2026 Legislative Session

An opportunity to communicate CTR's value to decision makers

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CTR funding context

- In the 2025 legislative session, the House Transportation Committee proposed removing \$6M from the CTR program.
- Current Transportation Budget contains language expressing intent to reduce CTR funding in the 2027-2029 Transportation Budget.
- The CTR Tax Credit was not renewed. It's unclear if there's interest to renew it next session.

Legislative education makes a difference

The Committee and Board have regularly engaged with the legislature to communicate CTR's value

- Education days (in-person meetings with multiple legislators in Olympia)
- Partners, Board and Committee members provided testimony at Joint Transportation Committee hearings
- Transportation Committee Chairs attended Board meetings

Fact: CTR funding was stable and/or increased. No proposed program reductions.

Shift in past two years

• Committee, Board and partners paused communicating to the legislature on CTR's value.

 Legislative engagement shifted to CTR Tax Credit, equity focused TDM programs, and TDM World Cup initiative.

Fact: When tough budget decisions were required, proposed cuts were made to a program whose constituency was not felt.

Looking forward / next steps

Convene a legislative engagement working group comprised of Board and Committee members.

Proposed working group goals: Maintain consistent and strategic legislative engagement aimed at communicating CTR's value to communities across Washington.