



November 15-25, 2018

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Session Status

At 5:02 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore.

At 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 the House stands in recess until the call of the Chair.

Neither chamber is expected to reconvene prior to January 1, 2019.

Upcoming Session Days

House

January 1

Senate

January 1, 28, 29, 30
 February 4, 5, 6
 March 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, 25, 26, 27, 28



WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
 11/15/18, 10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room
 By Jessica Richardson and Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) met to consider regulations.

Chairman George Bedwick, Vice Chairman John Mizner, Commissioner Russell Faber were in attendance. Commissioners Murray Ufberg and Dennis Watson participated via conference call.

Minutes from the October 18, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

3185 Public Utility Commission 57-317: Motor Carrier Age Requirement was unanimously approved.

Regulatory Analyst Scott R. Schalles said the regulation reduces the minimum age requirement for paratransit drivers from 21 years of age to 18 years of age in limited circumstances. Schalles said the Public Utility Commission's (PUC) existing regulations limit paratransit minimum age requirements to 21 years of age while the Department of Health (DOH) permits individuals 18 or older to drive emergency medical service vehicles if trained by the department. According to Schalles, PUC allowed waivers for paratransit drivers less than 21 years of age, but now seeks to codify the practice.

Joe Cardinale, assistant counsel for the PUC, said the rulemaking is due to dual-service operators, which are companies that offer both emergency ambulance and paratransit services. Cardinale said dual-service operators sought waivers from PUC to operate without compliance of the commission age requirement. The commission wanted to define and streamline the process instead of consistently approving waivers, Cardinale said.

Commissioner Ufberg asked what the basis for granting waivers was for those under 21. Cardinale said they were based on dual-service operators ensuring drivers under 21 would provide the same safety as a driver above 21. Commissioner Ufberg asked if the waivers were known in the industry. Cardinale said he was unsure, but would presume so.

Chairman Bedwick said he was concerned with the drafting of the regulation in relation to registration requirements of DOH. Cardinale said one single proof of registration would fulfill the requirement, not two. Chairman Bedwick asked if this regulation is raising the age to 21 in the commonwealth and not just for the dual-service operators. Cardinale indicated the chairman was correct, adding, in most incidences, dual-service operators are the ones seeking a waiver exemption.

Certain vouchers were unanimously approved.

The 2019 Public Meeting Calendar was unanimously approved.



Tentatively, the next IRRC meeting will be Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg.

For more information on IRRC and the regulations, please visit IRRC's website.

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Bullet.in.Points

PENNDOT: BUREAU OF DRIVER LICENSING; SCHOOL BUSES, 15 OR LESS PASSENGERS, MAY NOT BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE SKILLS TESTING

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Driver Licensing is clarifying testing standards for school bus driver skills tests to meet Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements. More information can be viewed on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DEP: PROPOSED STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISION; REDESIGNATION REQUEST AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE LEBANON COUNTY NONATTAINMENT AREA FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL FINE PARTICULATE MATTER NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD; PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking public comment on a redesignation request and a proposed revision to the state implementation plan (SIP) concerning a maintenance plan demonstrating that the Lebanon County area can maintain the 2012 annual fine particulate matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the next 10 years. This maintenance plan SIP revision will also establish new motor vehicle emission budgets for transportation conformity purposes in the Lebanon County area.

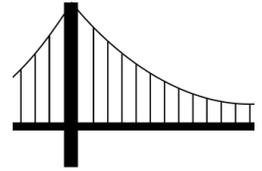
More information about the redesignation request or the SIP revision can be viewed on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. This redesignation request and proposed SIP revision are available [here](#), or by contacting Amada Rodriguez at amarodrigu@pa.gov or (717) 787-9702. A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed SIP revision will be held on December 28, 2018, at 1 p.m., at 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA. To present testimony, contact Amanda Rodriguez, PO Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105, to reserve a time.

DEP must receive comments no later than December 28, 2018. Comments may be submitted electronically [here](#), or by email to ecomment@pa.gov. Written comments may be submitted to the Policy Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, PO Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063. Use "Lebanon County PM2.5" as the subject line.

DEP: AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS THROUGH THE DRIVING PA FORWARD CLASS 8 TRUCK AND TRANSIT BUS GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Protection announced an opportunity to apply for \$6.4 million in grants offered through the Class 8 Truck and Transit Bus Grant Program. DEP is seeking applications for projects that will replace or repower eligible diesel-powered Class 8 trucks or transit buses. More information can be viewed on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Guidelines and application instructions are available [here](#), or by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality at rapvwmitigation@pa.gov or (717) 787-9495.

A webinar on the Program will be held on December 4, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration information is available [here](#). Applications must be submitted through the Department of Community and Economic Development's [Electronic Single Application website](#). The program will remain open continuously through the end of 2019, or until allotted funds are exhausted. The department will review and score applications after each submission period end date. Submission period end dates are 4 p.m. on January 11, 2019, May 10, 2019, and September 23, 2019.



DEP: AVAILABILITY OF REBATES THROUGH THE DRIVING PA FORWARD ONROAD REBATE PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Protection announced an opportunity to apply for \$12 million in rebates offered through the Onroad Rebate Program. DEP is seeking applications for projects that will replace or repower government or nongovernment owned Class 4 - 7 local freight trucks, drayage trucks, school buses and shuttle buses. The new vehicle or engine may be powered by natural gas, clean diesel, full electric or other alternative fuels.

Program guidelines and application instructions are available [here](#), or by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality at rapvwmitigation@pa.gov or (717) 787-9495. A webinar on the program will be held on December 3, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration information is available [here](#). Applications must be submitted through the Department of Community and Economic Development's [Electronic Single Application website](#). The application period will not close, but the department will reevaluate the Program requirements and rebate levels following the issuance of \$12 million in vouchers, or by December 31, 2019, whichever occurs first.

Cosponsor Memos

No Cosponsor Memos this week.

Bill Actions

No Bill Actions this week.

