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SESSION STATUS

At 3:34 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, March 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

At 11:44 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Feb. 19, 20, 21
 Mar. 11-13, 18-20, 25-27
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 May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22
 June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24-28
 Budget hearings: Feb. 11 - Mar. 7

Senate

Mar. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
 April 8, 9, 10, 29, 30
 May 1, 6, 7, 8
 June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24-28
 Budget hearings: Feb. 19 - Mar. 7

WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

LEGISLATORS DISCUSS HB 50 AND THE LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL, ADULT USE OF CANNABIS

By Emily Mistishen, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | February 4, 2019

Rep. Jake Wheatley (D-Allegheny) today was joined by advocates and Representatives Ed Gainey (D-Allegheny), Mary Isaacson (D-Philadelphia), Maureen Madden (D-Monroe), Jeanne McNeill (D-Lehigh), Christopher Rabb (D-Philadelphia), Brian Sims (D-Philadelphia), and Sen. Sharif Street (D-Philadelphia) to speak on [HB 50](#), which would allow for the legalization of recreational adult-use cannabis.

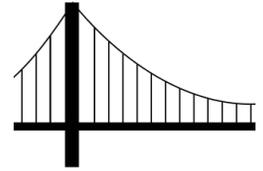
Sen. Street opened by acknowledging those present and voicing his support of the legislation and the legalization of recreational adult-use for cannabis. He stressed that the end of the prohibition of cannabis will have a greater impact than just decriminalization. He listed a few of the areas that would benefit from the legalization of recreational adult-use cannabis, including freeing up law enforcement, promoting agricultural growth, providing valuable resources to the government, and addressing self-medication. Above all, he stated, recreational adult-use is a liberty issue and people should have the right to make responsible choices. Sen. Street clarified that the bill is not intended for minors' use of cannabis, and said that a responsible regime has been established for alcohol and other medicines, so it can be established for cannabis as well. He concluded by urging for the quick adoption of HB 50.

Rep. Gainey thanked Rep. Wheatley for his work on the legislation and said he disagreed with the current practice of arresting people and preventing them from obtaining housing and employment "for something that has happened since the beginning of time." He continued by saying, "At some level, we have to begin to help society. And as legislators, it's not how much we can punish people, but it's how well we can help people." He expressed his amazement at how people are being placed in jail for a plant and he called for change. He asked the members of the General Assembly to support HB 50 and "move people forward."

Rep. Wheatley outlined the major aspects of HB 50, beginning with the social justice component of the bill. "This is not just about cannabis," he said. "It's about making sure we're righting some of the wrongs of the failed war on drugs." He continued by affirming that the bill will rectify decades of injustice, providing automatic expungements and restoration of licenses for those incarcerated for acts no longer illegal under the bill. He noted the bill is intended solely for general use for those older than 21, provides for product control and labelling, incentivizes keeping cannabis away from minors, provides protection to citizenry by prohibiting public consumption, allows for home-grown cannabis, and frees up law enforcement resources. He remarked that law enforcement will be able to focus on more dangerous crimes rather than penalizing cannabis use. Driving under the influence, he explained, will be handled by Rep. Rabb's future legislation.

Rep. Wheatley indicated that the auditor general's report showed that Pennsylvania could gain \$500-\$600 million in revenue from legalizing and taxing cannabis, which can fill extensive structural gaps in finances. Additionally, he illustrated that the Total Aerobic Count (TAC) in cannabis can be regulated if cannabis is legalized. "Pennsylvanians would know exactly what they are ingesting," he said, and stressed the importance of this from





a public safety standpoint. The bill also incentivizes supporting local farms, Rep. Wheatley noted, providing a 10 percent tax waiver for partnering with a local farm. He listed other taxes included in the bill, such as a 10 percent tax on wholesale growers, processors, and dispensaries; a point of sale tax of 6 percent; exempting medical marijuana from taxation; and an optional county tax of 3 percent to be divided among municipalities for funding afterschool programs, public defenders for indigent defendants, children and youth services for families affected by the opioid crisis, and the county district attorney's office. Rep. Wheatley also highlighted that the bill is intended to send certain percentages of the revenue to reducing student loan debt, affordable housing utilization, and afterschool programs. He noted that they are open to discussion on how the earned revenue can be used.

Rep. Wheatley stated that HB 50 is the result of collaboration between a wide variety of stakeholders, including the medical community and some aspects of law enforcement. He also addressed the bill's changes to [Act 16 of 2016](#), or the Medical Marijuana Act, assuring that the only changes would be to change "marijuana" to "cannabis."

Jeff Riedy, representative of Lehigh Valley National Organization of Reform Marijuana Laws (NORML), stated he was proud to be there on behalf of NORML state chapters across Pennsylvania. He emphasized the organization is encouraged by Rep. Wheatley's, explaining that the legislation aligns with NORML's mission to change public opinion regarding the legalization of responsible use of marijuana. "This bill will right the wrongs of decades of unnecessary prohibition of a plant, a prohibition that for far too long has been seeded in suppression and racial disparity," he opined, listing the bill's effects on the criminal justice system and benefits to the medical marijuana community. Indicating the bill as long overdue, Riedy encouraged legislators to be "leaders for that change," and urged for innovation for antiquated laws. "Let's make cannabis legal again," he concluded.

Les Stark, executive director of Keystone Cannabis Coalition, asserted that legislation such as HB 50 is long overdue. He explained that cannabis has been illegal in Pennsylvania for 85 years, since 1933, and has been driven by "lies, stigma, and reefer madness." He affirmed that the prohibition of marijuana is based on archaic thinking, and warned that legalization in neighboring states will force legalization here. He indicated HB 50 is "emergency legislation," and restated that the time of legalization is now. "Any problems that arise from cannabis in society will always be able to be handled better under a legal, taxed, and regulated industry [rather] than an illegal, chaotic, unregulated industry, controlled in many cases, by street thugs, criminal gangs, and large drug cartels," Stark opined, adding that Pennsylvania will benefit from marijuana instead of criminals. He concluded by urging for hearings on the bill immediately.

Rep. Rabb discussed his legislation regarding driving under the influence (DUI), noting marijuana's role in being a "gateway to the criminal justice system." He established the need for moving to an impairment-based law, expressing his support of HB 50 and the current system's inability to properly handle DUI cases. He remarked that if concern was truly about public safety, alcohol would have steeper regulations. He concluded by restating his intention to prevent wrongful convictions in DUI cases.

Questions were opened for the media.

Do you have any sense of the odds of this bill getting serious consideration under Republic leadership right now?

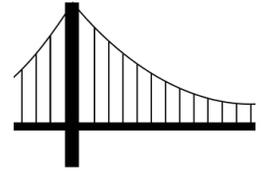
Rep. Wheatley referenced previous gaming legislation as similar legislation that has passed, explaining it was driven by necessity, budgeting, and the voices of citizens. He added that the bill is an important source of revenue, and said the conversation surrounding legalization will have to happen at some point.

Do you think the legislators should follow the World Health Organization's rescheduling research?

Rep. Wheatley responded that the federal government is having the conversation now, and that the conversation is a sign of this being a good time for HB 50. He questioned why Pennsylvania should wait to react.

Do you think the lieutenant governor's listening tours in regard to marijuana will help you guys in any way?

Rep. Wheatley expressed his hope that the tours would assist the legislation. He highlighted that the listening tours will give voice to what the citizens want, but said starting the legislative process is also important. "I think this is a great



starting point, but it doesn't have to be the end point," he said.

If legalization or HB 50 doesn't go through, are there any decriminalization bills coming up?

Rep. Wheatley answered that he is fairly certain that a decriminalization bill will move in the near future. However, he added, decriminalization does not reduce arrests or stigma as well as legalization would.

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U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY, GUEST SPEAK ON EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

By Emily Mistishen, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | February 5, 2019

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey was joined by Monica Hughes, a government employee, to talk about the effects of the shutdown and Casey's hopes for the president's upcoming State of the Union Address.

Sen. Casey opened by thanking Hughes for being able to join, explaining that it is critically important for people to hear about the adverse impacts of the shutdown from those directly affected, not just legislators and public officials. He noted that Hughes is one of around 820,000 employees affected by the shutdown. "They should not have to live with the uncertainty," he asserted. "There should be no uncertainty." He remarked that the president should use the State of the Union Address to reassure those listening that there will be no more shutdowns.

"I would hope he would do more than just say no more shutdowns," Sen. Casey added, explaining that President Trump should provide more than just back pay to support government employees and families. He argued that the president should "make an individual whole," and affirmed that back pay would not be enough to accomplish that.

Sen. Casey acknowledged Hughes and her work, recognizing her for her role in the Army as well as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). He continued on to indicate infrastructure as another important issue he hoped President Trump would address. He listed a few of areas of infrastructure that needed prioritized investment, including electric grids, roads, bridges, and broadband. Additionally, he highlighted the importance of providing support for children and families, including early learning, health care, safety, food and nutrition, and economic security for parents and caregivers. Finally, Sen. Casey expressed his hope that the president would consider a "tax cut for the middle class paid for by the top one percent." He stated the one percent could handle a healthy cut of taxes, explaining, "They've gotten plenty; they've gotten enough. It's time for the middle class to get a substantial...tax cut."

