Congressman Blumenauer today joined with Gresham City Councilor Josh Fuhrer and Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick to celebrate the recently completed section of the Gresham-Fairview Trail. Before a group of cheerful onlookers enjoying the warm and sunny weather, the three officials cut the ribbon ceremonially opening the route. A number of cyclists, clearly eager to try out the new trail, set off down the path following the event.

The Gresham-Fairview Trail [map – PDF] is a local link connecting to larger regional trails such as the Springwater Corridor and the 40-Mile loop, as well as a piece in the larger vision to connect Mt. Hood with the Willamette Valley.

The project was constructed with $2 million in Federal Surface Transportation funding secured by Congressman Blumenauer, with additional sources from the City of Gresham, Oregon Department of Transportation, the 2006 Greenspaces Bond measure and 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. It was completed on time and under budget.