Upcoming Events

PA Public Utility Commission

November 27, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Desert Room, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Consumer Advisory Council Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

November 27, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Upper Dublin High School, 800 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington
Public input hearings for rate increase requests by Aqua PA and Aqua PA Wastewater. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

Department of Transportation

November 29, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Keystone Building, Forest Room, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public-Private Transportation Partnership Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-3154

Pittsburgh Port Authority

November 30, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Turnpike Commission

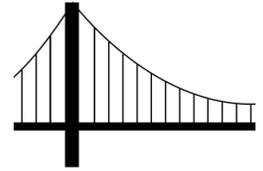
December 4, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

December 4, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

December 5, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253



PA Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

December 5, 2018 - 12:30 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Conference Room 8N1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-3991

PA State Transportation Advisory Committee

December 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

PA Public Utility Commission

December 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

December 13, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration Committee meeting immediately followed by an Operations Committee meeting. For additional information:
(215) 580-7800

Press Conference

December 14, 2018 – 1:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg
PWIA Press Conference - “Slow Down To Get Around Legislation”

PA Turnpike Commission

December 17, 2018 - 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

PA State Transportation Commission

December 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

PA Public Utility Commission

December 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

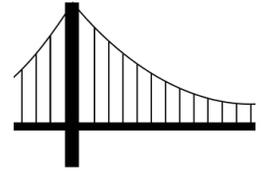
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

December 20, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

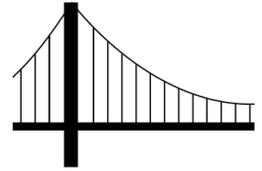
In the News

- 11-25-2018 **Free parking! Philadelphia Parking Authority gets into the holiday spirit**
Forget the Philadelphia Parking Authority of reality TV's Parking Wars. For the Christmas season, it is downright lovable. At least its free parking deal is. The authority is also offering another bargain for holiday shoppers: an \$8 flat rate at six garages on Saturdays for the rest of the year.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

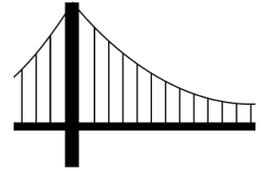
- 11-25-2018 **Philly transit has great bones but could offer better service, one expert says**
The Philadelphia region has the bones of a great transit system, but one expert who recently looked at the region bemoaned what could be. Christof Spieler, a board member of Houston's transit authority, has a book out this year, *Trains, Buses, and People: An Opinionated Atlas of US...* - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



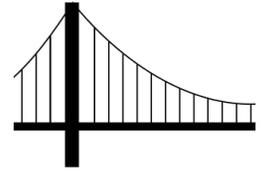
- 11-25-2018 **Letters to the Editor 11/25/2018**
Editor: Chris Kelly's Nov. 18 column depicting the journey of a local man named John into homelessness, his struggles while being homeless and his fortune in finding his way back from homelessness was moving and timely. The column was written with a quiet dignity representing the finest way to... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Few ride Erie School District buses to parent meetings**
Free service was a first for the district, which aims to increase participation in parent-teacher conferences. The Erie School District brought the buses. It was the parents who did not show up. Only about 24 people took advantage of a free bus service that the district... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Students can compete in PennDOT Innovations Challenge**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Department of Education remind high school students to submit entries for PennDOT's Innovations Challenge. This year's challenge asks students to look at innovative methods, aside from laws and educational campaigns, that can be developed in the... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Pat Bywater: Pave the way to Erie's future**
Demographic studies show that young people — the kind of people Erie needs to fill its growing job openings, start its new businesses and fill empty buildings downtown — are increasingly giving up on cars. They want to walk, ride bikes or use public transportation, and they expect... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Paul Muschick: 6 stories of local good Samaritans who might inspire your generosity**
Now that Thanksgiving is over, we can officially kick off the Christmas season. Over the next month, you'll hear stories about generosity and kindness. People come together at Christmas to help others, whether it's donating toys and food to the less fortunate or providing companionship to those who... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Road Warrior: Pennsylvania is flunking on road and bridge repairs**
Last week, the Pennsylvania State Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers released its latest report card on the state's infrastructure. The grades were rough. If this were an actual report card, Pennsylvania would be in danger of academic probation and risk being ruled ineligible for the junior varsity... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Is Pennsylvania's seat belt law keeping up with an Uber age?**
This holiday weekend marks the 31st anniversary of a Pennsylvania law that vastly improved seat belt use in cars and trucks, and helped reduce deaths and injuries on roadways. On Nov. 24, 1987, Gov. Bob Casey signed into law a bill requiring front-seat passengers to wear seat belts or face a ticket — provided... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-25-2018 **Deer-related crashes spike in Pennsylvania**
If you live in the Valley and drive, there's a good chance you've struck a deer... - [AP](#)



- 11-25-2018 **[Listen to Moody's, Gov. Murphy: NJ Transit needs a long-term plan | Editorial](#)**
As everyone knows, NJ Transit has not arrived at a tweaking moment. It does not need a delicate dial-twist. The bulging consensus is that NJ Transit needs transformational reform, that it needed to happen yesterday, and that it's going to cost a lot of money to get it right.... - *Trenton Times*
- 11-25-2018 **[Trump celebrates low oil prices, tweeting 'Thank you to Saudi Arabia'](#)**
The swift and steep drop in oil prices has been the talk of Wall Street for several weeks and is good news for 30 million American travelers as they head into a busy Thanksgiving holiday. But the dramatic decline cuts both ways, with several energy firms big and... - *Washington Post*
- 11-21-2018 **['Oh my God, he just ran over her.' Relatives relive woman's gruesome death in court.](#)**
In the stillness of a packed Lafayette Hill courtroom Tuesday, Angela Maya Stith's relatives looked up at a projection screen and watched in horror as a surveillance video replayed the last terrifying moments of her life. They watched as Stith was chased, stabbed, and left lifeless on the... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 11-21-2018 **[PennDOT removes split traffic pattern on I-70 westbound](#)**
Just in time for holiday traffic, crews Tuesday removed the traffic split in the westbound lanes of Interstate 70 in the Washington area. "We have a big day here today," said Scott Faieta, assistant construction engineer for the state Department of Transportation.... - *Washington Observer-Reporter*
- 11-21-2018 **[Students encouraged to enter PennDOT's 'Innovations Challenge'](#)**
High school students are encouraged to enter the Innovations Challenge, a collaborative of PennDOT and Pennsylvania Department of Education. This year's challenge asks students to look at innovative methods — aside from laws and educational campaigns — that can be developed in... - *Beaver County Times*
- 11-21-2018 **[Crestwood terminates busing contract after issue with driver clearances](#)**
MOUNTAIN TOP — The Crestwood School Board voted unanimously Tuesday to terminate its transportation contract with Rinehimer Bus Lines of Wapwallopen. The busing firm was at the center of a controversy last month, when an audit discovered not all drivers had mandated clearances.... - *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*
- 11-21-2018 **[Wilkes-Barre council shows support for 2019 proposed budget](#)**
WILKES-BARRE — City council Tuesday moved along Mayor Tony George's proposed \$50.4 million balanced budget with the approval of the first of two readings. The vote was 4-1 in favor of the 2019 budget that does not contain a property tax increase. Council chairman Tony Brooks, vice chairman Mike... - *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*
- 11-21-2018 **[Crestwood terminates district bus contract](#)**
WRIGHT TWP. — The Crestwood School Board voted Tuesday to terminate its student bus contract, and the school district's superintendent and chief of operations remain on paid leaves as the district continues a probe of how bus drivers were working without background clearances.... - *Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*