Hughes detailed her family and coworkers' experience during the shutdown, saying, "The shutdown affected us not only personally, but professionally." She explained that while her financial situation was strained, she received support from various sources. She was given a letter from the TSA to show to creditors regarding the shutdown, and she described how some accepted the letter, but some did not. She added that they drew on savings in order to get by. Regarding the workplace, Hughes said, "We had to manage to maintain a working checkpoint with what we had, and that was a bit of a struggle." She concluded that it was a tough experience she did not want to go through again.

Sen. Casey indicated again that back pay is not enough to make up for the shutdown before opening up for questions.

Do you expect any hints on whether President Trump's leaning on taking executive action to fund the wall?

Sen. Casey responded that declaring an emergency in this instance does not make sense and is not warranted. He added that it should be left for true emergency situations and reaffirmed that the wall is not one of those instances. Sen. Casey continued by stating that President Trump should allow appropriators to provide bipartisan compromise rather than "trash talking the system." He queried, "Why he can't he be positive, and affirmative, and constructive? It's called leadership. That's what presidents do...Leave the TV drama to some other walk of life." Asserting that a constructive way forward needs to be found, Sen. Casey referenced previous examples of bipartisan collaboration with positive results, and he urged the president to remove emergency declarations and shutdowns from the table.



What are your thoughts on the Senate bills that would end shutdowns in the future?

Sen. Casey acknowledged there are multiple proposals they are currently looking at and remarked that all parties and the executive branch should be on the same page. "Let's just end shutdowns," he stated. "That makes a lot of sense."

Monica, what would you like to hear from the president tonight?

Hughes answered that she hoped there will be no more shutdowns, especially since they impact so many people. "This is impacting the wrong people...I know that I was greatly affected, my family was greatly affected, and we had nothing to do with it," she explained, and repeated that she does not want any more shutdowns.

Do you have any thoughts on what you would hope for the president to do about extremism, anti-Semitism, gun violence, etc.?

Sen. Casey conveyed his hope that President Trump would follow in the footsteps of previous presidents by not only expressing sympathy to victims, but also preventing future acts of violence in a unifying way. He affirmed that he is sure President Trump will say the right thing, and restated his hopes that the president will address infrastructure in the United States to "rebuild America."

Committee News

Senate Judiciary Committee

02/04/19, 12:30 p.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

Chairman Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne) remarked that she looked forward to serving as chairman of the committee.

[SB 49 Killion, Thomas](#) - (PN 95) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for civil immunity of person rescuing minor from motor vehicle. A person who removes or attempts to remove a minor from a motor vehicle shall be immune from civil liability for any damage to the motor vehicle or property contained in the motor vehicle resulting from the removal or attempt if the person: (1) determines that the motor vehicle is locked or no reasonable method exists for the minor to exit the motor vehicle; (2) has a reasonable and good faith belief that forcible entry into the motor vehicle is necessary because the minor is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the motor vehicle; (3) contacts emergency responders before the removal or attempt occurs, if practicable, or as soon as possible after the removal or attempt occurs; (4) remains with the minor at a safe location near the motor vehicle until a law enforcement officer arrives; and (5) uses no more force than necessary for the removal or attempt. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Consumer Affairs Committee

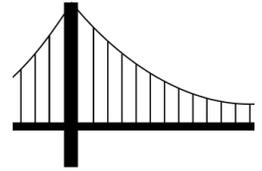
2/4/19, 2:15 p.m., 205 Ryan Office Building

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 26 Snyder, Pam](#) - (PN 41) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law, adding motorcycles to the definition of a new motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene) commented that Pennsylvania's Lemon Law requires manufacturers to replace, repurchase or compensate vehicle owners for defects that substantially impair its use or value at no cost to the owner. She said this legislation would extend the buyer protection to new and leased motorcycles. Rep. Snyder noted 28 other states currently



provide this protection to consumers.

Rep. Frank Farry (R-Bucks) stated he will vote in favor of the bill out of committee in respect to the author of the bill, however there are concerns raised by some of the stakeholders. He said he did work with the prime sponsor last session with an amendment on the floor to address some of those concerns. Rep. Farry said the Harley Davidson dealership in his district asked him to vote no.

Rep. Snyder thanked Rep. Farry as they worked together on the bill last session. She said all Rep. Farry's concerns and his amendment have been incorporated into this piece of legislation.

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Senate Transportation Committee

2/5/19, 10:00 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 43 Ward, Kim](#) - (PN 20) Act designating a portion of US Route 30 in Hempfield Township, Southwest Greensburg Borough, the city of Greensburg, and South Greensburg Borough, as the J. Edward "Hutch" Hutchinson Memorial Bypass. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 62 Ward, Judy \(F\)](#) - (PN 34) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for veteran plates and placard. The bill establishes that a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at 75 percent or greater, previously 100 percent, shall be issued a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely disabled veteran. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[A00035](#) by Sabatina changes the percent from 75 percent to 70 percent or greater. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[SB 117 Langerholc, Wayne](#) - (PN 85) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3016 (Bedford Street) over Solomon Run in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Seaman Apprentice Kenneth D. Scaife Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee

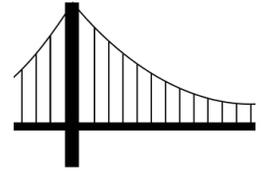
2/6/19, 9:00 a.m., G-50 Irvis Office Building

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a hearing on the state of tourism in Pennsylvania.

Chairman Millard stated that tourism is the second largest industry in Pennsylvania and generates over \$40 billion in economic activity. He recognized Rep. Cook as the declared secretary of the Tourism Committee and Executive Director of Explore Altoona Mark Ickes. Chairman Millard explained there has been a change in what the governor has proposed in regards to tourism. He said the [2019-2020 funding for tourism](#) is moved to a restricted account as a result of [Act 109 of 2018](#). Chairman Millard stated this puts all the dollars designated in the legislation into a restrictive account and the estimated \$27 million.

Chairman Longietti commented that not only is tourism an economic driver for the commonwealth, but it touches every legislative district. He said there is a study that shows \$3.43 comes back in the form of tax revenue for every dollar



invested in tourism in the same year.

[Carrie Lepore](#), Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) deputy secretary for Marketing, Tourism, and Film, commented that Pennsylvania has one of the largest tourism economies in the nation, with more than 203 million United States travelers, one million overseas travelers and more than 1.5 million Canadian travelers. She said the visitors generate more than \$43 billion for the state's economy each year, and the industry supports nearly half a million jobs. Sec. Lepore explained that last summer, DCED debuted the Fred Rogers trail to encourage travelers to visit the neighborhood of Pennsylvania's native son, Fred Rogers. She said the Pursue Your Scoops Ice Cream Trail is also new in 2018, which, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and the Center for Dairy Excellence, has 12 locations. Last year, Sec. Lepore said, the trail was completed by 1,500 people.

Sec. Lepore continued that they announced the creation of a new craft beer initiative and will be developing and branding that product and experience in the coming year. The state also celebrated the 50th anniversary of George Romero's *Night of the Living Dead*. Sec. Lepore added that in 2018, there were 200,000 printed editions and 125,000 digital copies downloaded of the annual Happy Traveler, which is 100 percent funded through advertising sales. She explained 43 percent of the workforce in Pennsylvania has unused vacation days for a total of more than 23 million days that account for nearly \$4.1 billion in potential economic impact. She added DCED, with its partnership with Arrivalist, helps track which messages from the digital efforts are influencing people to actually plan and visit Pennsylvania. Sec. Lepore noted DCED spent the year focused on three primary social media channels, gaining nearly 50,000 loyal followers and receiving 1.3 million impressions. She said the department hosted a media luncheon in New York City this fall with 15 tourism partners. She noted Pennsylvania graced the headlines in publications such as *Associated Press*, *Travel Channel*, *USA Today*, and *Travel and Leisure*.

Sec. Lepore noted the department will launch a new and improved website in 2019. She stated they are in the second year of Pennsylvania's online shop, PA Mercantile, and the department now has 37 highway welcome signs thanks to the team at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). Sec. Lepore explained that earlier this week the department wrapped up the fourth annual Cabin Fever Sweepstakes, which over 9,000 people entered on Facebook to win a weekend at the Galvanized American Inn thanks to the partnership with the Pennsylvania Association of Bed and Breakfast Inns and Farmstays. She added that the department has also spent the last month and a half asking fans to share their favorite resort or slope memories for a chance to win a pair of lift tickets from the Pennsylvania Ski Association.

In addition, Sec. Lepore said the department works to promote Pennsylvania through the Pursue Your Happiness campaign as well as the economic and community development campaign called "Pennsylvania. Work Smart. Live Happy." She continued that with Act 109 it will be a game changer for marketing Pennsylvania and the industry. She stated they are excited to build on the success of the Pursue Your Happiness brand. Sec. Lepore commented that she is ecstatic about the future for tourism promotion and singled out the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association for their support.

