

# McKinney Urban Transit District

## **Low Income Eligibility**

November 13, 2019

# Background Information

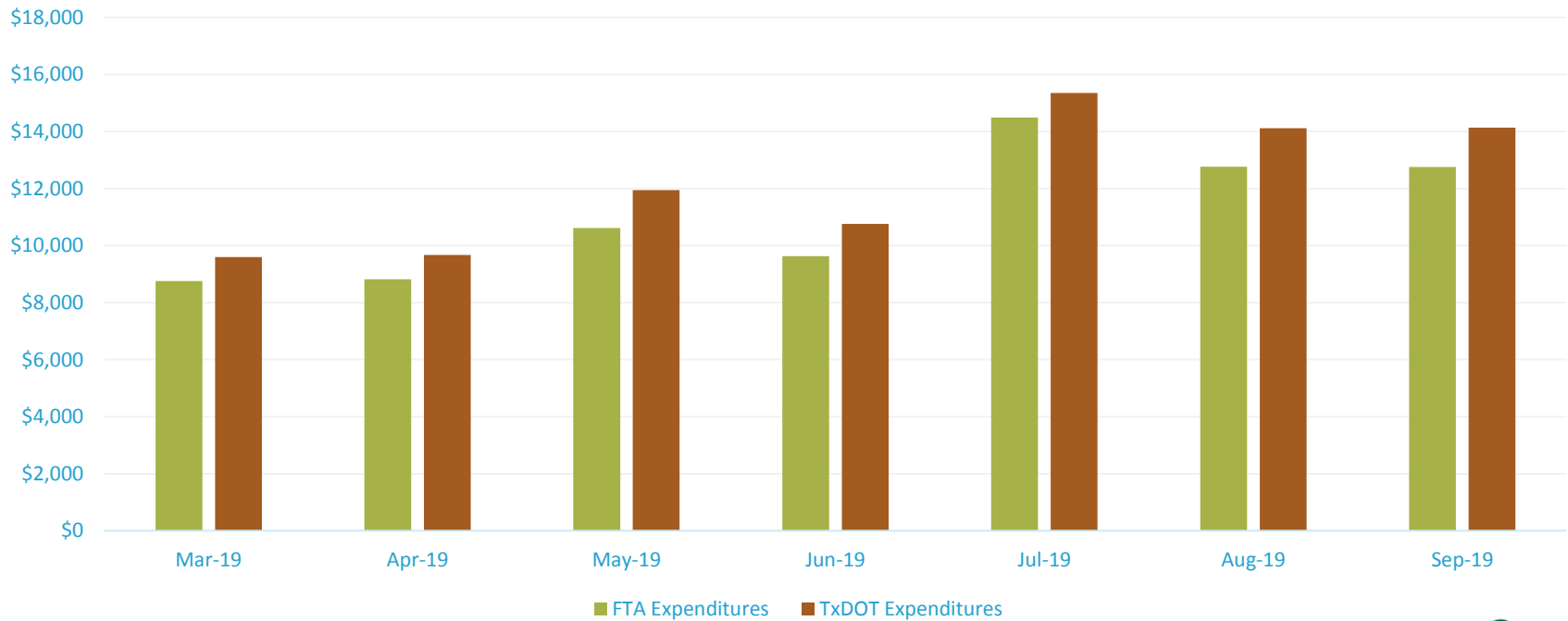
- The Low-Income Transit Subsidy Pilot Program occurred from April 2, 2018 to March 31, 2019 and allowed income-qualified residents to participate in Collin County Transit
- On January, 16, 2019, the Board approved implementing Low-Income as a permanent qualifying criteria alongside Elderly and Disabled after the end of the pilot program
- FTA Section 5307 will reimburse low-income expenses if it meets the low-income definition
- FTA defines “low-income” as persons at or below 150% of the U.S. Poverty Guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (5307 Circular 9030.1E)
- Currently, Collin County Transit’s income ranges are approximately 160% of the U.S. Poverty Guidelines
  - This means all low-income expenses are not reimbursable by the federal grant. As a result, these expenses are billed only to the state grant

