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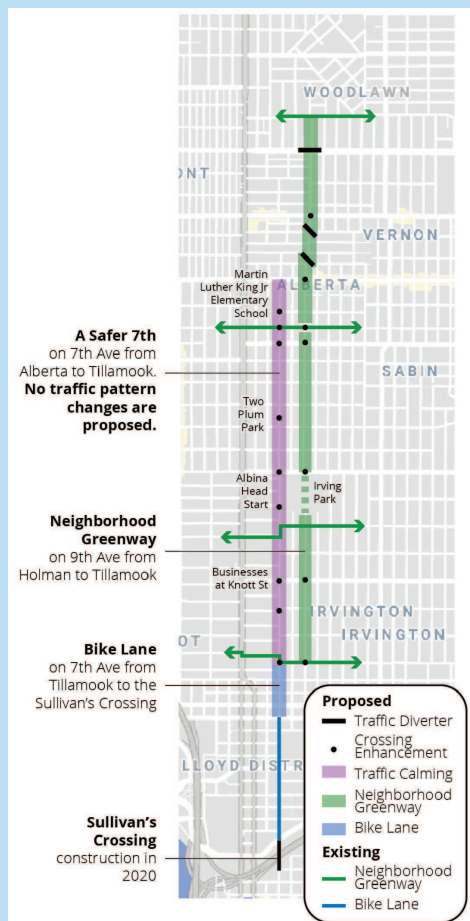
PBOT Unveils Northeast Greenway Plan

Northeast 9th will become a greenway – and 7th will receive safety enhancements

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The Portland Bureau of Transportation has released its plan for a new bike way in Northeast Portland – a project that generated controversy last summer and fall about the agency’s outreach efforts, as well the possibility of altering Northeast 7th Avenue to create a neighborhood greenway.

The resulting plan is what PBOT spokesperson Hannah Schafer describes as a “twofer” – a hybrid route using both Northeast 7th Avenue and Northeast 9th Avenue to connect the Woodlawn Neighborhood to the Lloyd District.



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CLIMATE STRIKE



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Students in 100 countries throughout the world, including hundreds in Portland and Seattle, participated in a global climate strike March 15 to draw attention to inaction on climate change and guarantee a healthy future for their generation. Pictured here are students at Seattle’s Cal Anderson Park

Courtier Convicted in Bruce Killing

Jury finds Russell Courtier guilty of murder, hit-and-run driving and intimidation in 2016 death of 19-year-old Larnell Bruce

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Russell Courtier was convicted Tuesday in the killing of 19-year-old Larnell Bruce, Jr., using a Jeep in the parking lot of a Gresham 7-Eleven in 2016.

A jury found Courtier, who has extensive and well-documented ties to the White supremacist gang European Kindred, guilty of murder, hit-and-run driving and second-degree intimidation, Oregon’s hate crime charge.

Last week, Colleen Hunt, who was in the Jeep with Courtier when Bruce was hit and killed, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, a Measure 11 offense with

a minimum 10-year sentence. Hunt will not be charged with a hate crime.

Courtier and Hunt were charged with murder using Hunt’s Jeep Aug. 10, 2016 after Courtier and Bruce got in an altercation in the parking lot of the store and – by Courtier’s admission to police at the time – he pursued and hit Bruce intentionally. Bruce was taken to a hospital and died three days later.

The event was captured on video, and neither the state nor the defendant disputed who was behind the wheel of the car, which Hunt owned.

Instead, closing arguments focused on intent, with Courtier’s attorney

claiming Bruce threatened Courtier with a machete inside the store.

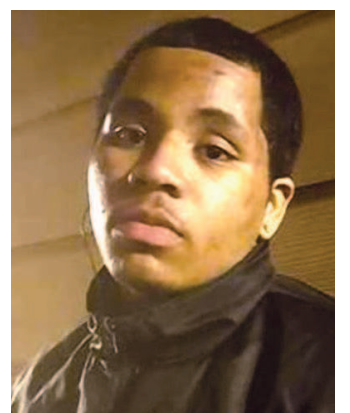
Video shows the parties going separate ways, and Hunt’s Jeep pursuing and hitting Bruce.

Shortly after Bruce’s death, Courtier told a detective he pursued and hit Bruce intentionally.

Bruce was Black and Latino and part of a mixed-race Portland-area family.

Courtier’s ties to European Kindred surfaced in the immediate aftermath of the crime. He has a tattoo with the initials “EK” on his leg, and police found a hat with the same initials in Hunt’s car.

According to prison records published by The



Larnell Bruce, Jr.

Portland Mercury in October 2016, his involvement with European Kindred dates back to at least 2003.

Don’t Shoot Portland held a rally in downtown Portland Tuesday after the verdict was announced.

Nataki Garrett Appointed Artistic Director of Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Garrett will take over from Bill Rauch in August

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The Oregon Shakespeare Festival announced Tuesday that Nataki Garrett will become its sixth artistic director in August

2019, succeeding Bill Rauch, who has helmed the festival for 12 years.

“We are excited to welcome Ms. Garrett to the Rogue Valley, and believe she will provide exquisite artistic taste, dynamism, innovation,

and a deep commitment to the four pillars of our mission – excellence, stewardship, company, and inclusion,” said search committee member and recently elected co-chair of the Board of Directors Diane Yu in a

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