

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Transportation

HB Section(s): 4.490

Program Name: Formula Transit Grants for Rural Areas - Section 5311

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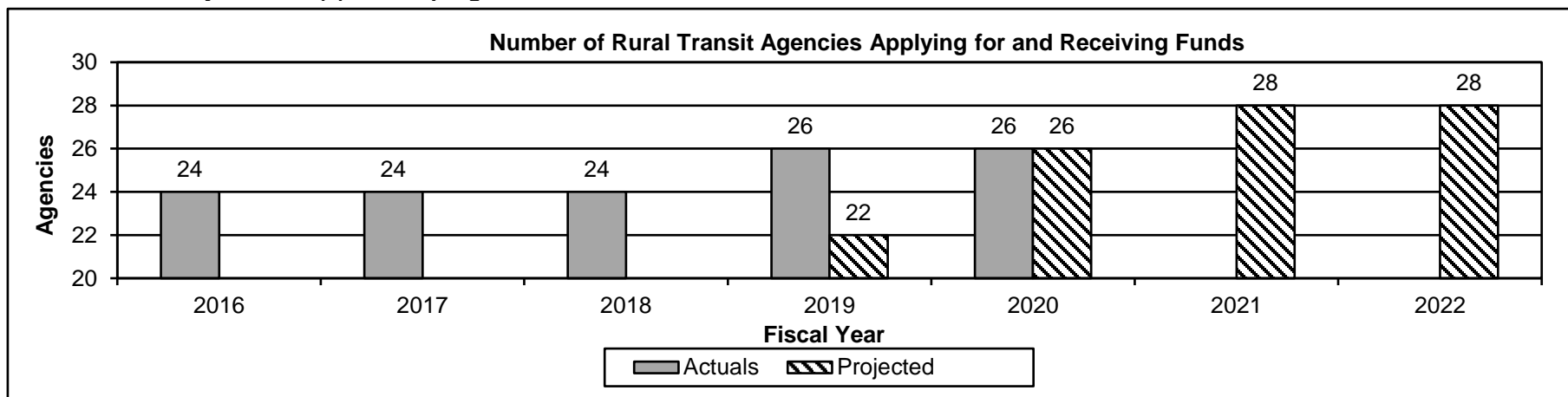
1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Service - providing outstanding customer service, delivering efficient and innovative transportation projects and operating a reliable transportation system

1b. What does this program do?

These federal funds are distributed through an application process and provide planning, capital and operating assistance for access to medical care, social services and employment. Rural public transit providers and intercity bus carriers apply to MoDOT's Transit Section for these Section 5311 grants to carry out rural public transit related service, planning and capital projects. This program is used to maintain minimum levels of access to public transportation in non-urbanized areas and support rural municipal transit systems, including intercity bus services. The Federal Transit Administration provides grants to states on a formula basis for nonurban transit in the Section 5311 program. Funding is based on yearly applications submitted to MoDOT. Requests for operating assistance are given priority over capital project requests. Once operating assistance is awarded, capital requests are reviewed for award, if funding is available. Operating assistance awards are based upon the applicant budget for the coming year compared to previous years expenditures.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



The fiscal year 2019 projection did not include intercity bus carriers as a result of not anticipating requests for funding under this program by those agencies. The fiscal year 2021 and 2022 projections were based upon the current participation of rural transit agencies in 2020 plus two passenger ferry services that are eligible for funding starting in 2021.

