

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) will host a public meeting focusing on the transportation improvements and livability goals for the eastern Multnomah and north Clackamas County region on **Tuesday, August 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Gresham City Hall.** A bus tour of the region will

follow the Summit discussion, from **12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

with stops in Gateway, Damascus, Gresham and points between, to illustrate challenges facing the area.

Some of the most significant transportation challenges to be found anywhere in Oregon are concentrated in the area bounded by S.E. 82nd Avenue on the west, the Urban Growth Boundary on the south and east and the Columbia River to the north. This area includes a huge concentration of underutilized industrial land. The jobs-to-residents imbalance found in this area is perhaps greater than anywhere else in Oregon. Compared to the rest of the region, very little investment has been made in transportation improvements in recent years.

Blumenauer is inviting local elected officials, agency representatives and civic leaders to the Summit in an effort to examine the transportation and livability issues facing the region, identify goals and problems and discuss solutions. Blumenauer wants to promote new ideas and cooperative efforts that will enhance job growth and livability and create a new vision for the area. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Blumenauer will be in a position to assist the region with federal financing for transportation needs.

Media is invited to attend the summit and the bus tour or join the group at the site visits. During the bus tour, several presentations will be given highlighting challenges and opportunities for the region.

Agenda for the day, August 3 follows:

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM      Summit  
Conference Center  
Gresham City Hall  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

12:55 – 1:05 PM      Gateway Site Visit  
Gateway Transit Center

1:45 – 2:05 PM                      Damascus Site Visit  
Firehouse Station    149  
20100 SE Highway 212  
Boring

2:30 PM                                      Tour Wrap Up  
Gresham City Hall