Chairman Millard commented that the committee appreciates that DCED is able to answer concerns. He said as the committee moves forward, it is going to explore all four corners of Pennsylvania and everything in-between. He stated there is a great start here if the funds from the restrictive account are used for marketing Pennsylvania.

Chairman Longietti thanked Sec. Lepore for her testimony. He asked if they will be looking toward revisiting movie scenes. Sec. Lepore replied on the docket is film trails in Pennsylvania. Chairman Longietti asked if there is any thought to putting a focus on regional ideas. Sec. Lepore stated that is something they want to engage in with the industry and revisit.

Chairman Longietti asked for some clarification regarding the proposed budget, as he has concerns that money will be moved from the restrictive account to the line item. He said he wants to make sure that those dollars are used how they are intended. Sec. Lepore responded that she cannot shed light on that right now as she does not have information to share on the line item as of now.

Rep. Rader noted that he shares Chairman Longietti's concerns about moving funds from the restrictive account.



He asked if DCED is thinking about marketing Pennsylvania as a whole. Sec. Lepore stated the department has advertisements like other states but cannot air them until the beginning of June because it does not have enough money.

Chairman Millard commented that other states have been clever about advertising around holidays as he just saw an advertisement from another state after Punxsutawney Phil's prediction saying to visit for an early spring.

Rep. Maloney added that as an avid sportsman he has concerns about the decline in sportsmen and he cannot imagine anything better than to reinvigorate sportsmen interest in Pennsylvania with the state parks and state land. He stated sportsmen have about \$4-5 billion in revenue and Pennsylvania is the number one state for sportsmen to leave and go to another state. Sec. Lepore responded that there is a case study that when you stop advertising and inviting people to visit they stop coming. She said the United States Travel Association produces a Power of Travel book every two years and Pennsylvania has been cited for what happens when a state stops funding tourism. She said it is going to take time for people to hear about Pennsylvania, but they will continue to promote Pennsylvania and the great outdoor experiences.

Rep. Kenyatta inquired about getting information on the impact of tourism regionally since he is new to the committee. He asked, in regard to "Pennsylvania. Work Smart. Live Happy," what they can do to make people come live and work in Pennsylvania.

Rep. Otten noted that she comes from the marketing and hospitality world and has planned a craft brewery festival as well as worked on the initiative of farm-to-table in Philadelphia. She commented that 43 percent of unused vacation days are a lot of disposable dollars. She questioned if there is any target toward the middle class and using vacation days. Sec. Lepore stated that Pennsylvania is lucky to have state parks that are free and tremendous experiences at affordable costs. She explained the department ran a targeted LinkedIn account for tourism to focus on millennials as they are the ones experiencing burnout and not using their vacation days to the fullest extent. She noted they also now have additional funding to do more.

Rep. Shusterman commented that she is a television director and understands that if there is no money, no one will hear what someone is trying to say. She asked how Pennsylvania is going to attract seniors as she consistently hears that they are going out of state to a city or lake when they could go somewhere in Pennsylvania. She also inquired about getting the film industry back. Sec. Lepore replied that the department is working on the film industry not just because of the economic side but because it also brings pride to Pennsylvanians.

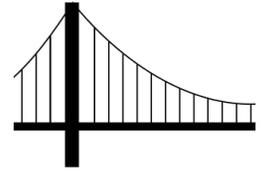
Rep. Madden stated that in the Poconos there was a tremendous amount of litter and the area started a campaign to get 300 volunteers to help pick up things like tires and fast food bags. She asked if there are dollars to bring into different communities for projects like this. Sec. Lepore responded that she would love to follow up with the representative on this matter. She stated that different communities have their own promotion organizations funded through the hotel tax. Sec. Lepore added that she is looking at destination marketing operations (DMOs).

Rep. Hahn inquired if the extra tourism dollars will help local travel bureaus and help coordinate traveling in several regions. Sec. Lepore explained that DMOs have said that DCED needs to fund tourism in the state office to help move people around the state. She said they are working toward promoting Pennsylvania and then DMOs are responsible for getting those travelers to the destinations.

Rep. Hill-Evans questioned how long a tagline like Pursue Your Happiness stays. Sec. Lepore explained it depends on the legislature and the tourism industry as one day she will leave and it is up to them to keep it. She said an iconic tagline like Virginia is for Lovers is because the state has stuck with it for all these years.

Chairman Longietti added that tourism has a significant effect on the economy in each legislative district. He asked Sec. Lepore to consider the committee as a partner to improve Pennsylvania and promote tourism.

Chairman Millard stated one of the interesting things the committee brought out today is that there is a lot of either



regional, local or even state partnerships with the sesquicentennial that is coming up. He noted that all of the members can say they love Pennsylvania and want to promote that.

Bullet.in.Points

DEP: AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

The Department of Environmental Protection indicated the following technical guidance document has been rescinded:

- DEP ID: 273-4000-008, *Policy for Sampling and Determination of Compliance with Low RVP Gasoline Requirements in the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Ozone Non-Attainment Area*

More information on the withdrawn document is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. For questions regarding this technical guidance document contact Samantha Harmon: saharmon@pa.gov or (717) 705-7686.

Cosponsor Memos

HCO1045	Kail, Joshua (F)(R)	Increases the fine for driving a vehicle without the proper endorsement for that particular type of vehicle.
HCO1046	Comitta, Carolyn(D)	Creates a state board responsible for the timely communication of information regarding pipeline activities.
HCO1061	DeLuca, Anthony(D)	Allows municipal ordinances to regulate use of hand-held cell phones while driving.
HCO1065	Keller, Mark(R)	Brings organized motorcycle rides into compliance with Title 75.
HCO1068	Rabb, Christopher(D)	Reforms cannabis-related DUIs.
HCO1072	Jozwiak, Barry(R)	Enhances the standing of the Civil Air Patrol.
HCO1078	Kortz, Bill(D)	Prohibits school bus drivers from using phones or consuming food while driving a school vehicle.
HCO1084	DeLuca, Anthony(D)	Prohibits the use of a handheld mobile telephone while driving.
HCO1092	Stephens, Todd(R)	Authorizes courts to require an alcohol monitoring device as a condition of bail for repeat offenders.
HCO1104	Day, Gary(R)	Requires home owners that access their properties through a private road to contribute to the maintenance of the road.
HCO2006	Kauffman, Rob(R)	Provides for a special farmland preservation registration plate.
HCO2019	Hohenstein, Joseph (F)(D)	Reimburses Pennsylvania companies for Turnpike tolls.
HCO2020	Gillespie, Keith(R)	Designates the Harley-Davidson as the official motorcycle of Pennsylvania.
HCO2021	Sturla, Mike(D)	Funding for Pennsylvania State Police.



Bill Actions

HB 26	Snyder, Pam(D)	(PN 41) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law, adding motorcycles to the definition of a new motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:		02-04-19 H First consideration 02-04-19 H Laid on the table 02-06-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar 02-06-19 H Removed from the table 02-19-19 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 30	Petrarca, Joseph(D)	(PN 365) Amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries), in anatomical gifts, further providing for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund contributions. The bill establishes that an applicant for a two-year vehicle registration may make a contribution of \$6 to the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund on the Department of Transportation's publicly accessible Internet website. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:		02-05-19 H Filed 02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 37 Brown, Rosemary(R)

(PN 356) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for learners' permits; in rules of the road in general, prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications devices, imposing penalties and establishing the Distracted Driver Awareness Fund; and, in operation of vehicles miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle. "Interactive wireless communications device" does not include a system or device that is physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle *other than being connected to the vehicle solely for the purpose of charging the system or device*; nor a hand-held radio being used by a person with an amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. Minor applicants for learners' permits shall view educational materials on the dangers of distracted driving. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway or trafficway in this Commonwealth while using an interactive wireless communications device while the vehicle is in motion, except as outlined in the bill. The Distracted Driver Awareness Fund is established in the Motor License Fund to be used solely for the purpose of the educational program established in the bill and for the installation and maintenance of official traffic control devices. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 317 Rothman, Greg(R)

(PN 297) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for surcharge; providing for automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems; imposing penalties; and establishing the ALPR Equipment Fund. A surcharge of \$25 is levied upon conviction for violation of Chapter 13 (relating to registration of vehicles), a surcharge of \$25 which shall be remitted to the State Treasury for deposit in the ALPR Equipment Fund. The ALPR Equipment Fund is established to procure ALPR equipment for use by law enforcement agencies and to assist and provide equipment support for State and local law enforcement. Effective in six months.

Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed
02-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 326	Warren, Perry(D)	<p>(PN 304) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for sale or transfer of firearms and for Pennsylvania State Police. The bill establishes that a person whose name is included on the terrorist screening database shall not possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed 02-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary</p>
HB 329	Warren, Perry(D)	<p>(PN 307) Amends the Tax Reform Code, providing for a commuter and commerce toll tax credit. The bill establishes that a taxpayer that incurs a qualified toll expense in a taxable year may apply for a tax credit. A taxpayer is qualified to receive a tax credit for the taxable year in the amount of 50 percent, not to exceed \$500, of the taxpayer's total qualified toll expense for the taxable year. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed 02-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance</p>
HB 343	Cruz, Angel(D)	<p>(PN 320) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), requiring all public officers and employees to provide proof of a valid license to the appropriate governmental unit or employer each year. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed 02-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government</p>
HB 351	Emrick, Joe(R)	<p>(PN 327) Amends the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact providing for veto power by the Governor over certain actions; further providing for audits; and providing the Governor of each state with power to ratify or veto certain actions taken by commissioners. The bill reserves each state the right to provide by law for the exercise of a veto power by the Governor of that state over any action of any commissioner from that state. Further, the Auditor General of Pennsylvania and the State Auditor of New Jersey shall jointly conduct annual financial and management audits of expenditures and operations of the commission and shall submit a report of those audits to the Governors and Legislatures of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey. Effective immediately.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed 02-04-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p>



HB 352 Kortz, Bill(D) (PN 328) Amends Titles 44 (Law and Justice) and 75 (Vehicles), in Title 44, adding a chapter providing for issuance of citations and prohibiting quotas; and in Title 75 in rules of the road in general, establishing a radar enforcement systems pilot program; and making a related repeal. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-04-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 354 Bullock, Donna(D) (PN 330) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license by stipulating that the department shall accept an inmate photo identification card issued by the Department of Corrections or Federal Bureau of Prisons as proof of the identity and date of birth of an otherwise qualified applicant for the issuance or renewal of an identification card or the issuance or renewal of a driver's license, in addition to any other documents currently accepted by the department. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-04-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 364 Gabler, Matt(R) (PN 334) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for visual signals on authorized vehicles adding school vehicles as an authorized vehicle. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-04-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 374 Everett, Garth(R) (PN 347) Amends Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles), in Title 27, adding a chapter providing for Keystone Tree Fund; and, in Title 75 in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Fund. The department may expend money from the fund for the purposes and in the allocations as follows: (1) A tree vitalize program, 40%; (2) A riparian forest buffer grant program, 60%. The department shall annually report to the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy committees regarding the fund revenues and expenditures in the prior fiscal year and describing the activities, programs and projects which received money from the fund. Contributions to the fund can be made via driver's license renewal or vehicle registration renewal. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 380 Diamond, Russ(R) (PN 369) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration, further providing for registration and certificate of title required; in licensing of drivers, further providing for carrying and exhibiting driver's license on demand; and, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection. The bill establishes that no person charged with driving an unregistered vehicle shall be convicted if fewer than 30 days have elapsed from the expiration of the person's valid vehicle registration and the person: produces a valid vehicle registration at the headquarters of the police officer who demanded to see the person's vehicle registration, within 10 days of the demand; or if a citation has been filed, produces a valid vehicle registration at the office of the issuing authority, within 10 days of the filing of the citation. Effective January 1, 2019.

Bill History: 02-05-19 H Filed
02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 381 Diamond, Russ(R) (PN 351) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for accident reports by police by adding that if the request for a report is made within 15 days of the accident, the police department shall furnish an initial written report of the accident at the same time the report is delivered to the department. If the initial report is not complete, a supplemental report shall be submitted at a later date. The cost shall not exceed \$22 (increased from \$15). Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 384 Kail, Joshua (F)(R) (PN 354) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for penalties relating to classes of licenses. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 H Filed
02-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 388 Miller, Daniel(D) (PN 372) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for restraint systems. The bill replaces the references to Class I truck and Class II truck to truck and truck tractor. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 H Filed
02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 413 Oberlander, Donna(R) (PN 386) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for definitions; in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages and providing for permit for movement of commercial implements of husbandry and farm equipment and for permit for movement of agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer. The bill establishes that the annual permit for movement of commercial implements of husbandry and farm equipment shall be \$450. The annual fee for the movement of agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer shall be \$788. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 H Filed
02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 417 Donatucci, Maria(D) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for removal of vehicle by or at direction of police.

Bill History: 02-06-19 H Filed

HB 418 Donatucci, Maria(D) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer of ownership of vehicle.

Bill History: 02-06-19 H Filed

HB 447 Miller, Brett(R) Amends the State Highway Law, in construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of State highways, providing for native vegetation along highways.

Bill History: 02-06-19 H Filed

HB 451 Cruz, Angel(D) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in other offenses, providing for the offense of wireless communications device use while dispensing liquid fuels.

Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed

HB 452 Cruz, Angel(D) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for obstruction to driving view or mechanism.

Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed

HB 454 Cruz, Angel(D) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, providing for removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed

HB 458 Cruz, Angel(D) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for general requirements for school buses.

Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed



HB 461	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in other required equipment, providing for side underride protection systems. Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed
HB 463	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in powers of department and local authorities, providing for a pilot program to place speed humps in school zones. Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed
HB 464	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, for surrender of registration plates & cards upon suspension or revocation & for suspension for failure to respond to citation; and, in fees, for reinstatement. Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed
HR 79	Cruz, Angel(D)	Resolution urging Philadelphia to launch a public education campaign on the prohibitions & safety hazards with pedestrians soliciting along roadways, & urging the Philadelphia Police Dept. to more strictly enforce laws. Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed
SB 43	Ward, Kim(R)	(PN 20) Act designating a portion of US Route 30 in Hempfield Township, Southwest Greensburg Borough, the city of Greensburg, and South Greensburg Borough, as the J. Edward "Hutch" Hutchinson Memorial Bypass. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 02-05-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 461, Main Capitol, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation 02-05-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation 02-05-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation 02-05-19 S First consideration 03-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar



SB 49

Killion, Thomas(R)

(PN 95) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for civil immunity of person rescuing minor from motor vehicle. A person who removes or attempts to remove a minor from a motor vehicle shall be immune from civil liability for any damage to the motor vehicle or property contained in the motor vehicle resulting from the removal or attempt if the person: (1) determines that the motor vehicle is locked or no reasonable method exists for the minor to exit the motor vehicle; (2) has a reasonable and good faith belief that forcible entry into the motor vehicle is necessary because the minor is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the motor vehicle; (3) contacts emergency responders before the removal or attempt occurs, if practicable, or as soon as possible after the removal or attempt occurs; (4) remains with the minor at a safe location near the motor vehicle until a law enforcement officer arrives; and (5) uses no more force than necessary for the removal or attempt. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Judiciary
02-04-19 S First consideration
02-05-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
02-05-19 Second consideration 1:43pm
03-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

SB 62

Ward, Judy (F)(R)

(PN 194) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for veteran plates and placard. The bill establishes that a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at 70 percent or greater, previously 100 percent, shall be issued a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely disabled veteran. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 34)

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 461, Main Capitol, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
02-05-19 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
02-05-19 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
02-05-19 S First consideration
03-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar



SB 117 Langerholc, Wayne(R) (PN 85) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3016 (Bedford Street) over Solomon Run in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Seaman Apprentice Kenneth D. Scaife Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 461, Main Capitol, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
02-05-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
02-05-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
02-05-19 S First consideration
03-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

SB 128 Regan, Mike(R) (PN 91) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) establishing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and supervise their expenditures of state funding as well as the maintenance and use of commonwealth facilities used. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
01-29-19 S First consideration
02-05-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
02-05-19 Second consideration 1:45pm
02-05-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

SB 218 Hughes, Vincent(D) (PN 184) Amends the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for rights, for responsibilities of victims of crime under basic bill of rights, for responsibilities of state and local law enforcement agencies and for responsibilities of prosecutor's office; in administration, further providing for office, for powers and duties of victim advocate and for powers and duties of Office of Victims' Services; in compensation, further providing for persons eligible for compensation, for filing of claims for compensation, for minimum allowable claim, for determination of claims, for emergency awards, for awards and for confidentiality of records; in services, further providing for eligibility of victims; in financial matters, further providing for costs; and, in enforcement, further providing for subrogation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Filed
02-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary



SB 227 White, Donald(R) (PN 189) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 56 over the Conemaugh River, Indiana County, as the Spc. Beverly S. Clark Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Filed
02-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 228 White, Donald(R) (PN 190) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 553, bridge ID 32055302000620, over Dutch Run in Pine Township, Indiana County, as the Private Chancy Franklin Davis Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Filed
02-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 229 White, Donald(R) (PN 191) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 403 over Dixon Run, Clymer Borough, Indiana County, as the PFC Martin J. Popson Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Filed
02-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 231 White, Donald(R) (PN 192) Act designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 422 over Yellow Creek, Cherryhill Township, Indiana County, as the PFC Ralph E. Dias Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

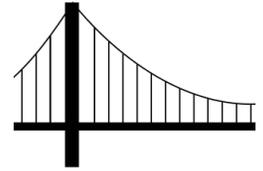
Bill History: 02-05-19 S Filed
02-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 234 Browne, Patrick(R) Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative & Judicial Departments, the public debt & the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Bill History: 02-07-19 S Filed
02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Appropriations

SB 241 Browne, Patrick(R) Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab & Limousine Regulatory Fund & the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Bill History: 02-07-19 S Filed
02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Appropriations



Upcoming Events

House Appropriations

February 11, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

PA Public Utility Commission

February 12, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 2nd Floor, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Damage Prevention Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

