



Michigan Department of Transportation

Office of Passenger Transportation

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Primary Functions

Office of Passenger Transportation

- **For Public Transportation/Shared Mobility (local transit, specialized service, marine passenger, intercity bus, rideshare, vanpool):**
 - ✓ **Receive and distribute state and federal funds**
 - ✓ **Oversee subrecipient expenditure of funds and ensure compliance with state and federal requirements**
 - ✓ **Be responsive to federal mandates and guidance on the delivery and performance of federal transit programs**
 - ✓ **Partner with providers and stakeholders to advance equitable and accessible mobility options for Michigan's citizens**
 - ✓ **Advance innovation and new technology for improved service and efficiency**
- **For Private Bus Carriers**
 - ✓ **Administer Public Act 432, Motor Bus Transportation Act**
 - ✓ **Conduct vehicle safety inspections**
 - ✓ **Provide assistance to carriers to promote a culture of safety**





State Programs

Local Bus Operating

Transit Capital

Marine Passenger

Intercity Bus

Specialized Service/Transportation to Work

Rideshare/Vanpool

Service Initiatives

Federal Programs

Section 5303 - Metropolitan Planning Program

Section 5304 - State Planning and Research Program

Section 5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program

Section 5309 - Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Program

Section 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

Section 5311 - Rural Area Formula Program

Section 5311(f) - Intercity Bus Program

Section 5337 - State of Good Repair Program

Section 5339 - Bus and Bus Facilities Program

Discretionary Grant Programs/Flexible Funding (IIJA/IRA/etc.)

Ferry Boat Formula Program (FHWA)

Current Special Projects

Mobility Challenges

RUC Research

SMART Grant

Automated Bus Consortium

MaaS Platform

Economic Benefit Analysis Tool

New Transit Management System

Funding Needs/Pain Points

- Local Bus Operating Assistance Reimbursement Rates
- Procurement Complexity
- Transit Vehicle Prices and Availability
- Increased Number of Federal Program/Administrative Burden



Questions?

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Office of Rail

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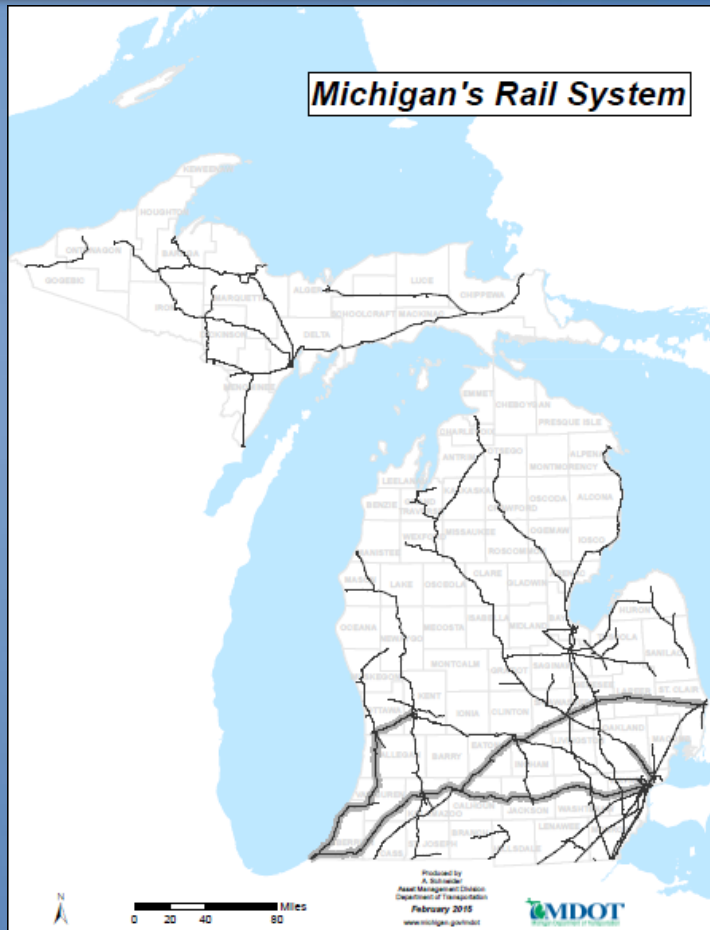
Office of Rail Focus

