



ACT Takes TDM Priorities to Capitol Hill



This month, ACT's Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Emma Wasserman, traveled to Washington, DC, to continue advancing ACT's priorities for the next surface transportation reauthorization.

She advocated for the [Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act](#), which would codify TDM and establish set-aside funding for TDM programs in communities of all sizes. Meetings were held with several offices, including Sen. Alsobrooks (D-MD), Sen. Gallego (D-AZ), and Sen. Sanders (I-VT).

ACT also met with staff for Congresswoman Gillen (D-NY) to discuss her new bill, the [Lowering Commuting Costs Act of 2026](#), which would create a federal income tax deduction for personal commuting expenses. ACT emphasized that the deduction should apply to a range of transportation modes, including vanpool, carpool, micromobility, and other TDM strategies. ACT will continue to follow the legislation and update members as it moves through Congress.

ACT Joins Congresswoman Pressley and Charles River TMA to Highlight Fare-Free Transit



Earlier this week, ACT joined the Charles River TMA and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley for an event in support of the Congresswoman's [Freedom to Move Act](#) (H.R. 4719). Held in Cambridge, MA, the event highlighted the effectiveness of fare-free transit and gave the Congresswoman the chance to ride the [EZ Ride](#) shuttle bus. Local government officials and advocacy groups attended alongside her, and she spoke with EZ Ride commuters about how the fare-free program has improved their commute.

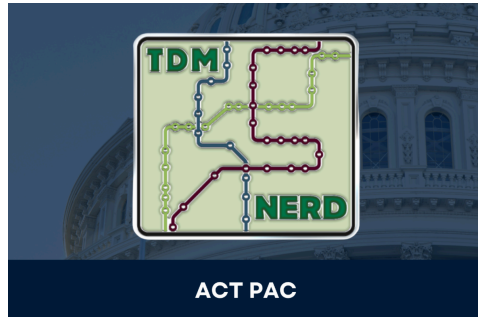
If enacted, the Freedom to Move Act would direct the Department of Transportation to administer five-year competitive grants to states, local governments, transit agencies, and nonprofit organizations. These grants would help offset revenue lost from fare-free transit programs and support broader improvements to transit systems.

This event is a great example of the opportunities for ACT members to shine a spotlight on the programs and services they are delivering in their communities. We encourage all members to

invite their Members of Congress to celebrate their transit services, the opening of bike facilities, or the success of a marketing campaign.

Read more about the EZRide shuttle program in ACT's [2025 Global TDM Impact Report](#).

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