February 19, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

PA Turnpike Commission

February 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

February 20, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., One Port Center, 11th Floor, 2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

February 21, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg
Public hearing on the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicle service in this Commonwealth

Senate Appropriations

February 25, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Dept. of Transportation

House Appropriations

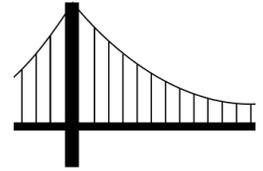
February 26, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation

PA Public Utility Commission

February 28, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

House Appropriations

March 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary - Office of the Governor/Executive Offices



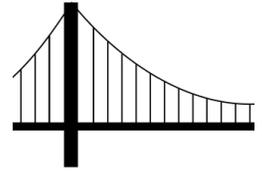
Senate Appropriations

March 7, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

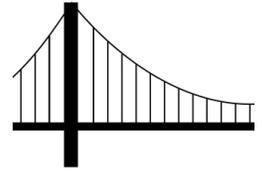
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary/Governor's Executive Office (if necessary)

In the News

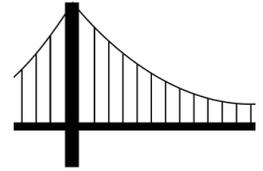
- 02-07-2019 **[SEPTA Gets Boost for Snow Removal](#)**
(Press Release)
- 02-07-2019 **[Triumph Group Reports Third Quarter Fiscal 2019 Results](#)**
(Press Release)
- 02-07-2019 **[Committee Approves Ward's Bill Expanding Eligibility for Disabled Veteran Plates](#)**
(Press Release)
- 02-07-2019 **[Choo-choo times two equals double trouble](#)**
The most important stretch in Norfolk Southern's vast rail system is the one between northern New Jersey and Chicago, and the only part of it where double-stacked freight trains and oil trains cannot rumble along the same corridor is the Pittsburgh Line. The railroad is fixing to change that, to allow double-stacked trains on... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-07-2019 **[After deadly DUI, gaming board fines Mount Airy casino operator for failing to track drinks](#)**
Mount Airy Casino Resort must pay a \$250,000 fine after a customer who was served eight drinks in about two hours struck and killed a jogger in February 2018, the state Gaming Control Board announced Wednesday. The casino operator failed to implement an alcoholic beverage tracking... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 02-07-2019 **[Hanover Area board could face lawsuit](#)**
The Hanover Area School Board could face a lawsuit if the board doesn't reconsider Tuesday's decision to terminate a contract for a van service run by the parents of Board President Frank Ciavarella Jr., attorney Bruce Phillips said. Frank and Dorothy Ciavarella could sue for breach of contract, Phillips... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 02-07-2019 **[Animosity prompts Croyle roadmaster to step down](#)**
Friction among the three Croyle Township supervisors over road maintenance and snow plowing reached the boiling point during recent heavy snow and ice. The animosity prompted township Supervisor Richard Potter to step down as Croyle's roadmaster at the opening of the supervisors' regular... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 02-07-2019 **[How to get your medical marijuana card in Pennsylvania: 4 \(sometimes\) easy steps](#)**
With medical marijuana dispensaries opening across the state, now is the time for potential medical marijuana patients to begin the process of obtaining your medical marijuana card. Here's what you need to do – and how to avoid the snags patients sometimes face.... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)



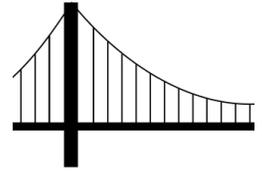
- 02-07-2019 **Cumberland County cancels Sunoco public meeting after other parties drop out**
Cumberland County Wednesday afternoon announced that the Sunoco public meeting scheduled for Thursday morning has been canceled after other parties involved in the discussion decided to drop out. The meeting had been scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at the courthouse. The... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Fitzpatrick revives push for cockpit safety, in honor of Lower Makefield pilot killed on 9/11**
The "Saracini Enhanced Aviation Safety Act of 2019," introduced by U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick and 10 co-sponsors last week, would require lightweight wire-mesh barriers to be installed on existing passenger aircraft. That protection became law for newly manufactured passenger... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Area police departments honored for efforts against aggressive driving**
BLOOMSBURG — Several police departments from the area were honored Monday by the state Department of Transportation and the Highway Safety Network for officers' participation in PennDOT's Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project in 2018. Individual award recipients from Columbia County included Patrolman Craig... - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Casino fined after patron drives drunk, kills jogger**
HARRISBURG (AP) — A Pennsylvania casino has been fined more than \$250,000 after a customer was served eight drinks in less than two hours and killed a jogger while driving home... - [AP](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Lowman S. Henry: Gov. Wolf sees his shadow: Four years of socialism**
In a confluence of events unique to Pennsylvania, the nation's most famous groundhog emerges from his winter slumber in Punxsutawney to forecast the weather while along the banks of the Susquehanna the governor of Pennsylvania appears before the legislature to offer his version of the... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Limerick looking to build more bus stop shelters**
LIMERICK — Waiting for the bus on Ridge Pike may soon get a little drier and a little less wind-blown. Township supervisors are looking into erecting more bus shelters for an increasing number of riders of the SEPTA bus system. The township is dipping its toe into the water by first committing to... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Engineer to reevaluate Lansdale skate park project**
LANSDALE— Plans for a skate park in Lansdale could be even further delayed, as staff and borough council look for ways to stay within budget. Council's Parks committee is recommending a new contract with the borough's engineering firm to look for ways to break up the skate park into... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Trail club receives grant for deck for railroad bridge**
The development of a trail is taking shape in the corridor of the defunct Knox and Kane Railroad. One of the latest projects calls for the installation of decking to create safe passage over a former railroad bridge near Kane Area High School. This 190-foot wooden bridge is near Pennsylvania Avenue and Highland Road... - [Kane Republican](#)



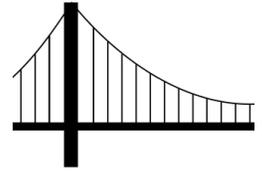
- 02-07-2019 **Governor's panel agrees that Ohio gas-tax increase necessary**
After two meetings, a committee formed by Gov. Mike DeWine to study options for fixing a shortfall in money for road construction and maintenance has come to a consensus that the state gasoline tax needs to increase. Ohio's 28-cents-per-gallon gas tax was last raised in 2005, and the... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Want to put companies profiting from DMV failures out of business? Then fix the agency**
It will probably not surprise you to learn that the troubled California Department of Motor Vehicles — still infamous for last year's unconscionably long lines, technology failures and dysfunctional management — has a clunky and not particularly user-friendly online system for... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Garcetti orders LAPD to scale back vehicle stops amid concerns over black drivers being targeted**
Mayor Eric Garcetti has ordered Los Angeles police to scale back on vehicle stops in response to an investigation by the Los Angeles Times showing that an elite unit was pulling over a disproportionate number of African Americans. In a written statement Wednesday, Garcetti said he is "deeply... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Big jump in tickets for bike lane parking violations**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia says there was a big jump in the number of tickets issued to drivers who parked in bike lanes last year. About 5,500 tickets were given out last year, representing a 17 percent increase from 2017. That's a 173 percent increase over the last five years.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Police: School bus crashes into wall; no students aboard**
Authorities say a school bus with no students aboard has crashed in western Pennsylvania... - [AP](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Amazon and Sequoia Capital just invested \$530 million in self-driving firm Aurora Innovation**
Aurora Innovation — the Lawrenceville-based autonomous vehicles company competing with the likes of Uber, Argo AI and Aptiv — has raised \$530 million in Series B venture capital funding from both Amazon and well-known investment company Sequoia Partners, it announced Thursday.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-07-2019 **Paul Muschick: Will the state House play politics or protect taxpayers from corruption?**
The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has a choice to make: Does it want good government or does it want to play politics? The House gets to decide how long taxpayers will remain exposed to paying the retirement of corrupt public officials. There's an easy way to... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



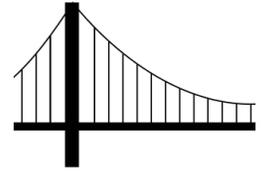
- 02-07-2019 **Pittsburgh residents don't fear driverless vehicles, survey says**
Pittsburghers are – by and large – comfortable sharing the road with autonomous vehicles, bucking national trends that show most U.S. drivers distrust driverless technology. This week Bike Pittsburgh, which advocates for safe streets to bike and walk, released a biennial survey showing people feel safer sharing the road... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 02-07-2019 **More than ever, people are trying to board planes with guns**
Travelers moving through Pittsburgh International Airport continued to bring firearms to security checkpoints at a rate of more than two per month. Transportation Security Administration agents at the airport caught 34 guns at checkpoints last year, up slightly from the 32 caught in 2017, according... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 02-06-2019 **PA Public Utility Commission Meeting Agenda for February 7, 2019**
(Press Release)
- 02-06-2019 **Allegheny Institute for Public Policy: Peers could point way on Port...**
(Press Release)
- 02-06-2019 **Governor Wolf: Restore Pennsylvania Will Help Cambria County Battle Blight**
(Press Release)
- 02-06-2019 **Stateline Daily: Getting the Boot in High-Tech Fashion**
(Press Release)
- 02-06-2019 **Tarentum considering new rules, fees for handicapped parking spaces**
It could soon cost money to get, and to keep, a handicapped parking space in Tarentum. As being considered by borough council, the initial cost would be \$75. A permit would be good for two years, and renewing it would cost \$50. The initial fee is intended "to cover the cost and expense associated... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 02-06-2019 **Hanover Area ends contract with parents of board president after \$250K overpayment**
HANOVER TWP. — The Hanover Area School Board has terminated a contract with a transportation firm run by the parents of Board President Frank Ciavarella, a move prompted by an overpayment of about \$250,000 the district made for van services in the 2017-18 school year.... - *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*
- 02-06-2019 **Hanover Area ends van contract with board member's parents**
HANOVER TWP. — The Hanover Area School Board on Tuesday terminated a contract for a van service run by the parents of Board President Frank Ciavarella Jr., and the school district has informed the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office about a \$250,000 overpayment for the... - *Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*