# Item Summary

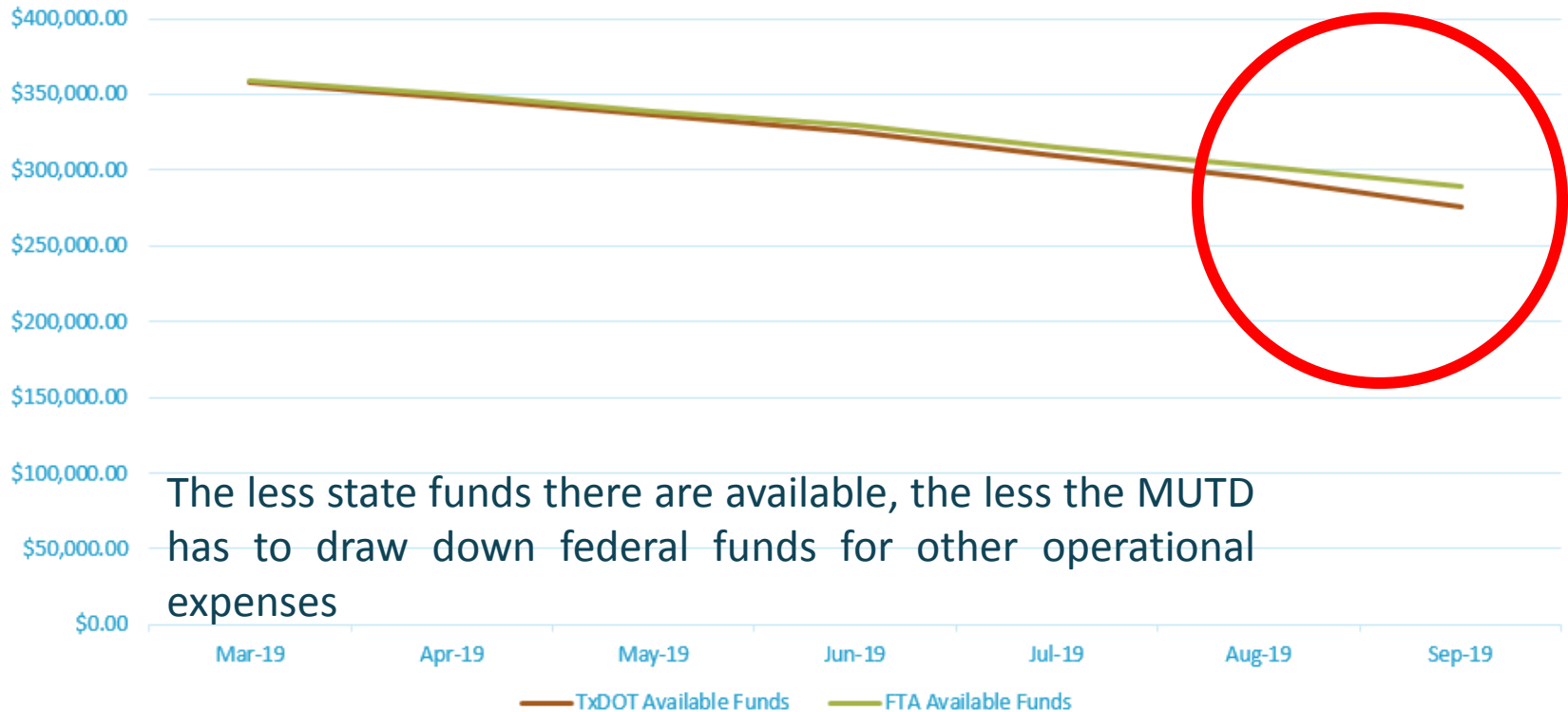
- On August 14, 2019, the Board asked staff evaluate the possibility of increasing the income ranges for individuals applying as low-income
- Staff is seeking Board approval on whether or not to change Collin County Transit's income qualification policy

# Low Income Expenses

Collin County Transit Operating Expenses



# MUTD Available Funds



The less state funds there are available, the less the MUTD has to draw down federal funds for other operational expenses

# 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



# Things to Consider

- 54 qualified low-income participants; 26 riders
  - 44 McKinney
  - 6 Princeton
  - 4 Prosper
- 940 trips taken
- Average cost per trip: \$12.29
- Average miles per trip: 4.86
- Average monthly growth for new riders over the past six months: 22%

# Questions?