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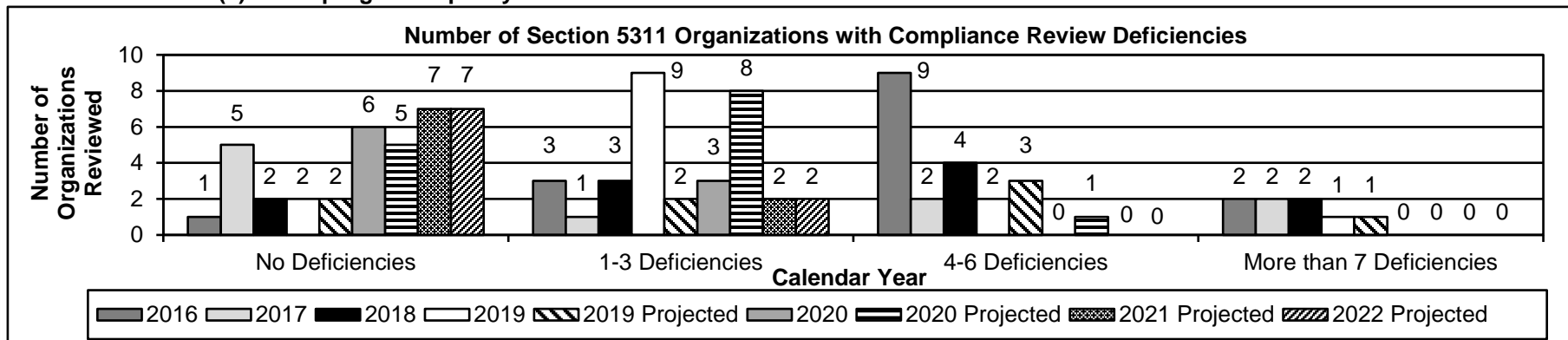
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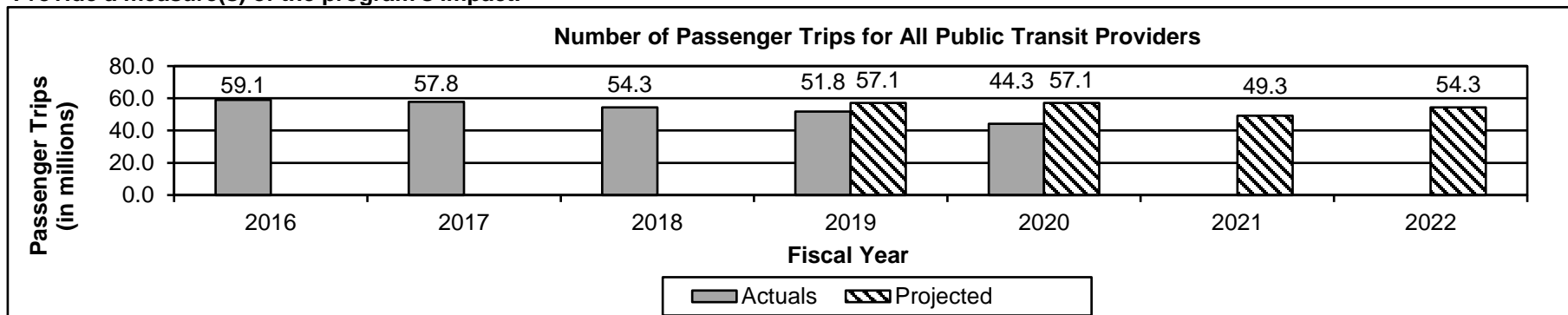
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



A deficiency is a violation of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or state requirement, which requires corrective action by a pre-determined date in order to maintain eligibility for transit funding programs. The 2021 and 2022 projections are based off an approximate 10 percent reduction from the prior year of deficiencies in any category greater than no deficiencies.

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



This graph includes transit passenger trips from all transit programs and not just this program. Passenger trips are counted based upon the number of stops. For example: if a person rides a bus to the doctor's office, the grocery store and home, the number of trips would be three. In 2019, Amtrak ridership declined significantly due to flooding, and in 2020, ridership declined due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 and 2022 projections are based on ridership returning to the number of passenger trips in 2018.

