



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of February 22, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-P

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**SUBJECT:**

Potential 2020 Census Impacts for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Programs

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hosted a webinar about information from the 2020 Census on February 9, 2023. Current and future FTA grant recipients were encouraged to attend and learn more about how the 2020 Census might impact them and what resources FTA is making available to assist recipients. MCTC member agencies were provided with the FTA announcement for the workshop.

Last December, the Census Bureau announced final urban area designations based on the 2020 Census. FTA program eligibility and funding distribution is determined in part by service provision and demographics in both urban and non-urban areas. The 2020 Census delineations will impact FTA formula apportionments beginning in FY 2024. Eligibility and requirements associated with Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) published in FY 2023 will be determined using 2010 Census designations.

FTA has posted resources on its Census landing page, including:

- [2020 Census Changes UZA/Population](#) – Table showing the changes between the Census urban area data from 2010-2020 for Urbanized Areas (UZAs) designated under 49 U.S.C. 5302. The files include notes on population threshold changes, new UZAs, UZA name changes, and the Urban Area Census Code (UACE) for each area.
- [FTA Census Map](#) – ArcGIS map tool utilizing new Census data and various other sources, including the National Transit Map and National Transit Database, available for public use and analysis.

Additional information regarding how the 2020 Census may impact MCTC and its local agencies will be provided as it becomes available.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.