Congressman Blumenauer addressed an enthusiastic crowd Saturday evening at the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition's (WPC) first annual Weston Awards. The award show highlighted WPC's twentieth anniversary of pedestrian advocacy, and whose namesake honors Edward Weston who walked from Boston to Washington, DC to attend Lincoln's Inaugural Ball in 1861.

"Walking and rolling are fundamental rights, yet they are often overlooked and relegated to the status of 'alternative transportation modes,'" Blumenauer said. "That's why we need organizations such as the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, to advocate for safe movement, healthy communities, and a resilient economy."

Joining former Oregon Transportation Chair Gail Achterman and other notable guests, Congressman Blumenauer thanked the organization's staff, volunteers, and the engaged audience for their dedication to pedestrian safety, highlighting the important role that walkability plays in creating livable communities. The event featured an art exhibit that displayed shoes from local activists and elected officials, including the shoe that the Congressman used to complete his 35th marathon.

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