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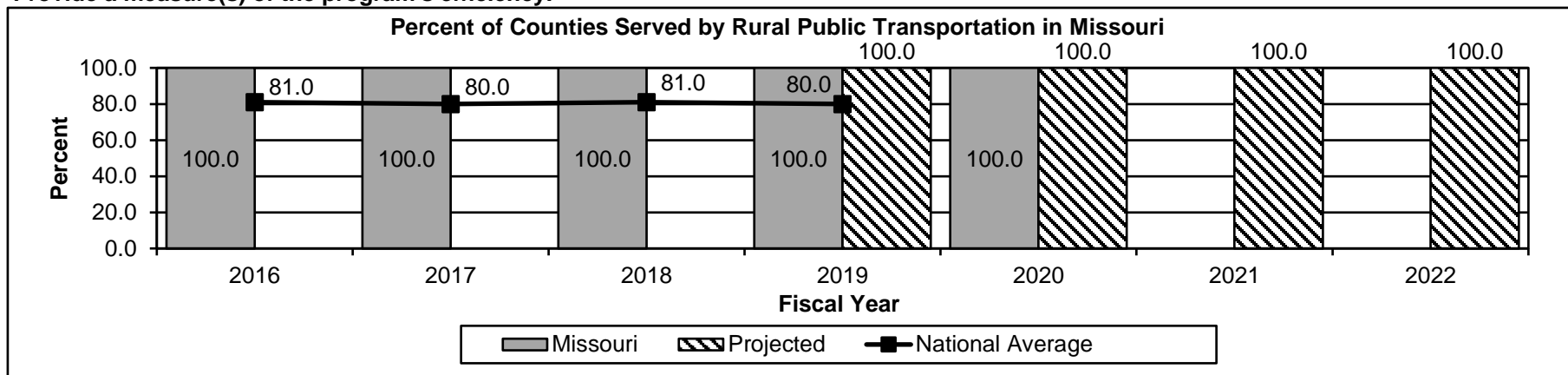
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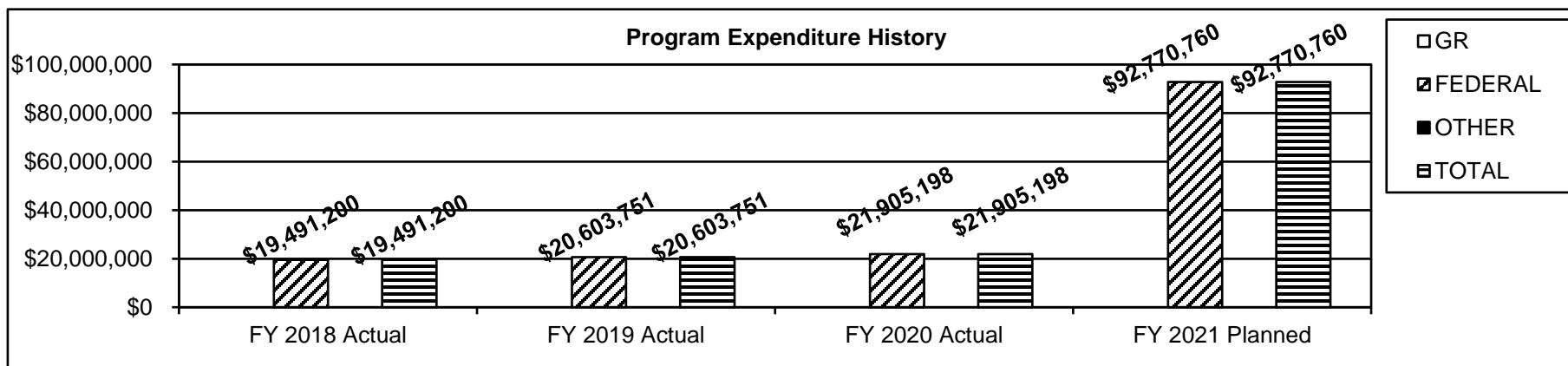
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



This graph includes the counties served by rural public transportation providers that participate in all federal and state transit programs administered by MoDOT. Rural public transportation providers are classified as serving a population of less than 50,000. The 2020 national average data was not available at the time of publication and will be released in late fall of 2021.

3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Title XII of Division B of the CARES Act, administered through Title 49 USC 5311-5 and Title 49 USC 5311 and 33.546, RSMo.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Yes. Transit operating assistance requires a minimum 50 percent match of the individual program's net deficit (projected costs less projected fares). Transit capital assistance requires 20 - 50 percent matching funds. The CARES Act funding does not require any matching funds.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No