On Friday, February 10th, Earl invited stakeholders from across the Portland Region and the state to discuss HR 7, the Republican's Transportation Bill now under consideration in the U.S. House. "I don't think I've ever seen anything like it, " Blumenauer announced, declaring HR 7 the worst transportation bill he has ever seen. The Congressman stressed the long history of bipartisan transportation solutions in Congress and how the current House legislation is a sharp departure from what our nation needs to rebuild and renew the country, eliminating popular programs like Safe Routes to School and dedicated funding for mass transit. A diverse group of attendees including business, labor, and environmental groups expressed similar concerns.