

September 6, 2022

Mr. Keenan Konopaski, Legislative Auditor
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
1300 Quince ST SE
Olympia, WA 98504-0910

Dear Mr. Konopaski:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Audit of the Tax Preference Review of the *Commute Trip Reduction Tax Credit*. We reviewed the report and provide our formal response below.

As the state-wide administrator for the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program, WSDOT agrees with the Legislative Auditor's Recommendation to continue the credit. WSDOT also agrees that the credit should be reviewed to determine if modifications could be made to further reduce single-occupant travel. WSDOT shares the Legislative Auditor's concern that the decrease in the number of employers, smaller employers in particular, is an issue that should be considered.

WSDOT will convene the CTR Board and other stakeholders to review the tax credit to identify ways to enhance the effectiveness of the program. Based on this work, WSDOT will develop recommendations to improve the tax credit and will provide these to JLARC prior to the 2024 legislative session.

We thank JLARC staff and appreciate their effort in conducting this audit.

Sincerely,



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