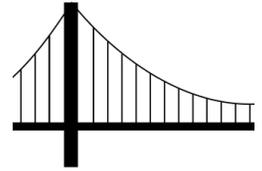
- 02-06-2019 **[Penn Hills school board president alleges pay-to-play in grand jury report response](#)**
In her response to an Allegheny County grand jury report on the Penn Hills School district's financial collapse, the current school board president disputed claims that she pressured colleagues to hire a politically connected architectural firm that ran up costs and contributed... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-06-2019 **[Womelsdorf OKs study of traffic lights](#)**
Womelsdorf Borough Council on Tuesday entered into a contract with Traffic Planning and Design Inc., Pottstown, for a traffic light study at the intersection of Routes 419 and 422. The study was prompted by residents expressing concerns about an increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents at the intersection since a... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 02-06-2019 **[Tunk Twp. alerts to water project](#)**
Installation of a new system to pipe water out of the Susquehanna River northward to Lemon Twp. could begin within three weeks, Tunkhannock Twp. roadmaster Ken White told supervisors Monday night. The plan in principle that was laid out nearly a year ago at a Tunkhannock... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 02-06-2019 **[Longwall mining causes ripples on I-70 near West Alexander](#)**
Subsidence from longwall mining underneath Interstate 70 near West Alexander led to some long traffic backups Tuesday, as traffic had to be temporarily halted to mill down ripples that had formed in the highway. As of 3 p.m., crews were still working to mill the roadway. Traffic was... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 02-06-2019 **[Hearing set for Nesbit](#)**
MERCER — A preliminary hearing has been set for 11 a.m. Feb. 14 in the DUI case against State Rep. Tedd Nesbit. State police charged Nesbit, R-8th District, Grove City, on Jan. 28 with drunken driving, drunken driving with a blood alcohol level of at least .16... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 02-06-2019 **[Open house will focus on culvert project](#)**
PennDOT will conduct an open house and plans display to inform the public of the proposed Route 3015 (Water Level Road) culvert replacement project in Milford Township, Somerset County, from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the New Centerville & Rural Volunteer Fire Company banquet hall, 3018 Kingwood Road... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 02-06-2019 **[236-unit Gilbertsville townhome project nears approval](#)**
DOUGLASS (Mont.) — A long-discussed housing development located on 285 acres south of the former Zern's Market in Gilbertsville is nearing the finish line. The township supervisors voted unanimously Monday to authorize Township Solicitor Robert Brant to draw up a resolution giving final approval to the... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)



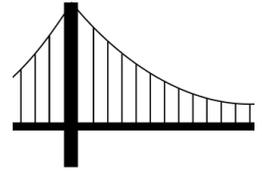
- 02-06-2019 **Towamencin gets grant for Forty Foot Road bottleneck**
TOWAMENCIN — One of Towamencin's top traffic spots could soon be a thing of the past. The township announced this week that a \$1 million state grant has been awarded to remove a bottleneck and add a traffic signal on Forty Foot Road. "After years of numerous grant submissions, one of the township's greatest... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Grants provide \$521K for area road projects**
Two of Monroe County's state lawmakers praised a grant program Monday that will provide more than \$500,000 in funding for a road project in Stroud Township. The \$521,616 grant from the state Department of Transportation will help the township replace an existing steel beam... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Woodward to get \$175,000 for Croak Hollow Road**
LOCK HAVEN — Woodward Township in Clinton County will receive a \$175,000 grant to pave approximately two miles of Croak Hollow Road, according to state Sen. Joe Scarnati, R-Brockport. The local grant is part of \$1.505 million in state grants for projects awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the 25th... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 02-06-2019 **United Airlines to squeeze economy sections, expand premium seats on flights**
United Airlines will woo high-fare passengers by retrofitting more than 100 planes to add more premium seats on key routes... - [AP](#)
- 02-06-2019 **State audit: Bradford County should reimburse PennDOT for bridge project**
TOWANDA — Bradford County officials are disagreeing with a finding by the Pennsylvania Auditor General's office that recommends the county reimburse PennDOT over \$333,000 in liquid fuels money that was spent on the replacement of a county-owned bridge in the Rome area last year.... - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Bridge project set to start**
CRANBERRY TWP — A nearly two-year project to replace a bridge over the Pennsylvania Turnpike will begin next week. According to information from PennDOT, crews will begin the first phase of the project Monday. That phase includes utility work, surveying and tree... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 02-06-2019 **DUI case may be a county first**
BUTLER TWP — A Center Township man may be the first person in Butler County to have been charged under the state's new law that increases penalties for repeat drunken drivers. Charles L. Henry, 54, is accused of felony driving under the influence. That charge — felony DUI — has only been on the books for six weeks... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Getting the Boot in High-Tech Fashion**
BALTIMORE — On a bone-chilling morning, Cpl. Tiffany Chambers drives her utility van up and down city streets until a loud alarm starts beeping inside her vehicle. A license plate reader connected to two cameras on the van's rooftop has spotted a parked gray Ford Explorer whose owner has... - [Stateline.org](#)



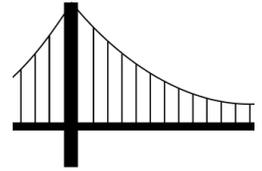
- 02-06-2019 **ODOT director stresses Ohio facing road funding crisis without new revenue**
As Gov. Mike DeWine and state lawmakers consider a possible gas-tax increase, Ohio's transportation director warned Tuesday that the state's road maintenance and infrastructure projects are facing an "impending crisis" unless more money is generated. Average Ohio drivers "are going to see their commute routes ride a lot..." - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 02-06-2019 **PennDOT: Emergency Repairs Underway On I-70 Due To Mining Under Highway**
DONEGAL TOWNSHIP, Pa. (KDKA) — PennDOT is making repairs to part of Interstate 70 in Washington County on Tuesday, prompting temporary stoppages and slowing traffic. According to PennDOT, workers are repairing ripples in the roadway caused by "longwall mining" under the highway.... - [KDKA](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Greensburg hopes to stop utility pole crashes with alley traffic change**
Greensburg City Council hopes to stop drivers from crashing into a downtown utility pole by changing the direction of traffic on one block of a narrow alley. Cars have collided with a West Penn Power utility pole multiple times as drivers attempt to turn from Third Street to travel north on Bononi Way,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Port Authority work progresses at Wood Street T station**
Crews upgrading Port Authority's Wood Street Station, Downtown, have completed work around the Sixth Avenue entrance and will reopen it Tuesday morning, the same time they will close the Wood Street entrance for renovations in that area. The authority said Wednesday workers for Arcon Contracting, of New... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Red Line delays expected, hundreds without power after Mt. Lebanon transformer fire**
Riders on the Port Authority's light-rail Red Line are likely to see five- to 10-minute delays Wednesday after a transformer fire in the Mt. Lebanon area, agency spokesman Adam Brandolph said. Duquesne Light was reporting just more than 500 customers in Mt. Lebanon... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-06-2019 **Port Authority sends \$3M bill to Norfolk Southern for August derailment costs**
The Port Authority of Allegheny County is asking Norfolk Southern for \$3 million to reimburse costs incurred during the August derailment at Station Square that disrupted light rail traffic for nearly three weeks. The derailment inconvenienced thousands of riders for weeks., Port... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 02-05-2019 **2019-20 Proposed Budget Legislation - PA Public Utility Commission**
(Press Release)
- 02-05-2019 **Bethlehem students take advantage of LANTA's dollar-a-day bus passes**
A LANTA program providing low-cost transportation service for students is affording them an option to school buses in the Bethlehem Area School District. The district began participating in the dollar-a-day offering at the beginning of the school year, and 6,606 day passes have been purchased by... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



