

# McKinney Urban Transit District

## **Low Income Eligibility**

February 5, 2020

# Background Information

- The Low-Income Transit Subsidy Pilot Program occurred from April 2, 2018 to March 31, 2019 and allowed income-qualified residents to participate in Collin County Transit
- On January, 16, 2019, the Board approved implementing Low-Income as a permanent qualifying criteria alongside Elderly and Disabled after the end of the pilot program
- FTA Section 5307 will reimburse low-income expenses if it meets the low-income definition of 150% of poverty guidelines
- Currently, Collin County Transit's income ranges are approximately 160% of the U.S. Poverty Guidelines. **Low-income expenses are not currently reimbursable by the Federal grant. As a result, these expenses are billed only to the state grant. This not only directly depletes the State grant but leaves less State funds available to be used as Federal match.**

# Item Summary

- On November 13, 2019, the Board asked staff find out how many people that are currently on the program, under current guidelines, would be affected if maximum income was lowered to 150% of poverty.

None of the current participants in the low income program would be affected with this change

- The Board also asked staff to find out how many people, applying for the low income program, had been denied due to too much income.

Zero

# Low-Income Eligibility

Current income ranges:

Family Size	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,659	\$19,908
2	\$2,233	\$26,796
3	\$2,808	\$33,696
4	\$3,383	\$40,596
5	\$3,958	\$47,496
6	\$4,533	\$54,396
7	\$5,108	\$61,296

Household #	Poverty Guidelines by DHHS	150% (reimbursable by FTA)	160%	180%	200%	220%	250%
1	\$12,490	\$18,735	\$19,984	\$22,482	\$24,980	\$27,478	\$31,225
2	\$16,910	\$25,365	\$27,056	\$30,438	\$33,820	\$37,202	\$42,275
3	\$21,330	\$31,995	\$34,128	\$38,394	\$42,660	\$46,926	\$53,325
4	\$25,750	\$38,625	\$41,200	\$46,350	\$51,500	\$56,650	\$64,375
5	\$30,170	\$45,255	\$48,272	\$54,306	\$60,340	\$66,374	\$75,425
6	\$34,590	\$51,885	\$55,344	\$62,262	\$69,180	\$76,098	\$86,475
7	\$39,010	\$58,515	\$62,416	\$70,218	\$78,020	\$85,822	\$97,525



Eligible for federal reimbursement

Not eligible for federal reimbursement



# MUTD Available Funds

- Amount in budget for FY20 \$752,284
- Operating (420,000) (incl current low-income trips)
- Admin (120,000)
- \$212,284
- FY20 \$4,032 = monthly average spent on low-income trips
- 22% average monthly growth of new LI riders over the past six months
- With 10% monthly increase in riders = \$60,228 additional on LI trips FY20

# Questions?

