On Wednesday, Congressman Blumenauer joined community members at the launch of the peer-to-peer car sharing company Getaround. The sustainable car service enables individual car owners to put their idle cars to use and offset the cost of vehicle ownership by sharing with friends, co-workers and neighbors. Getaround provides an open marketplace for car owners to determine a vehicle's pricing, availability and selection of renters.

In cooperation with the City of Portland, Blumenauer helped secure the first federal grant to fund a study of the peer-to-peer car sharing company. "This launch marks the beginning of an exciting new trend of eco-friendly collaborative and market-based solutions to everyday challenges," said the Congressman. "Peer-to-peer car sharing has proven to be a creative and successful trend that will continue to grow and help shape the future of environmentally-friendly legislation."