

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please *do not* file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

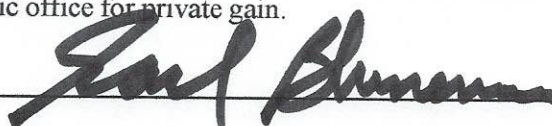
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Earl Blumenauer
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 7, 2024 Return: April 8, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Portland, OR Destination: Charlotte, NC Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Community Streetcar Coalition
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Spoke at Property Report Session,

7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all attachments and the Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: _____



Date: April 15, 2024

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Community Streetcar Coalition
HNTB-underwriter and Keynote Lunch Program, WSP and Herzog-breakfast

2. Travel Destination(s): Charlotte, NC

3. Date of Departure: 4/7/2024 Date of Return: 4/8/2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$988.20-flight	\$209-hotel	\$32-Breakfast \$38-lunch	\$400-waived registration
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Christy D. Willhite Date: 4/11/2024

Name: Christy D. Willhite Title: Executive Director

Organization: Community Streetcar Coalition

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 6101 Long Prairie Road, Ste. 744-240, Flower Mound, TX 75028

Telephone: 713-299-4251 Email: christy@streetcarcoalition.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Earl Blumenauer
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Community Streetcar Coalition
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Charlotte, NC
4. a. Date of Departure: April 7, 2024 Date of Return: April 8, 2024
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other(specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
Congressman Blumenauer is a longtime advocate for streetcars as a mode of transportation and development tool for increasing livability in urban areas. As a Member of Congress he has advocated for federal policies and funding to promote development of streetcar lines nationally.
9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____ Date: _____

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least **30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Community Streetcar Coalition

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

Congressman Earl Blumenauer, as the honoree at the keynote luncheon

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: Sunday, April 7, 2024 Date of Return: ~~Tuesday, April 9, 2024~~

7. a. City of departure: Portland, OR Monday April 8

b. Destination(s): Charlotte, NC

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Community Streetcar Coalition is a 501c3 organization that supports the advancement of streetcars. Each year the Coalition hosts a Summit for its members and those with interest in streetcars. This year, we are honoring Congressman Blumenauer, as he has been a great supporter of transit and streetcars.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Embassy Suites Uptown City: Charlotte Cost Per Night: \$199
Reason(s) for Selecting: Conference Hotel, negotiated rate for conference attendees
Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$700	\$450	\$180
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Name: Christy Willhite Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Community Streetcar Coalition
 Address: 6101 Long Prairie Road, Ste. 744-240, Flower Mound, TX 75028
 Email: christy@streetcarcoalition.org Telephone: 713-299-4251

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, scheduled for April 7 to 8, 2024, sponsored by Community Streetcar Coalition.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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January 19, 2024

Hon. Earl Blumenauer, Congressman
US House of Representatives, Oregon-District 3
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Streetcar Coalition 2024 Summit

Dear Congressman Blumenauer,

The Community Streetcar Coalition would like to honor your service to our industry by inviting you to attend a luncheon held in your honor at the Community Streetcar Coalition Summit on April 8, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, at the Community Streetcar Coalition Summit on April 8, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, at the Community Streetcar Coalition Summit on April 8, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Streetcar properties across the US have benefited from your service in the US House of Representatives. As such, it is only fitting that we honor you at our annual meeting, where many of those you've helped along the way will be represented.

While I must admit to being saddened by your retirement announcement, I know that your work will not stop. As such, I believe you will find some new projects at the Summit, starting April 7 and concluding April 9. There will be a property report-out, tours of the local streetcar line and maintenance facility, as well as in-person peer exchanges. I hope you can join us for the entire event.

If you accept our invitation, I will work with your team to provide travel and housing, as well as any additional information you require.