- 11-21-2018 **COLTS hopes jingle will promote ridership**
COLTS introduced their hybrid buses during a ceremony to show the new buses on Friday, March 18, 2011. Linda Morgan/Staff Photographer Lackawanna County's public bus system could soon have a jingle. The County of Lackawanna Transit System board voted Tuesday to sign an... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Law enforcement raids Scranton School District administration building**
SCRANTON — The corruption probe of the Scranton School District intensified Tuesday, as law enforcement agents raided the offices of the transportation director and school board secretary and left with documents and computers. Following September's arrest of the former fleet manager, the state... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Erie County reaches major point in emergency radio project**
UNION CITY — Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper marched through the mud as she approached the base of what will be a 263-foot-tall communications tower. She looked up to the three workers from ECI Wireless who were bolting down another massive steel section of the tower 120 feet... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-21-2018 **New board members bring expertise, diversity to EMTA**
The 9 new members met for their first regular monthly meeting on Monday. The nine new board members of the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority bring a range of experiences to a panel charged with making critical decisions about the county's public transportation services.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-21-2018 **What are snow squalls? Busiest travel day of the year could bring whiteout conditions to some areas**
Snow squalls are a menace. That may not be the official definition, but this wintertime weather hazard has caused deadly accidents, massive chain-reaction crashes and shut down some of the nation's busiest highways for hours on end. Often associated with strong cold fronts, snow squalls can move in and out... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Construction on schedule, under budget at Parkland's Veterans Memorial Elementary**
Parkland's Veterans Memorial Elementary School is about 25 percent complete and on budget, according to the project manager at Alvin H. Butz Inc. On Tuesday, Rob Avitabile, project manager for Veterans Memorial, gave the Parkland School Board an update on the construction at the building site at... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Sober driving, safety enforcement ramped up for holiday week**
PennDOT, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Bucks County District Attorney's Office remind drivers to buckle up and drive sober throughout the Thanksgiving holiday week. Roving patrols by the Bucks County DUI Task Force are planned along the Street Road corridor.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Pennsylvania roads get a D+ report card grade — and that's an improvement**
Pennsylvania didn't exactly make the honor roll this year. At least not when it comes to infrastructure — in fact, the state barely passed. A report card released last week by the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the state an average grade of a C-minus in its 2018 assessment,... - [York Daily](#)



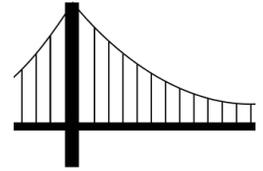
- 11-21-2018 **Tech center cooperative puts students to work**
BEDFORD – Inside a busy Bedford garage on Tuesday, a fleet of PennDOT trucks were getting prepped for another round of wintry weather. For 17-year-old Anessa Osler, it was preparation for her future, too. Osler, a Chestnut Ridge student whose spent the past three years learning... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 11-21-2018 **State seeking guidance from public**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportations’s Public-Private Partnership Office is seeking input from the industry’s private sector on truck parking facilities – and those impacted by them – alongside roadways. The state is seeking guidance and suggestions on the proposed development,... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Freak snow storm snarls county traffic**
The meteorologists anticipated a snowfall around 2-4 inches deep Thursday afternoon, but when all was said and done, it wasn’t even close. “We got around a foot just about everywhere across the county,” Wyoming County EMA Director Gene Dziak said Friday morning.... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 11-21-2018 **County Applying for Grant to Fix Bridges in Poor Condition**
After weighing options, Centre County is applying for a \$2.1 million Multimodal Transportation Funds grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to fix the Mill Street Bridge in Howard Borough and the Railroad Street Bridge in Bellefonte Borough.... - [State College News](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Project to continue through winter**
POTTERS MILLS — Despite recent weather conditions, the Potters Mills Gap Transportation project will continue through the winter months, said John Wert, Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. project manager. Wert said one of the next steps in the project includes breaking down and excavating boulders to... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Unanimous vote terminates bus contract**
WRIGHT TWP. — The Crestwood School Board voted Tuesday to terminate its student bus contract, and the school district’s superintendent and chief of operations remain on paid leaves as the district continues a probe of how bus drivers were working without background clearances.... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 11-21-2018 **The Making Of Pittsburgh's East Busway**
Pittsburgh was one of the first cities in the U.S. to experiment with the concept of a dedicated bus rapid transit system. Today, Pittsburgh’s three busways cover nearly 20 miles and help remove thousands of cars from the city’s congested highways. Good Question! listener Jay Walker recently started taking the East Busway... - [WESA 90.5](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Planners updated on Alleghenies Ahead**
Members of the Huntingdon County Planning Commission reviewed and implementation update to the Alleghenies Ahead Comprehensive Plan Monday night at their regularly monthly meeting, which had been rescheduled following Thursday’s snowstorm. The historic six-county comprehensive plan lays out a framework for the... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)



