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Delays, budget issues and hamstrung committee oversight have hampered the tax-funded Fixing Our Streets program, according to a recent city audit.

Audit: 'Fixing Our Streets' Program Needs Work

Delays, budget issues, hamstrung oversight have hampered tax-funded safety rollout

By R. Dallan Adams
Of The Skanner News

Last week, Portland's Audit Services released a report on Portland Bureau of Transportation's Fixing Our Streets program highlighting delays, over-budget projects and a hamstrung oversight committee.

Pedestrians represented 14% of all United States traffic fatalities, in 2014;

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PHOTO: GERALD HERBERT
World War II veteran Johnnie Jones, Sr. poses for a portrait at his home in Baton Rouge, La., May 28.

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JACKIE WINTERS DIES

Colleagues remember pioneering legislator

By Sandra Sorensen
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Longtime Oregon state legislator Sen. Jackie Winters (R-Salem), the first African American Republican to be elected to the state Legislature, died May 29 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 82.

House Speaker Tina Kotek announced Winters' death from the House floor, where the news was met with an outpouring of grief from both sides of the aisle. Colleagues remembered Winters as a force of nature, and described her tenure in Salem as one marked by passion.

Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) called Winters "a noble soul."

"She was a pioneering woman in the Oregon Legislature, a true historical figure," Courtney said in a statement. "I've

lost my partner in public service. The Legislature and Oregon has lost a dedicated servant. We've lost the best of the best."

Winters was re-elected to the Senate in 2018, and though her declining health kept her from the capitol for the last couple months, she had seen her work for juvenile justice reform culminate in the passage of Senate Bill 1008, which would substantially reform Oregon's juvenile justice system and mitigate mandatory minimum sentences for youth, a week prior to her death.

Winters was widowed in 2008. In remarks submitted to a public hearing for SB 1008 last April, she recalled her personal connection to the bill.

"My late husband, Ted Winters, was sent to an adult prison when he was 17 years old," Winters wrote in a statement. "He was deemed be-



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Sen. Jackie Winters, R-Salem, died at age 82 on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 after a battle with cancer.

yond redemption by a tough judge. I know if Ted were here today he would be the first to tell you that adult prison hardened him and taught him how to be a better criminal, not a better person...He is proof of how youth can and do change. The most important lesson Ted taught me -- taught all of us -- is that redemption is possible with a second chance."

After the passage of SB 1008, Winters had thanked Rep. Jennifer Williamson for being a central

force behind the bill. "I am heartbroken," Williamson said in response to Winters' death. "I was not only fortunate to call her a friend, but fortunate to have her as a partner in the charge for a more just criminal justice system. I am not quite sure what we will do without her."

Born in Topeka, Kan., Winters attended Portland Public Schools and Oregon State University. According to her official legislative biography, she began her ca-

reer in government in 1959 in the Oregon Health Sciences University medical records unit, then worked for the Portland Model Cities Program. In 1979 Gov. Victor Atiyeh appointed her ombudsman of the Office of Economic Opportunity's New Resources Program, where she was a driving force in the creation of the Oregon Food Share Program. She opened Jackie's Ribs, which would become a small chain

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Parkrose Hero Honored By City

Keanon Lowe said he returned to Portland after his friend's death

By Christen McCurdy
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At the May 31 meeting of the Community Peace Collaborative, which meets biweekly at the Portland Police Bureau's North Precinct Building, youth violence prevention director Antoinette Edwards started by asking those present to introduce themselves and say who their heroes were.

Most named family -- mothers, grandmothers or other relatives who sacrificed themselves to help their family. Many named family members who'd made an impact on the world, like parents and grandparents who'd desegregated neighborhoods or spaces like swimming pools.

Later in the meeting, Edwards called the theme of heroism back again.

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Last week Keanon Lowe (speaking), the Parkrose High School coach and security guard who tackled an armed student on campus, was presented an award for heroism by youth violence prevention director Antoinette Edwards (left).