Sincerely,

Christy D. Willhite

Christy D. Willhite, AICP
Executive Director
Community Streetcar Coalition

Via Email: David McDonald, CATS Transit Program Manager
Dan Bower, Portland Streetcar, Inc., CSC Chair
Carl Jackson, Herzog, CSC Vice Chair
Tom Gerend, Kansas City Streetcar, CSC Treasurer



6101 Long Prairie Road, Ste. 744-240, Flower Mound, TX 75028



2024 Summit

April 7-9, 2024

Charlotte, North Carolina

Sunday

10:00 AM **Membership and Legislative Working Group Meetings**

Noon **Board Member Welcome Lunch, Convention Center**

This luncheon will serve as the April Board Meeting. This is a time for board members, who normally interact on a screen, to share their news and goals for the Coalition in person. An update on the conference activities will be provided.

Speakers: 2023-24 Board Members

3:00 PM **Student Coffee Session & Career Fair**

The student session will include a presentation about the various types of businesses and jobs in the streetcar industry, as well as a time for students to meet with businesses about potential internships and job opportunities.

Speakers: Jennifer DeLong, Stacy and Witbeck, Christy Willhite, Community Streetcar Coalition

3:00 PM **Property Owners Roundtable (invitation only)**

Owner representatives of streetcar properties will meet at this time.

Coordinated by Tom Gerend and Dan Bower

5:00 PM **Tour and Welcome Reception**

There will be a tour of the eastern section of the Gold Line, where David McDonald and Brian Hawkins will give an overview of the streetcar vehicle and line. This will give participants an overview of the streetcar before the sessions on Monday. The reception will be held at the Convention Center at 6 PM.

Speakers: Tour: David McDonald, CATS, and Brian Hawkins, Siemens;
Welcome Reception: CATS CEO, Brent Cagle and Mayor Vi Lyles



2024 Summit
April 7-9, 2024
Charlotte, North Carolina

Monday

9:00 AM **Breakfast – Property Report (Breakfast served at 8:30 AM)**

After everyone has had a chance to grab breakfast, the property representatives will report on plans, successes, struggles, and ridership.

Speakers: Dan Bower, Portland Streetcar Inc., Coalition Chair; Christy Willhite, Coalition Executive Director (moderator); Working Group Chairs; Streetcar Property Representatives

11:00 AM **Workforce Development, Attract, Retain and Grow**

This session will focus on programs that attract, retain, and grow transit employees.

Speakers: CATS, MTS, Contractor, and Car Builder

12:30 PM **Keynote Luncheon**

The program will include a Welcome from Dan Bower, an award honoring Congressman Blumenauer, and an overview of the development of the streetcar line from his time in office by former DOT Secretary and Charlotte Mayor, Anthony Foxx.

Speakers: Coalition Chair, Dan Bower, Congressman Blumenauer, and Former DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx.

2:00 PM **Uptown Transit Center, Public-Private Partnership**

Charlotte received a grant to redevelop the Uptown Transit Center. The project proposed a vertical mixed-use development, electric charging bus infrastructure, and improved connectivity to the LYNX Blue Line and City LYNX Gold Line.

Speakers: Speakers include CATS, FTA, and private sector partners.

4:00 PM **Art and Streetcar Tour and Reception**

The tour will take place on the western section of the Gold Line, and focus on the installation of art. The tour will end with a reception at Devil's Logic.

Speakers: Chris Lange, CATS Art in Transit Program Administrator



2024 Summit
April 7-9, 2024
Charlotte, North Carolina

Tuesday

9:00 AM

Marketing & Communications Session

Everyone handles these things differently. The audience will hear how CATS manages sponsorships, advertising, and communications for the Gold Line Streetcar.

Speakers: LaShika Williams, CATS Marketing Coordinator, and Brandon T. Hunter, CATS Director of Communications

10:00 AM

Next Year's Summit Host Presentation

Portland Streetcar will give us a taste of things that await the Coalition when they join us in Portland for the 2025 CSC Annual Summit.

Speakers: Dan Bower, Portland Streetcar, Inc.

10:30 AM

Operations and Maintenance Tour

See how it all works! Take the tour, hear from the experts, and see the facilities. The tour will take place in the South Blvd facility, which is a multi-modal facility

Speakers: David McDonald, CATS Capital Programs Manager