfels* (San Antonio)
Galveston	➔	Galveston/Texas City		
		Amarillo	➔	Amarillo
		McKinney	➔	McKinney/Frisco** (DFW UZA)
		Bryan/College St.	➔	Bryan/College St.

* New Braunfels previously part of San Antonio UZA.

**Frisco previously part of Dallas UZA.

State Funding Allocations – Per Capita State Investment



Census Year	Value	Rural	Small Urban	Large Urban	Program Total
2010 Current	Population	5,846,594	2,470,196	1,877,064	10,206,854
	Funding	\$21,431,693	\$9,288,538	\$3,500,000	\$34,220,231
	Average Per Capita	\$3.67	\$3.75	\$1.86	\$3.35

Census Year	Value	Rural	Small Urban	Large Urban	Program Total
2020¹ Do Nothing	Population	6,540,935	2,199,241	3,096,215	11,836,391
	Funding	\$21,431,693	\$9,288,538	\$3,500,000	\$34,220,231
	Average Per Capita	\$3.28	\$4.22	\$1.13	\$2.89
	Change in Per Capita Investment	-11%	13%	-39%	-14%

Combined Urban Per Capita is \$2.94 in 2010, falling to \$2.42 in 2020.

1 – Based on TTI's preliminary 2020 Census analysis; final figures subject to revision.



Review Potential FY 23 Committee Topics



- Census 2020 Impacts & State Formula Rules
- ICB Update/Tracking Current Service Performance
- Service Expansion Program
- Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan: *Connecting Texas 2050*
- Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan



Public Comment



Agenda Items and Date Confirmation for Next Meeting



- Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan: *Connecting Texas 2050*
- State Funding Allocations (Per Capita State Investment) – Alternate Scenarios
- Preliminary ICB Data
- Others?



Adjourn



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End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.