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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Oklahoma Department of Transportation – Transit Division

Fiscal Year 2019

ENGAGEMENT BACKGROUND & SCOPE

This audit was requested by the Secretary of Transportation and Executive Director of ODOT, and the objectives were developed with two goals:

- 1. Identify any areas of potential administrative flexibility not already being utilized in the State's rules and regulations for the federal Non-Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program.
- 2. Identify best practices and recommendations based on similar federal grant passthrough programs.

Objective 1 examined rules and regulations specifically in place during fiscal year 2019.

On July 1, 2019, ODOT began implementing the requirements of HB 1365, which made it responsible for developing the Office of Mobility and Transit, greatly expanding its responsibilities. The broader scope of this developing Office was considered throughout our research for Objective 2.

WHAT WE FOUND

- The State Management Plan reflects the minimum requirements outlined in the Federal Regulations. We found no areas of administrative flexibility between the State Management Plan and the Federal Regulations.
- As ODOT strives to continue improving its subrecipient interactions, enhanced communication would be an excellent step. This report outlines best practices to assist with subrecipient communication and cooperation, keeping in mind the agency's growing responsibilities related to the Office of Mobility and Transportation.

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