- 11-21-2018 **New ambulance will go in service this week**
The Rescue Hose Co.'s new ambulance, Ambulance 3-9, will go in service on Wednesday, Nov. 21. The 2017 Road Rescue F-550 arrived the first week in October and was displayed during Fire Prevention Week, then sent away for the installation of a Stryker power load system, according to Richard Wertman, EMS chief.... - [Greencastle Echo-Pilot](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Lbg.'s traffic troubles**
LEWISBURG — Lewisburg Borough Council authorized a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from consultants to study traffic conditions on nine blocks of Market Street. - [Milton Standard](#)
- 11-21-2018 **PennDOT event serves as reminder for students not to drink and drive**
The state Department of Transportation hosted a presentation Tuesday at Lock Haven University, Clearfield Campus, to educate students about the impact of driving while impaired by alcohol. PennDOT Safety Press Officer for District 2-0 Timothy Nebgen and Community... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Nissan and Renault Wrestle With the Fallout From Carlos Ghosn's Arrest**
PARIS — The French carmaker Renault appointed a temporary leadership team on Tuesday to fill the gap left by the arrest of Carlos Ghosn, its chief executive, who is facing questions of alleged financial misconduct, as a management crisis deepened inside the world's biggest auto... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Flying Out For Thanksgiving? Expect Long Lines At Pittsburgh International Airport**
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) – Today is expected to be the second-busiest travel day of the Thanksgiving holiday week and a lot of those travelers are catching flights. For the second day in a row, there were long lines at security at the Pittsburgh International Airport. The good news is that as of 6 a.m., all... - [KDKA](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Paradise narrowed its main road by two lanes despite warnings of gridlock during a major wildfire**
After a fast-moving fire swept into town a decade ago, burning more than 200 homes and trapping thousands of fleeing residents on gridlocked mountain roads, a grand jury called on officials to improve evacuation routes. But six years later, the city decided to narrow a portion of the main road... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 11-21-2018 **There's a smarter way to regulate D.C.'s e-scooters**
GET READY to ride, D.C. — but not too fast, and not too many of you. That is the message the city has sent commuters with its updated rules and permitting process for dockless shared e-scooters. The regulations, which apply to dockless bicycles as well, include valuable measures to increase... - [Washington Post](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Uber adds wheelchair accessible rides in Philadelphia**
Uber is allowing riders to hail vehicles run by a national paratransit company, to increase the number of wheelchair-accessible vehicles available in Philadelphia. Since July, MV Transportation vehicles have been taking requests for rides through the San Francisco-based tech company's platform. Uber won't say how... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 11-21-2018 **Sunny skies and brisk for the holiday in Pittsburgh. But watch out on the roads.**
Driving east over the long Thanksgiving break? Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike rather than Interstate 80 if you can, weather conditions will be better, according to the National Weather Service. Although in Pittsburgh sunny skies will prevail on Thanksgiving and Friday,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Arrests of impaired drivers spike during holidays, so officials say have a backup plan**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Impaired driving is a huge concern between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. PennDOT, AAA representatives, and some other organizations got together at Montgomery County Community College to show how bad it can be. During an impaired driving demonstration, volunteers put on what looked... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Rosedale food pantry puts grant toward new truck**
The Rosedale Food Pantry received an \$82,000 grant in February to purchase a Ford F-650 box truck from Allegheny Ford Truck Sales Inc. The truck will replace an older truck the nonprofit has used since 1998, said Rosedale Food Pantry board member Tony Pampena.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Pennsylvania Turnpike traffic peaks during Thanksgiving travel**
Pennsylvania Turnpike officials expected 750,000 vehicles per day to use toll road on both Tuesday and Wednesday, the days of heaviest traffic during the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday is expected to be the lightest, with about 535,000 vehicles expected to use the turnpike. All lanes will... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Norfolk Southern determines broken rail caused Station Square derailment in August**
A freight train that tumbled over tracks at Station Square in August, barely missing a Port Authority of Allegheny County light rail station and disrupting T service from the station for weeks, was caused by a broken rail, Norfolk Southern has determined. The company issued a report to the Federal Railroad Administration that... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-21-2018 **Broken track caused Norfolk Southern freight train derailment at Station Square**
Broken track caused Norfolk Southern freight train derailment at Station Square Norfolk Southern Railway has concluded that a broken track caused the Aug. 5 train derailment above Station Square that closed the railroad tracks for four days and disrupted the Port Authority's light-rail operations for... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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- 11-20-2018 **Snow Squalls Expected to Affect Wednesday Thanksgiving Travel**
(Press Release)



- 11-20-2018 **Stateline Daily: Could Plastic Driver's Licenses Become a Thing of the Past?**
(Press Release)
- 11-20-2018 **Wolf Admin. Reminds High School Students to Enter "Innovations Challenge"**
(Press Release)
- 11-20-2018 **Wolf Admin. Seeks Private-Sector Input for Commercial Truck Parking Public...**
(Press Release)
- 11-20-2018 **Brandywine chief Sweeney embraces developer-statesman role, entwining company's fate with Philly's | Industry Icons**
Until about a year ago, Brandywine Realty Trust's corporate home was in a parking-lot-ringed mid-rise in Radnor. Now the developer's offices fill two sleek floors on the upper levels of its soaring FMC Tower in University City. The address change accompanies a sharpening focus on the city by... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 11-20-2018 **Runaway tanker rail car rumbles through the Lehigh Valley**
Here's a math question for scholars: If a 74-ton rail tanker unconnected to a train engine starts rolling out of Emmaus and heads east, how far can it go before it's stopped? (Answer below.) Norfolk Southern workers got to see for themselves, when a tanker carrying... - *Allentown Morning Call*
- 11-20-2018 **New EMTA board rejects contract with Lift drivers**
There hasn't been time to study the agreement, board president says. Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's new board of directors on Monday rejected a four-year contract with EMTA Lift drivers, saying the board needs more time to consider the agreement. The board, in its first meeting, also heard drivers support EMTA's... - *Erie Times-News*
- 11-20-2018 **Lawsuit filed against operators of limo in fatal NY crash**
ALBANY, N.Y. — The operators of a limousine that crashed and killed 20 people in upstate New York were grossly negligent in putting the "dangerous and defective" vehicle on the road, according to a lawsuit filed Monday by one of the victim's parents... - *AP*
- 11-20-2018 **Sobriety checkpoints, roving DUI patrols and seat belt enforcement set for the holidays**
Thanksgiving is one of the deadliest holidays on the roads, according to the Center for Traffic Safety. To combat the problem, sobriety checkpoints, roving driving under the influence patrols and seat belt enforcement are planned for the holiday season. It's part of the "Operation Safe Holiday," which will run through New... - *York Daily*
- 11-20-2018 **30 vehicles to be sold at Drug Task Force Auction on Black Friday**
It's time for the Drug Task Force Auction on Black Friday, and bidders could come away with a new ride for the holidays. About 30 vehicles will be auctioned off as well as some smaller miscellaneous items, according to a news release from the York County District Attorney's Office. All of the items being sold were seized from... - *York Daily*