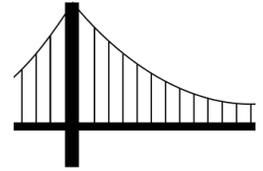
- 02-05-2019 **Scranton council advances bridge repairs**
SCRANTON — City council advanced plans Monday for the state Department of Transportation to replace four city bridges in about four years. They are the West Lackawanna Avenue bridge over railroad tracks, East Elm Street bridge over the Lackawanna River, North Main Avenue bridge over... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Washington council considers allowing more parking by Neal Sportsplex in winter months**
Washington city council is eyeing a proposed change to its parking rules to allow more parking near the Vernon C. Neal Sportsplex next to Washington Park during colder months. The proposal would ease restrictions and would ban parking on the east side of the stretch of Dunn Avenue that passes the facility only from May 1 to... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 02-05-2019 **U.S. Sen. Casey taking TSA officer from Pittsburgh International Airport as State of the Union guest**
A Transportation Security Administration officer, who works at Pittsburgh International Airport and whose family was adversely affected by the recent government shutdown, will be U.S. Sen. Bob Casey's guest at Tuesday's State of the Union address by President Donald Trump.... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Police department in Berks County testing license-plate readers [Poll]**
After the owner of an Allentown auto-detailing business was found shot to death in his shop, Lehigh County emergency dispatchers broadcast a bulletin over law enforcement channels for the victim's BMW. The alert, sent out the morning of April 9, 2014, reached well beyond the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Robesonia to advertise updated waste and recycling ordinance**
Robesonia Borough Council on Monday approved advertising an updated municipal waste and recycling ordinance. The proposed measure sets regulations for waste collection, transportation and disposal. It also establishes a program for the mandated separation and... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Reading's Kyley Scott handled nearly 12,000 nontraffic citations in 2017 — 3 times more than any other district judge in Pa.**
State data obtained by the Reading Eagle showed Reading District Judge Kyley Scott had a caseload of 11,724 non-traffic summary cases in 2017, more than triple the amount of any other court among 600-plus across the state. Top Berks County officials called the previously undisclosed number... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 02-05-2019 **GE Transportation-Wabtec merger moves ahead**
The process, which began with an announcement in May 2018, shifts into gear on Feb. 14 or Valentine's Day, which has been declared the distribution date for the spin-off. General Electric offered a roadmap Monday for the process of spinning off GE Transportation as the business merges with Westinghouse Air Brake... - [Erie Times-News](#)



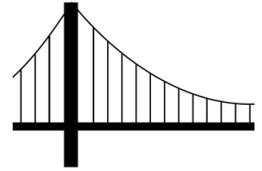
- 02-05-2019 **City opens bids to work on Brandon Park improvements**
Construction on the city's first "Nature Play," and the resurfacing of tennis courts — both at Brandon Park — could begin as soon as the weather breaks, city official said Monday. Several companies bid more than \$500,000 in improvements at the park. The bids were opened by Reynolds Construction Management, Inc., Stahl Sheaffer... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 02-05-2019 **MU wall project gets \$1.2M**
Mount Union will receive \$1.2 million from a state transportation program toward completing major infrastructure issues along Pennsylvania Avenue, including replacement of a century-old stone retaining wall. Feb. 1, Gov. Tom Wolf and PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards announced 50... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Croak Hollow Road Improvement Gets State Funding**
HARRISBURG – Gov. Tom Wolf announced on Friday that a Woodward Township road is among the recipients for improvements from Pennsylvania's Multimodal Transportation Fund. The state grant amounts to \$175,000 to pave nearly two miles of the Croak Hollow Road, Township Route T-512.... - [Lock Haven Record](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Ambitious bridge repair project down to its last 2 replacements in Lancaster County**
A massive package of Pennsylvania bridge projects is set for completion this year, and the ambitious effort has shortened the list of state bridges in need of repair in Lancaster County. The PA Rapid Bridge Replacement Project is down to its last two projects in... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Heeding complaints, committee looks to improve highways maintenance**
Heeding constituents' complaints about deteriorating roads, even after the issuance of more than \$1.9 billion in road bonds in the past year, one House of Delegates committee began work Monday on legislation aimed at improving maintenance, or at least letting drivers see where the Division... - [Charleston Gazette-Mail](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Beaver Co. Transit Authority Delays Service Cuts After Objections From Riders**
BEAVER COUNTY, Pa. (KDKA) – The Beaver County Transit Authority wants to cut some of its bus routes, but some riders are pushing back. For thousands of people across the region, public transportation isn't just a convenience or an alternative, it's a necessity. And the route... - [KDKA](#)
- 02-05-2019 **CMU to receive nearly \$3M in funding from U.S. Department of Transportation**
Carnegie Mellon University was one of 32 universities selected nationally to receive funding by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the department announced Tuesday. CMU will receive just over \$2.8 million for its role as a University Transportation Center. According to the federal agency, the UTCs "are... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



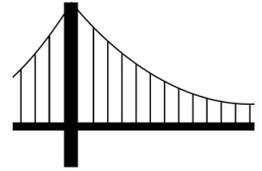
- 02-05-2019 **Feds reimburse PennDOT nearly \$10 million for Route 30 collapse**
The Federal Highway Administration announced Tuesday it will reimburse the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation \$9,727,856 for part of the cost of a landslide that collapsed a part of Route 30 in April and damaged an apartment complex below it in East Pittsburgh.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Crash involving SUV, SEPTA paratransit van, and trolley leaves 30 hurt in West Philadelphia**
Thirty people were injured Tuesday in a crash involving an SUV, a paratransit van, and a SEPTA trolley in West Philadelphia, officials said. None of the injuries immediately appeared to be life-threatening. Heather Redfern, a SEPTA spokesperson, said the crash occurred about 11:25... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 02-05-2019 **Pa. to get \$30 million in federal money to repair flood-damaged roads**
A total of \$30 million is going to Pennsylvania to help repair roads damaged by flooding in 2018, the Federal Highway Administration announced. The money is part of a \$705.7 million being distributed among 34 states, American Samoa, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to help repair... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 02-04-2019 **Burns urges a stop to medical transport changes**
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- 02-04-2019 **DEP Issues a Code Orange Air Quality Action Day Forecast for 20 PA Counties**
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- 02-04-2019 **PennFuture: Gov. Wolf Proposes Bold Water Infrastructure Plan, Concerns about...**
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- 02-04-2019 **CCAP Legislative Bulletin - Number 3, February 1, 2019**
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- 02-04-2019 **PA Turnpike Commission Meeting Agenda for February 5, 2019**
(Press Release)
- 02-04-2019 **Be relentless at district**
Normally, a school district business manager would be a relatively big fish in a public corruption investigation. But the most surprising thing about the arrest Friday of former Scranton School District business manager Gregg Sunday was that, according to his... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 02-04-2019 **Centre County Receives \$2 Million for Bridge Replacements**
Replacement of two Centre County bridges in poor condition will move forward with a \$2 million state grant announced this week. Railroad Street Bridge in Bellefonte and Mill Street Bridge in Howard were deemed structurally-deficient and the projects were awarded funds from... - [State College News](#)



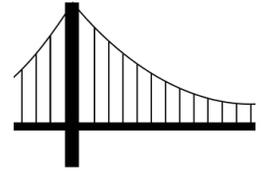
- 02-04-2019 **Developments spur water, traffic woes in New Hanover**
NEW HANOVER — As the township's more than 20 active development projects makes their way through the planning process — one appearing Jan. 28 before the township supervisors — they are triggering larger discussions about their impacts on traffic and stormwater to name just a... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 02-04-2019 **PUC sets annual board meeting**
HARRISBURG —The Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Board (PASEB), in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), will hold its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, in the Desert Room of the Keystone Building Meeting Center in the Commonwealth... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)
- 02-04-2019 **Klakamp visits Pa. Congress to address larger trucks on roads**
There have been repeated requests of Congress to allow larger trucks — 33-foot twins — and heavier loads on the nation's roads. So far, those requests have been defeated. There is powerful opposition. "The National Trooper Association, National Sheriff's Association,... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 02-04-2019 **Bucking national trend, Port Authority ridership increased for 2018**
After two years of declines, Port Authority bucked an industry trend last year when its ridership increased by 1.95 percent — all of it centered on bus operations. And the increase likely would have been higher if the agency did not have two major light-rail disruptions due to flooding in the South Hills and the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-04-2019 **5 reasons why autonomous cars aren't coming anytime soon**
In the world of autonomous vehicles, Pittsburgh and Silicon Valley are bustling hubs of development and testing... - [AP](#)
- 02-04-2019 **It's time for automatic voter registration in Pa. | Opinion**
I watch my neighbors create positive change year-round: they volunteer to shovel sidewalks for seniors on their block and swap tomato-growing tips at the community garden. These are the actions that create and sustain a community, but the largest and most impactful changes we can make begin at... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 02-04-2019 **Easton wants PennDOT to add \$28 million in projects, including Lehigh River pedestrian bridge, to its long-range plan**
Easton has asked the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to add a 340-foot-long pedestrian bridge that would cross the Lehigh River to its long-range transportation plan. The footbridge is among \$28 million in transportation projects that Easton wants included on the list that looks 12 years to the future.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 02-04-2019 **Weak demand, strong supply keeping gas prices in check, analyst says**
Despite oil rising to its highest price in months because of instability in Venezuela, weak demand for gasoline and strong supply has kept prices in check at the pump. "As the record gasoline supply continues to overshadow markets ahead of the road to summer gasoline, any updrafts at the pump will be small and... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



