Congressman Blumenauer gave welcoming remarks to the first Streetcar & Bus Circulator Roundtable hosted by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FTA chose Portland for this event due to city's designation as a national hub for urban mobility and design. Municipal officials from around the country who are developing streetcar and circulator projects addressed issues of development, technical needs, and intergovernmental partnerships.

"I applaud all the cities who are embracing these types of projects," Blumenauer commented. "I am grateful that the FTA chose this first roundtable to occur in Portland, a city that had the vision to pioneer the modern streetcar. I hope fruitful partnerships are developed and lessons learned as you gather here to advance a vision for your own cities." In addition, FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff also attended the Roundtable. Mr. Rogoff graciously applauded the leadership of Portland in promoting streetcar and urban development.