- 11-20-2018 **[Thanksgiving travel numbers expected to be the highest since 2005](#)**
Thanksgiving is already one of the most-traveled holidays, but experts expect 2018 will produce the most travelers since 2005. An estimated 54.3 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more between Wednesday and Sunday, according to AAA. “More people are taking advantage of the strong economy, rising income,... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[Editorial: A disappointing report card on state’s infrastructure](#)**
The Issue: Pennsylvania has made progress on roads and bridges since 2014, but other grades worsened. Our Opinion: The systems that dispose of sewage and provide safe drinking water deserve more attention. The latest report card on Pennsylvania's infrastructure has arrived, and a... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[Patton business owner seeks help with traffic](#)**
PATTON — The owner of Lacue’s Sunoco gas station along Magee and Fourth avenues asked Borough Council on Monday to consider removing “no turn on red” signs at the intersection. Albert “Hap” Lacue said traffic backed up from Fourth Avenue prevents his customers from pulling into his gas station and that he may... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[USSC Group celebrates grand opening in Exton](#)**
UWCHLAN -- Innovation comes together when people share their ideas to work together. The USSC Group held a grand opening event Friday of its brand new 300,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at 101 Gordon Drive. The facility will create 280 new manufacturing jobs.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[Authorities warn about dangers of DUI](#)**
Despite multiple driving under the influence campaigns from a variety of local and state agencies, Pennsylvania police made more than 52,000 DUI arrests last year, according to Kim Smith of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. On Monday afternoon, Mike Diehl of the Highway Safety Network stood in... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[Route 715/611 intersection to be updated](#)**
TANNERSVILLE — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation plans to meet some time in January with Pocono Township, according to Township Manager DonnaASURE, on a project to realign the eastern leg of Route 715 with Route 611. Coming from Henryville, Route 715's eastern leg meets Route 611 just south... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[‘Click it or Ticket’ could literally be a matter of life and death](#)**
Just about everyone who has ever gotten a traffic ticket has felt — at least for a little while — that surely, there was something better that the police could be doing with their time than picking on little ol’ you. Well, sometimes — just like when your parents did it and many of you do... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 11-20-2018 **[PPA offers free parking every Saturday until New Year's Day](#)**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — As holiday shopping encompasses every weekend from now until 2019, you'll have one less thing to worry about as you're driving around town. The Philadelphia Parking Authority has announced that meter and kiosk parking will be free citywide every Saturday after 11 a.m., between... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



- 11-20-2018 **Could Plastic Driver's Licenses Become a Thing of the Past?**
Millions of people may be able to show their smartphones rather than a plastic card to prove they're legit to drive, vote or buy a beer in coming years. Louisiana in July became the first state to make digital licenses available to anyone who wants them, and at least 14 other states either have... - [Stateline.org](#)
- 11-20-2018 **Here are the projects that will be funded by Philadelphia's \$181 million municipal bond**
On election day, Philadelphia residents voted to approve a \$181 million municipal bond that Major Jim Kenney will use to fund various capital projects throughout the city. The bond will be used to support infrastructure improvements throughout Philadelphia, including street repavement, maintenance of the Schuylkill... - [Daily Pennsylvanian](#)
- 11-20-2018 **Full circle**
PennDOT proposal City council approves PennDot's roundabout plan at the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave. and Market Street. Times Observer file Here is a breakdown of the potential conflict points, or spots/angles where vehicles and/or pedestrians could meet.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 11-20-2018 **City of St. Marys to offer free parking over holidays**
Free parking is being offered throughout downtown St. Marys this holiday season. Free parking was offered during Light Up Night on Friday, Nov. 16 and will commence Nov. 23 - Dec. 26. St. Marys City Council recently approved the request from St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce Managing Director Ann Pistner Gabler during a budget... - [Saint Marys Daily Press](#)
- 11-20-2018 **Bullet-train land acquisitions are moving so slowly a judge hearing the cases calls it a 'lifetime job'**
Once a month, Judge Edward M. Ross packs his car and drives 200 miles to preside over the biggest government taking of private land for one project in recent California history. At a modern courthouse in the quaint farming town of Hanford, Ross, 85, dons his black robes and hears land disputes involving the California... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 11-20-2018 **Needing Growth, Uber Returns to Germany. This Time on Best Behavior.**
DÜSSELDORF, Germany — Guido Goebel stopped driving for Uber three years ago when the company abandoned his hometown, the German city of Düsseldorf, after a battle with regulators. Several weeks ago, the ride-hailing service reached out to him again. Uber told Mr. Goebel that it was returning to Düsseldorf and offered him a bonus... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-20-2018 **Nissan Chairman, Carlos Ghosn, Is Arrested Over Financial Misconduct Allegations**
TOKYO — Carlos Ghosn, who created an alliance between Nissan and Renault that made it effectively the world's largest carmaker, was arrested by the authorities in Japan on Monday in a remarkable tumble for one of the industry's most powerful and admired leaders.... - [New York Times](#)



- 11-20-2018 **Bucks County Commissioners to reopen Perkasio's Walnut Street Bridge**
PERKASIE >> The Bucks County Commissioners will join members of Perkasio Borough Council and the local community on November 21 to celebrate the opening of the reconstructed Walnut Street Bridge. For those who live, work and do business in Perkasio, this is no ordinary... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 11-20-2018 **After one too many runaway truck crashes, this Somerset County church is no more**
After one too many runaway truck crashes, this Somerset County church is no more After a sustained effort, the Mount Harmony United Methodist Church in Somerset County is no more. A tractor-trailer hauling sand crashed into the tiny church around 12:20 a.m. Monday, finally demolishing the 168-year-old building, which had... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-20-2018 **South Oakland pothole leaves drivers with flats**
Nearly two dozen cars got flat tires after hitting a pothole on Second Avenue in South Oakland, the Trib's news partner, WPXI-TV , reported. The hole on Second Avenue near Brady Street was filled overnight Monday, but not before at least 20 people got flats, the station reported.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-20-2018 **York City street sweeping ends for most city streets**
Most York City street sweeping ended on Wednesday, Nov. 14, but a few city streets are designated for year-round sweeping on certain Fridays between 7 :15 and 11:45 a.m. Cars will be fined \$50 for parking on streets during restricted times. The following streets will swept on the first Friday of each month: the... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 11-20-2018 **LVIA stretch of passenger growth stretches into 13th straight month**
Lehigh Valley International Airport continued its run of year-over-year passenger growth last month, producing the airport's best October in eight years. According to figures released by the airport Tuesday, 69,736 passengers traveled through the Hanover Township, Lehigh County facility in October... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-20-2018 **Amtrak shortlists development teams for 30th St. Station revamp**
Philadelphia-based Brandywine Realty Trust and Meridiam of France are among the developers on Amtrak's short list to oversee the redevelopment of - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-19-2018 **DRPA Announces Bond Rating Upgrades by S&P Global Ratings and Moody's...**
(Press Release)
- 11-19-2018 **Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) & PATCO November 21, 2018 Meeting Agenda**
(Press Release)
- 11-19-2018 **Wolf Administration Reminds Drivers to Buckle Up, Drive Sober During Holiday...**
(Press Release)
- 11-19-2018 **Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for November 16, 2018**
(Press Release)