Move more freight and
passengers by rail

Office of Rail Functions

- Intercity Passenger Service (Amtrak)
- Freight Rail Development
- Manage State-Owned Rail Assets
- Public Railroad Crossings
- Railroad Worker Safety
- Fixed Rail Safety Oversight
- Manage Federal Grant Portfolio

Michigan's Rail System



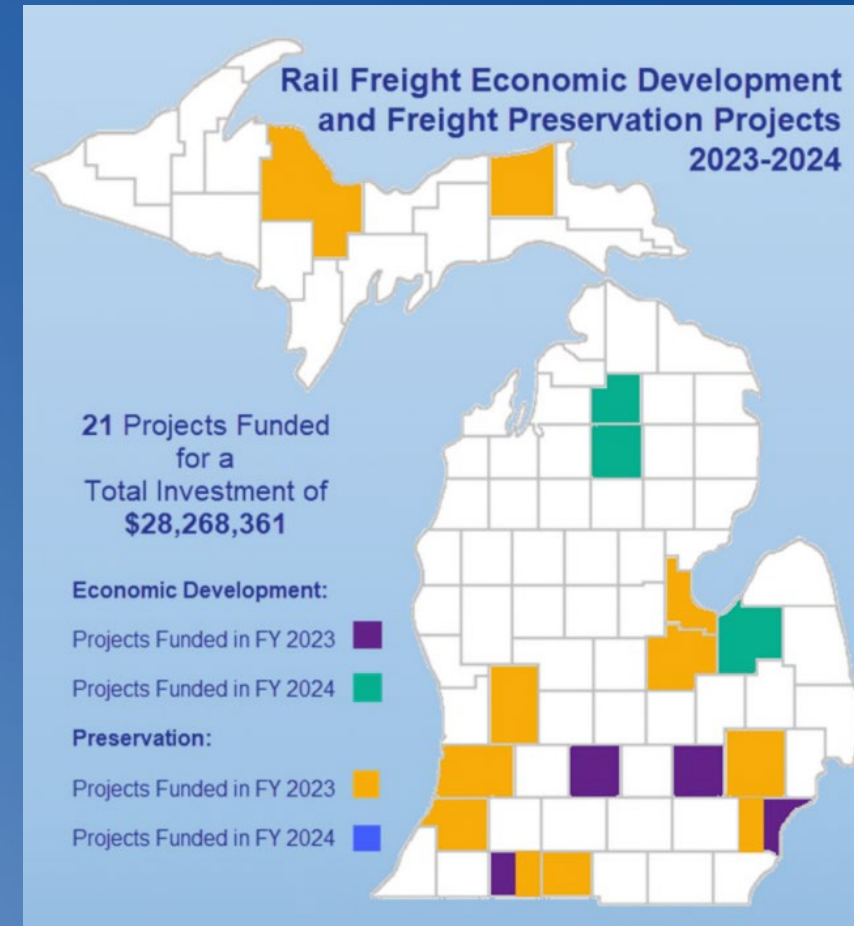
- 3,600 miles of rail corridor
- 29 railroads
- 665 miles of state-owned corridor
- 3 intercity passenger-rail routes
- 3 international border crossings

Rail Crossing Programs

- Rail Crossing Safety Enhancements
- Rail Crossing Surface Projects
- Rail Crossing Eliminations
- Grade Separation Projects

Freight Economic Development

- Freight Economic Development Program
 - Grants to increase access to rail system
- Michigan Rail Enhancement Program
 - Grants to increase safety, capacity, efficiency and development of rail system



Freight Rail Development

- 2021 CRISI Grant
 - Bridge and track upgrades to state-owned lines
- 2022 CRISI Grant
 - Replace Manistee River Bridge
- Future Opportunities
 - Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal
 - Future Bridge Replacements