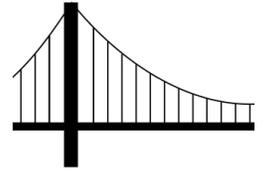
- 02-04-2019 **[On Rosa Parks' birthday, advocates push for transit fairness](#)**
For all 52 of her years, Lisa Gonzalez has used public transportation in Pittsburgh. So there she was Downtown at Gateway Station on Monday, marking her birthday -- one she shares with the late civil rights leader Rosa Parks -- with a public call for accessible and affordable transport for all.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-04-2019 **[Air quality warning issued for Lehigh Valley, other regions](#)**
Environmental officials say people with breathing conditions should be cautious today and Tuesday, because the same weather pattern treating the area to spring-like warmth has caused an increase in polluting particles. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issued a "Code... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[Here's what a Broad Street Line extension to the Navy Yard could look like](#)**
SEPTA pitched three proposals on Thursday to extend the Broad Street Line to the Navy Yard, but the long-percolating project faces a hefty price tag and a hard road to win funding. The price tag for the cheapest of the options is \$869 million, and the other two are \$1.5 billion and \$1.6 billion. Under current ridership... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[State awards funding for Armstrong transportation projects](#)**
Nearly \$765,000 in state funding will be coming into Armstrong County for transportation projects, Gov. Tom Wolf announced Friday. The money from the Multimodal Transportation Fund is included in \$44.5 million being used on 50 highway, bridge, transit, aviation, bike and... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[Port Authority's light rail Red Line back in operation after water break woes](#)**
Port Authority used shuttle buses between Mt. Lebanon and Castle Shannon light rail stations for almost 2 hours Friday night after a water main break on Cooke Lane in Castle Shannon flooded the tracks. The water main break, which occurred at about 7 p.m., forced the Port... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[State funds OK'd for Route 119 in Youngwood, Latrobe underpasses](#)**
An overdue update of the Route 119 corridor in Youngwood and repair of deteriorating sidewalks in Latrobe railroad underpasses were among 50 Pennsylvania projects that got a boost Friday with a combined \$44.5 million in funding from the state's Multimodal Transportation Fund.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[\\$9 million awarded to Allegheny County infrastructure projects](#)**
Communities across Allegheny County will receive more than \$9 million in state money for transportation and other infrastructure projects. The money comes from the state's Multimodal Transportation Fund, Gov. Tom Wolf's office said Friday. Projects were selected by the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[TSA officer jumps to his death at Orlando airport](#)**
An officer from the Transportation Security Administration jumped to his death from a balcony inside Florida's busiest airport Saturday, creating panic that brought some security checkpoints to a halt for hours and caused serious delays.... - [AP](#)



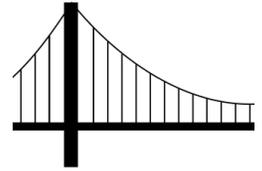
- 02-03-2019 **[Follow the money in stormwater program](#)**
The Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's decision to pare back its controversial stormwater fee for owners of larger parcels, grant credits and discounts to all ratepayers, cancel fees for appeals and extend the deadline for first-quarter payments are all welcome news for outraged... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[Gov. Wolf announces \\$4.6M for Luzerne County infrastructure projects](#)**
Gov. Tom Wolf announced Friday that 50 highway, bridge, transit, aviation, and bike and pedestrian projects in 23 counties were selected to receive \$44.5 million — including \$4.6 million for Luzerne County — through the Multimodal Transportation Fund. Reflecting Wolf and PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards' commitment to... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[Centre County bridges get \\$2 million from state for replacement](#)**
Two Centre County bridges deemed in "poor condition" are receiving \$2 million in state multimodal transportation funds for their replacement. Mill Street Bridge in Howard Borough and Railroad Street Bridge in Bellefonte Borough were on a list of 12 local bridges in Centre County... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[I-70 makeover of Bentleyville interchanges nears completion](#)**
A major reconstruction of the Interstate 70 interchanges at Bentleyville is nearing completion, creating what the state said is a safer, modern stretch of the highway. Thank you for Reading! Please log in, or sign up for a new account and purchase a subscription to... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 02-03-2019 **[Easton wants PennDOT to add \\$28 million in projects, including Lehigh River pedestrian bridge, to its long-range plan](#)**
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- 02-03-2019 **[State grants worth \\$44.5M include money for Route 30 improvements, upgrades for Ephrata Township development](#)**
Two projects in Lancaster County were among 50 highway, bridge, transit, aviation and bike and pedestrian projects across Pennsylvania that received \$44.5 million through the state's Multimodal Transportation Fund. In East Lampeter, \$1.6 million was awarded to improve sidewalks and add... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 02-01-2019 **[Gov. Wolf Announces Investments in 50 Multimodel Projects to Improve Safety...](#)**
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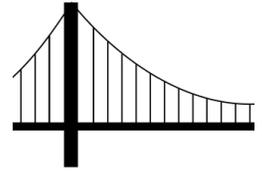
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- 02-01-2019 **Beaver transit is important to commuters**
Beaver transit is important to commuters The Beaver County Transportation Authority has provided quality bus service along Ohio River Boulevard for over 20 years. This service has enabled families to stay in Beaver County when so many others have left, but all... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Commissioners optimistic about BCTA route changes**
ROCHESTER — A series of proposed route changes won't leave Beaver County residents without a ride, officials said Thursday. County commissioners met with Beaver County Transit Authority officials Thursday morning after commissioners received a flood of calls and emails... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 02-01-2019 **End threat of flying ice**
Among the joys of frigid weather is driving on icy roads, which is hard enough without trying to dodge airborne chunks of ice. Pennsylvania has a law requiring drivers to clear their vehicles of snow and ice. It was adopted in response to the death of Christine Lambert of... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Gov. Wolf signs into law stiffer penalties for repeat DUI offenders**
HARRISBURG — In front of families who lost a loved one to an impaired driver, Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday signed into law stiffer penalties for repeat DUI offenders. Among the four families who lost loved ones in Chester County to an impaired driver were Paul and Maggie Hannagan, who were injured in the... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Park Avenue plan – challenging task needs more support**
Consultants shepherding the Park Avenue Plan in Williamsport held a recent open house seeking input on the planned revitalization of that area. They got plenty of what they wanted regarding an area that encompasses Park Avenue between Hepburn and Walnut streets and dips south toward Little... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Experts explain differences in salt, surfaces**
As folks work to eliminate icy surfaces from their sidewalks and driveways, local experts urge using caution before putting that next cup of salt on the ground. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Borowicz's Milesburg office opening next week**
MILESBURG – State Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R-Centre/Clinton) will open her Milesburg district office next week. Effective Monday, Feb. 4, the district office at 103 Water St., Milesburg will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number at the office is 814-353-8780.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)



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- 02-01-2019 **G.E. Earnings Show Glimmers of a Turnaround, but Big Challenges Still Loom**
H. Lawrence Culp Jr., General Electric's new chief executive, faces two major tasks. Mr. Culp must fix G.E.'s big yet ailing power-generation business, a turnaround project that will take a few years. More immediately, he needs to sell assets and trim costs to generate enough cash to stabilize the... - [New York Times](#)
- 02-01-2019 **116th Congress should aim for bipartisan infrastructure legislation**
THE ISSUE The most diverse Congress in United States history was sworn in on Jan. 3. The 116th Congress — 534 members in all — features a record number of women. Overall, 127 women (106 Democrats, 21 Republicans) now hold nearly 24 percent of the seats in Congress, according to the Center for... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Homeless Find Refuge in the Subway as New York Copes With Deep Freeze**
As commuters shuffled through the Lexington Avenue-53rd Street subway station on Thursday morning, Tyrone Cooper serenaded the bundled-up passengers with his usual renditions of popular tunes. But Mr. Cooper's performance also came with a warning: "It's too cold to be outside right now. You can get sick and die out there."... - [New York Times](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Your Taxi or Uber Ride in Manhattan Will Soon Cost More**
It is not enough that a subway fare increase could soon make traveling underground in New York City more expensive. The cost of getting around above ground is going up, too. An extra \$2.50 fee will be tacked onto any yellow taxi rides in Manhattan that begin, end or pass through south of 96th street, and an extra \$2.75... - [New York Times](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Shutdown May Have Impaired Federal Investigations Into Plane and Highway Crashes**
Whenever there is a plane or major highway crash, federal investigators descend immediately to the scene to collect evidence. Their goal is to find the accident's cause so that future tragedies can be prevented. But during the 35-day government shutdown, the National Transportation... - [New York Times](#)
- 02-01-2019 **Manchin: Amtrak created financial hardship for Huntington historical railroad group**
HUNTINGTON — U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin says Amtrak has created a financial hardship for the Collis P. Huntington Railroad Historical Society, causing its employees to be laid off and the organization to close its doors. Manchin, D-W.Va., sent a letter on Thursday to Amtrak CEO Richard Anderson... - [Charleston Gazette-Mail](#)



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