- 11-19-2018 **Harrisburg wants to remove 2 traffic lanes on State Street, add protected bike lanes after series of deaths**
State Street in Harrisburg could look much different next summer if city officials get the go-ahead on a bold plan to make the “deadliest road in the nation,” safer. Under the rapid-response proposal by city officials, the five-lane State Street would: Lose two lanes of traffic... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Allegheny Ridge receives \$202K for canal greenway**
The Allegheny Ridge Corp. has received a \$202,000 grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to continue its work on developing the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Mainline Canal Greenway. As one of 12 organizations assigned to develop the state’s 12 Heritage... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Old PA?Pike project would enhance region**
If what’s now being called the Old PA Pike Trail project comes to pass as envisioned — despite some opposition and pessimism that has evolved regarding it — the entire Southern Alleghenies region could reap substantial benefits. As people from near and far would hear about the new tourist attraction and... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Borough council might OK tax hike**
SHARPSVILLE – Sharpsville residents might see an increase to their real estate taxes and water rates if the borough’s proposed 2019 budget is approved. The budget calls for spending \$5,088,268 in 2019, an increase of \$563,142 from the 2018 budget’s estimated expenditure of \$4,525,162.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 11-19-2018 **PennDOT still looking for snow plow drivers to fill local jobs over winter**
The state Department of Transportation is looking for some extra snowplow drivers for the winter season, citing the availability of fewer qualified drivers in the area. “Typically, we hire temporary positions during the winter to help with snow removal with drivers that have a CDL (commercial drivers)... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Signs remind bicyclists and skateboarders to stay on their feet in downtown Chambersburg**
CHAMBERSBURG - Bicyclists and skateboarders are being encouraged to “walk your wheels” to help make getting around downtown safer for all pedestrians. Several white signs bearing this phrase and a picture of a person walking with a skateboard and bicycle have been placed on the area's sidewalks as... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Defense attorney: GoFundMe story fake, but client was deceived**
Attorney James Gerrow, who is defending Kate McClure in the criminal case, said McClure admits the story about her running out of gas on Interstate 95 was invented. But he said D’Amico dictated the story to her when she was creating the GoFundMe page, which was named “Paying it... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Paying more for bikes, water pumps, nails and screws: Tariffs pinch products passing through Pittsburgh**
Celebrating its 70th birthday this month, Hartman Independent Co. has endured as a family-owned fasteners business with a tagline “holding your world together.” Hartman’s distribution center in Cecil is stacked with boxes of inventory — nails and screws that are sold by the thousands to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 11-19-2018 **Police urge safety during seat belt campaign**
As people prepare for holiday travel, state police troopers are stressing the importance of wearing seat belts through the Click It or Ticket campaign, from Monday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Dec. 2. The Click It or Ticket campaign is a National Highway Traffic Safety... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Cold, squalls possible for holiday week**
Possible snow squalls and frigid temperatures are in store for Williamsport and the region starting Wednesday — one of the busier travel days of the year. “We are concerned about snow showers and squalls,” said Mike Colbert, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in State... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Proposed city budget shows no tax hikes**
LOCK HAVEN — City Council will get a comprehensive look at a proposed 2019 budget at Monday night’s meeting. And City Manager Gregory Wilson said he sees no need for an increase in property, earned income or business privilege taxes to fund government expenses.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Stranded residents share stories from the snowy road**
Thursday’s storm wasn’t a surprise but residents certainly didn’t expect to sit in traffic on snow covered roads for hours. Randy Kuntz of Lehighton described his long, drawn-out ride home from work: “I texted my wife at 4, I work down on Lehigh Street, it was a mess,... - [Lehighton Times News](#)
- 11-19-2018 **State Police participating in "Click It or Ticket" traffic enforcement program**
State Police troopers will again be participating in “Click It or Ticket” traffic enforcement from Monday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Dec. 2. If a motorist is stopped for traffic violations and is not wearing a seatbelt, the driver will receive two citations —one for the traffic... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Tips and tricks to share the road with deer, and what to do if it fails**
This is the season when deer make unexpected strolls onto Pennsylvania roadways, creating hazards for motorists; including the carcasses that end up occupying the road after a deer has been struck dead. According to State Farm insurance claims, Pennsylvania is second in the... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Power for some could be out until midweek**
For nearly 7,600 Central Electric Cooperative members, the nightmare of being without electrical service since Thursday’s winter storm could stretch into nearly a full week. Meanwhile, power for the remaining 829 customers of Penelec who had been without service had been expected to be restored by late Sunday evening.... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 11-19-2018 **Runaway rail tanker rumbles through the Lehigh Valley**
A sole, runaway tanker train rumbled miles through the Lehigh Valley over the weekend. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. A Norfolk Southern spokeswoman Monday confirmed that the train went on the loose over the weekend. The spokeswoman, Susan Terpay, said the tanker was... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



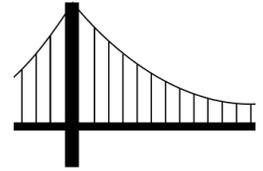
- 11-19-2018 **[The Wheels on These Buses Go Round and Round With Zero Emissions](#)**
“Some of the kids call it the singing bus,” said Juliessa Diclo Cruz, 10, as she rode in back of one of New York State’s first-ever electric school buses on a chilly October morning. It was easy to see why. The rumbling diesel engines on conventional yellow school buses can be heard a block away. But the five new battery-powered... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[State Treasurer-elect Colleen Davis caught driving on suspended license](#)**
State Treasurer-elect Colleen Davis could have a hard time commuting to her new job after being cited this week for driving on a suspended license and three other traffic-related offenses. The 38-year-old Dagsboro resident has a history of driving infractions. She... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[Nissan says chairman Carlos Ghosn has been arrested for financial misconduct](#)**
Nissan Motors said Monday that chairman Carlos Ghosn has been arrested and will be dismissed after the company uncovered “significant acts of misconduct,” including underreporting his own salary and using company assets for his personal benefit. Ghosn is considered one of the car industry’s top executives and is one... - [Washington Post](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[The SEPTA Key system punishes poor commuters | Opinion](#)**
In 1960, James Baldwin wrote: “Anyone who has ever struggled with poverty knows how extremely expensive it is to be poor.” Almost 60 years later, Philadelphians — who live in the poorest big city in America — are relearning Baldwin’s insight as SEPTA surcharges... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[Couple killed in crash driving to their wedding in Pittsburgh](#)**
HAMBURG — Family and friends are mourning a couple killed in a fiery chain reaction crash while driving to their wedding in Pittsburgh... - [AP](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[Just a camel along a snowy road in Philadelphia](#)**
PHILADELPHIA — The surprisingly powerful winter storm that swept across Pennsylvania brought some surprising sights with it, including a camel stranded along a snowy roadway... - [AP](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[Snow expected in parts of Pa., interfering with Thanksgiving travel days](#)**
With the exception of a trace amount expected today, it looks like the Harrisburg area will escape any significant snowfall during the Thanksgiving holiday and travel days around it. That’s not the case in other parts of the state, though, and we are not escaping the plummeting temperatures.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 11-19-2018 **[Pittsburgh offers free parking during holiday season](#)**
Pittsburgh will offer free parking at street meters and city-owned lots on Friday and Saturdays until Christmas to lure holiday shoppers to local businesses. City Council on Monday unanimously approved the traditional holiday moratorium on parking fees. Parking free dates include Friday, Saturday and... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



