At the groundbreaking for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project on June 30, Congressman Blumenauer acknowledged the efforts of regional leaders who have worked more than 20 years to make this project possible. He congratulated regional partners -- TriMet, the City of Portland, Metro, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, and the City of Milwaukie – as well as civic and community leaders on their perseverance. The project represents the region's ability to create a range of transportation options that will not only connect educational opportunities, housing, and community services, but create 14,000 local jobs in the process. The Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge, the only light rail-bus-streetcar-bicycle-pedestrian bridge in the country, will be the first new bridge over the Willamette River in more than 40 years.