

Website to Help Job Claims

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management system of the temporary website made information difficult to find.

Over the next few days and weeks, the department will add even more content and features to the informational website, officials announced last week.

In March, high traffic to the Department's oregon.gov/employ site risked crashing all oregon.gov sites, so the Department's COVID-19 content was moved to a temporary website commonly used by agencies during crises. But limitations of the content

As one of his first acts as acting director, Gerstenfeld initiated the development of a cleaner, simpler, more user-friendly website.

"I've made doing a better job of communicating with Oregonians a top priority," said Gerstenfeld. "We believe this website is a much-needed step in the right direction, and we appreciate your patience as we continue to make this a better experience for you."



The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project moves ahead, despite objections it doesn't do enough to restore justice to the black community which was displaced by the freeway when it was constructed six decades ago.

I-5 Project Moves Ahead Amid Outcry

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Metro President Lynn Peterson says she is also opposed and has pledged her support for Albina Vision Trust.

Under plans approved by the Legislature, ODOT has authority to spend \$715 million to widen Interstate 5 near the Rose Quarter to fix a bottle neck and make improved neighborhood transportation links with freeway caps that provide new pedestrian and bike paths and green spaces.

ODOT has rejected the added expense to make the freeway caps adaptable to building structures, like new affordable housing and

commerce, estimated to increase the cost to \$1 billion and a step in the direction of making accommodations to a Black community still suffering from their displacement by Urban Renewal in the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

Albina Vision said ODOT's overall planning fails to redress the damage done to Portland's Black community by the initial construction of I-5 nearly six decades ago.

"We can no longer support the project," said Winta Yohannes, managing director of Albina Vision Trust, in a June 30 email to the Governor's office and ODOT.

ODOT maintains the project meets its "values-based" priorities

for restorative justice to the black community because it will generate new wealth in the community by imposing contracting goals of 18 to 22% use of disadvantaged business enterprises; and workforce hiring to include a 20% goal for apprenticeships, 25% minority male hires and 14% female workers.

ODOT says the project will also continue to rely on community input to shape the project and the outcomes for the community.

"Having the Construction Management/General Contractor on board early in the design process is a key step toward those commitments, ODOT official said.

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A Second Chance for a Career

Grant supports restorative justice for young adults

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a Portland nonprofit a grant of \$3.9 million to help individuals transition from prison to meaningful employment, especially young adults needing career training and other services.

The Pathway Home grant was awarded this month to The Mental Health Association of Oregon for the Portland metro area as part of a federal program to provide a second chance to Americans who have served their time in the criminal justice system.

"These grants reflect this commitment to helping all Americans find jobs and participate meaningfully in the economy," said Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, in a news release. "The assistance the grants provide to men and women transitioning

back into society will be especially valuable as we overcome the economic challenges posed by coronavirus,"

Research shows that early and frequent engagement prior to release from incarceration reduces the risk of recidivism, so these grants are vital to stopping the revolving door of prison from turning, officials said.

Overall, \$64 million was awarded in Pathway Home grants to 20 recipients serving 15 states to assist in the transition of justice-involved adults back to the workplace.

Grant recipients will offer individuals a variety of services designed to help ease their transition back to society, including education and training, job preparation, case management and needs assessments, career exploration and planning, legal assistance, counseling, and assistance connecting to other important social services.

Black Assistant Chief

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serving as a patrol officer and a Parkrose School Resource Officer, he was promoted to sergeant in 2010 and assigned to oversee patrol, as well as the Bike Patrol at Central Precinct. As a sergeant in the Personnel Division, he oversaw development and successful implementation of the diverse officer recruitment and hiring plan, which resulted in a 30% increase in the number of diverse candidates hired by the Police Bureau.

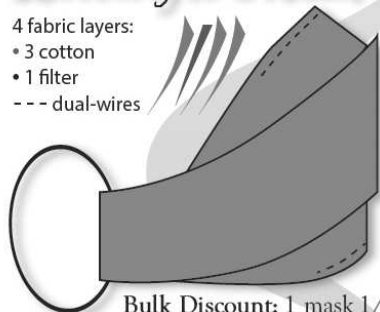
In 2016, he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Central

Precinct, to the Chief's Office as Adjutant Lieutenant, North Precinct and the Tactical Operations Division. He was promoted to Captain in 2019 and assigned to the Youth Services Division, which was responsible for providing police services to approximately 189 schools and approximately 77,000 students.

Leasure holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Gonzaga University and attended the Organizational Management and Leadership Academy at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

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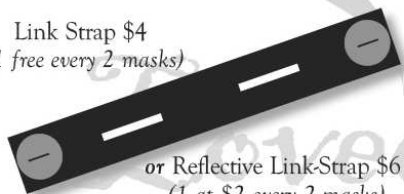
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