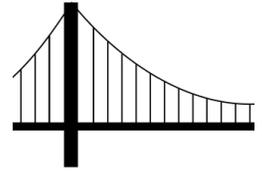
- 11-19-2018 **Pittsburgh flood gates disabled after vehicle damages main control panel**
A vehicle that crashed into a utility pole Friday night disabled controls for floodgates designed to stop traffic from entering Washington Boulevard during floods, officials said. The gates will remain out of commission until the city receives replacement parts, according to Operations Chief Guy Costa. He gave no time frame for... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Contractor cancels planned Pa. Turnpike closure between New Stanton, Breezewood**
The planned closure this weekend in both directions of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between New Stanton and Breezewood has been canceled by the contractor. The turnpike had originally announced the closure from 11 p.m. Saturday until 5 a.m. Sunday so crews could erect steel bridge beams for the new... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Highlights of the state Legislature 2017-18 session: Many new laws passed, some work left undone**
Pennsylvania state lawmakers wrapped up their session this week with the election of caucus leaders and farewell speeches by departing colleagues, closing the book on two years that produced nearly 250 new laws... - [AP](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Passengers, not SEPTA bus driver, blocked rider in wheelchair, video shows**
The video shows a woman in a motorized wheelchair at the door of the SEPTA bus gesturing at the driver. She's clearly frustrated. The driver has told her she can't get on the Route 47 bus. Other riders step around her to board the bus, which wasn't low enough for her... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Here's how Philly could invest the \$1.1 billion it offered Amazon | Editorial**
Yes, this is the same state that had to borrow more than a billion dollars to pass a budget two years ago. Naturally, the \$4.6 billion, or the city's \$1.1 billion, is not written as a check, but rather is the value of incentives and tax breaks, with the idea that the investment will return... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Pennsylvania's infrastructure gets C-minus, council says**
Pennsylvania isn't quite making the grade when it comes to its infrastructure. The state earned a cumulative GPA of a C-minus on the 2018 Report Card for Pennsylvania's Infrastructure . The Pennsylvania State Council representing the Central Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh sections of the American Society... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Their view: Drivers need to prepared when winter comes calling**
That was a lot of snow, in a short amount of time, hitting at a particularly bad stretch of rush hour traffic. Many people got to work under dry if cloudy skies on clear roads, yet found themselves stuck for hours in trips that should have taken minutes. Tempers flared, understandably, and it wasn't just the people stuck in... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Luzerne County agencies stepped up in snowstorm, Pedri says**
Snowfall totals across Luzerne County during Thursday's storm ranged from 8 to 16 inches, according to the National Weather Service. Amid the havoc that intense downfall caused, the county's 911 staff handled more than 2,500 calls, according to county Manager C. David Pedri.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)



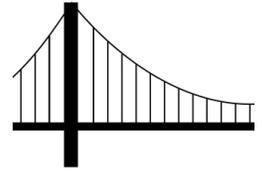
- 11-18-2018 **Convene postmortem on odd storm**
At 41 degrees or so north of the equator, Northeast Pennsylvania is not a stranger to autumn snowstorms. Yet the result of the storm that struck the area Thursday was, well, strange. Relatively easy commuting is one of the area's better attributes. But Thursday, thousands of local workers faced nightmarish trips home that they... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Storm drops 9.4 inches of snow; abandoned vehicles cause havoc on roadways**
In the time it would take Dave Fortin to reach Jim Thorpe from Dickson City on a nice day, he managed Thursday to make it from the bottom of an Interstate 81 on-ramp to the top. The 34-year-old Kingston man's commute home from the Midvalley was just beginning.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Pat Bywater: Let's talk before tearing down**
As Erie hurtles toward a bright, new and exciting future, it is past time for us to have in place a way to talk about what we should bring with us. The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority's move to demolish the R.D. McAllister & Sons building on Dobbins Landing is a timely reminder of... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Two local schools win annual PennDOT competition**
Two Beaver County schools have won the top prize in an annual competition held by the state Department of Transportation. The competition, called Paint the Plow, pits students from regional school districts against each other to see which student body can create the most... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Decline in hunting licenses causing issues in Greene County**
The Pennsylvania Game Commission attributes the drastic drop in annual hunting license sales in Greene County over the last five years to the budding generation of hunters having more options to take up their time. According to a recent audit report from the Greene County treasurer's... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 11-18-2018 **All Pa. Turnpike lanes to open for Thanksgiving travel**
With the busiest six travel days of the year starting this week, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced all lanes of traffic will be open – barring emergencies – to accommodate the spike in motorists. Between Tuesday and Nov. 25, the Pennsylvania Turnpike will see a potential... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Bill White: Snowstorm proves I'm an idiot**
I'm an idiot. It's ironic that we got conclusive proof of this on the day I ran a column mocking Florida for being stupid. Before I get to what a dope I am, I have a story and a thank you. First, the story. If you've ever wondered why a social recluse has 4,507 Facebook friends, it's for moments like the Snow Camel photo.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-18-2018 **Rutters looks to build on 200-year-old farm as owners look to preserve home, barns**
Rutters is eyeing a portion of a 200-year-old farm and nearby former restaurant in Gap for a new convenience store. Meanwhile, a couple who relocates and preserves Lancaster County landmarks to a property in West Donegal Township plan to do the same with two of the... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)