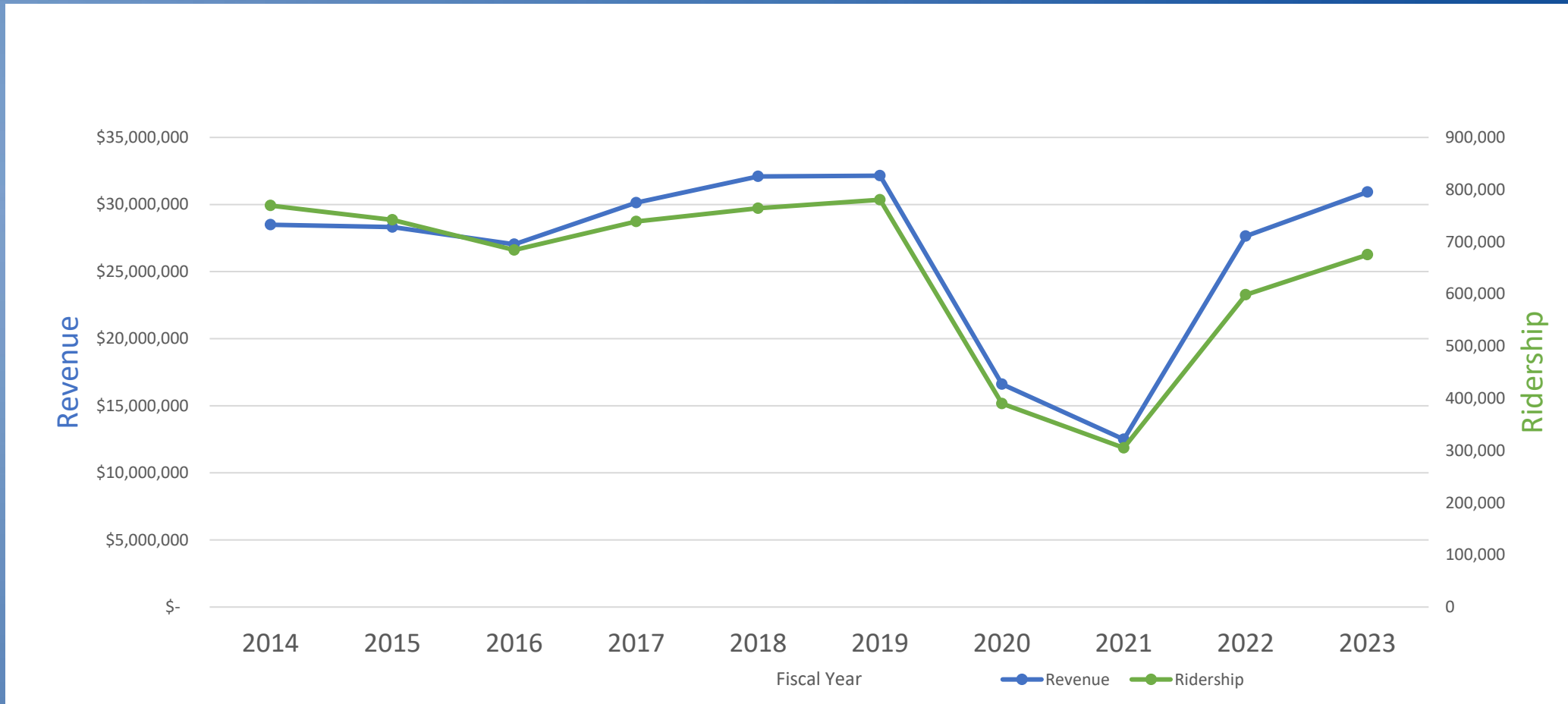


Amtrak State Supported Services



- 3 Routes
- 5 Round-Trip Frequencies
- 22 Station Communities
- Amtrak State-Supported Service

Michigan Ridership and Revenue



New Equipment



Passenger Rail Development

- Six Active Federal Rail Administration (FRA) Grants
 - Bridge and track improvements, track equipment resiliency, curve modifications, safety enhancements
- Corridor Identification Program
 - All three existing routes selected for program
- Future Opportunities
 - Intra-state routes, station upgrades, bridge replacements, track improvements, international service between Detroit/Windsor

Regulatory Authority

- Regulatory Authority for all Public Crossings
 - 4,400 public crossing
- Maintenance Deficiencies & Regulatory Orders
- Railroad Worker Safety
- Safety Oversight of Fixed-Guideway Systems
 - Detroit People Mover
 - Q-Line

Future Challenges

- No Federal Formula Funding for Rail
- Inefficient Resource Utilization due to Competitive Grants
- Additional Frequencies/Routes will Need Funding/Equipment
- Cost Escalation for Construction Projects and Rail Operations
- Capacity Constraints on Passenger Rail Routes

Thank You

Questions

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