



Blumenauer Opens Global Association for Commuter Transportation Conference 450+ Transportation Leaders Descend on Portland for Event

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PORTLAND, Ore. (July 31, 2016) – U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (OR-03) today addressed more than 450 global transportation leaders gathered in Portland to kick off the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) international conference, calling for more innovation and collaboration to keep Portland a global leader in smart growth.

Coming on the heels of the 2015 opening of the region's first car-free bridge, the Tilikum Crossing, and Portland's fixture atop livable city lists, ACT chose to bring their largest annual event to Portland.

In kicking off the international conference, Blumenauer said it takes more than admiring today's best practices to foster smart growth into the future. "Our work here is not finished," he said, "We must continue to innovate and come together to improve Portland's mobility sustainably, equitably, and inclusively."

ACT President Rob Henry expressed particular excitement about holding the conference in Portland and starting the week with a renowned champion for transportation options. "Our profession has much to learn from the City of Portland and its transportation demand management community," Henry said. "Hearing from Representative Blumenauer, a longtime friend of ACT and a consistent leader for transportation demand management, is a great way to start our conversations."

Blumenauer, a leading Congressional voice for livable communities in Portland and across the country, said, "There's no better place for the Association for Commuter Transportation's international conference than Portland, and I'm proud to show off what we've been able to accomplish, from the streetcar and Tilikum Crossing to the bike lanes and powerful citizen advocacy that makes us one of the world's most livable cities."

ACT's International Conference is one of the largest gatherings of transportation demand management (TDM) and shared-use mobility professionals in North America and regularly attracts attendees from across the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Attendees include individuals from major employers, departments of transportation, municipalities, transportation management associations, metropolitan planning organizations, consultants, transit agencies, vendors, and other shared use mobility providers.

Tuesday, the conference will shine a spotlight on Portland with a panel discussion about the city's collaborative regional transportation planning featuring the heads of Metro, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and TriMet.

The conference runs through Thursday, August 3, at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower at 921 SW 6th Avenue in Portland, Ore. For more conference information, see www.actconf.org.

About ACT:

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) is an international trade association and leading advocate for commuter transportation and transportation demand management. Commuting by bus, train, rideshare, bike, walking, or telework improves our world by contributing to energy independence, better air quality, sustainability, urban mobility, and reduced congestion.

Through our advocacy, education, and networking efforts, ACT strives to improve the lives of commuters, the livability of communities, and the economic competitiveness of businesses.

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