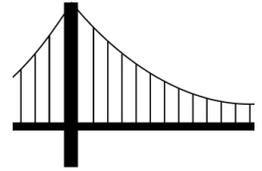
- 11-18-2018 **Lancaster Watchdog: 'No Turn on Red' sign questioned, bike lane barriers come down in Lancaster city**
This week, Lancaster Watchdog takes a look at a “No Turn on Red” sign in Lancaster city and explains what happened to some of the city’s bike lane barriers. ‘No Turn on Red’ sign questioned A reader who drives on West Walnut Street — which is one way westbound... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 11-16-2018 **The truth about the GoFundMe campaign for a homeless veteran: It was all a scam**
It began like a scene from an urban fairy tale, a perfect, intriguing blend of fear and reassurance. A pretty blond woman, alone late at night, stuck in a car that sputtered to a stop in an unfamiliar neighborhood, approached in the darkness by a haunted face in tattered clothes.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Speed limit restriction still in effect for major roadways, Pa. Turnpike**
Speed limits are still temporarily reduced on several major roadways due to the inclement weather. The speed limit restrictions were put in place by PennDOT at noon Thursday as Winter Storm Avery pummeled the region with snow. As of 4:45 a.m. Thursday, the speed limit remain reduced to 45 mph on the... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Bid awarded for fourth phase of Westmoreland Heritage Trail between Murrysville, Export**
The next phase of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail, connecting Murrysville and Export, is projected to be complete by late August. County commissioners on Thursday approved a \$1.3 million agreement with Plum Contracting to construct the fourth phase of the trail, which will... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Snowstorm leads to traffic chaos, driver outrage**
Alyssa Marie Pall’s commute from Carey Avenue in Wilkes-Barre home to Nanticoke should take 15 or 20 minutes, tops. On Thursday, it took her two hours. “I didn’t see a plow truck until I got back into Nanticoke,” an exasperated Pall told the Times Leader Thursday night.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Citations issued over packed school bus**
SHAVERTOWN — The bus company contracted by the Dallas School District and one of its drivers were cited last month after parents complained one student bus was often dangerously overcrowded. Kingston Twp. police cited driver Christine Joan Manzella, 46, of Shavertown, with a summary count of improper seating on a school bus.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Evening commute became a nightmare**
Theresa John-Janus has never seen anything like it. And she had 3½ hours to take it in. The Harveys Lake resident described Route 309 in the Back Mountain as resembling “armageddon” on the commute home during Thursday’s snowstorm. Tractor trailers were jackknifed and cars were facing sideways... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Surprisingly heavy snowfall leads to major road problems**
SCRANTON — Jennifer Partyka’s commute from Geisinger Community Medical Center to her Glenburn Twp. home usually takes 22 minutes, but on Thursday, five hours on the road only got her about halfway there. She left work at about 3:40 p.m. to find the Hill Section of the city... - [Scranton Times](#)



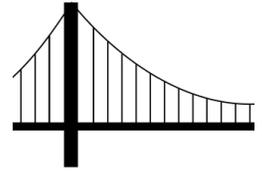
- 11-16-2018 **United Way of Lawrence County reaches 45 percent of its goal**
The United Way of Lawrence County is almost to the halfway point of meeting its goal of raising \$450,000. Member agencies, board members and campaign cabinet volunteers reported on their perspective campaign areas at First Presbyterian Church. The agency speaker for the meeting was Allyson Wolfe, executive director of... - [New Castle News](#)
- 11-16-2018 **York City street sweeping ends for most city streets**
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- 11-16-2018 **Pa. attorney general accuses two local auto dealers of consumer protection violations**
One used car business in Bensalem and another in Norristown agreed with the state Attorney General's office to stop advertising cars on Craigslist as "individual" sellers, without disclosing their involvement as dealerships. Two used car dealerships — one apiece in Bucks and Montgomery counties... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 11-16-2018 **PMSD considering outsourcing its school bus drivers**
SWIFTWATER - You would have thought Pocono Mountain East was hosting a sold out concert the way dozens of people were lined up to get into the high school's auditorium on Wednesday night. There was no entertainment, but more than 100 residents, students and employees showed up for a special public hearing being held so the district... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Emotions run high at PMSD transportation hearing**
More than 650 community members poured into the auditorium at Pocono Mountain East High School on Wednesday night to have their voices heard and show solidarity with the district's transportation staff. Emotions, and tensions, ran high as the school board listened to a... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Speed limits reduced due to weather conditions**
Due to current and predicted weather conditions, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is reducing speed limits on several roadways in the northcentral region. Speed limits have been lowered to 45 miles per hour on the following roads: r Interstate 80 in Clinton, Centre, and Clearfield counties... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Bellefonte wins 'Paint the Plow' competition**
BELLEFONTE — Bellefonte High School's entry in PennDOT District 2's "Paint the Plow" contest was named the overall winner. Voting ended on Nov. 2, resulting in four "Fan Favorite" winners. And the judged portion of the competition was completed Monday, Nov. 5,... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Officials hope more employees take advantage of public bus service**
Car in the shop and need some temporary transportation? Don't want to travel in inclement weather? Just looking for a way to get around town and run some errands? Take the bus. This week, representatives from Williamsport-based River Valley Transit (RVT) met at the Clinton County Community Center to talk with business... - [Lock Haven Express](#)



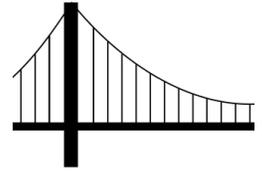
- 11-16-2018 **Highways reopen as drivers stranded overnight on the road**
Plows were still working to clear I-78 and Route 309 early Friday morning after portions of the highway were closed overnight, stranding drivers in their vehicles for hours. I-78 East had been closed overnight at the New Jersey border. By 5:22 a.m. traffic was still stopped at the Morgan Hill Road overpass, but was moving... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Self-driving startup Argo AI may see another \$1 billion investment, but this time from Volkswagen**
Self-driving startup Argo AI may see another \$1 billion investment, but this time from Volkswagen Argo AI, the Strip District-based self-driving startup creating the software “brains” for autonomous vehicles, may soon see an additional \$1 billion investment from a major auto manufacturer.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-16-2018 **PennDOT: 'We're ready for anything this winter season'**
WEST BRADFORD — They didn't plan it that way but an early season snow fall made the perfect backdrop for PennDOT's District 6 press briefing on the department's preparedness on the upcoming winter season. “We are ready,” said PennDOT Assistant District 6 Executive for... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Sources: Reilly eyes state GOP post, could step down as Delco Republican leader**
The Delaware County GOP may be getting a new leader. Sources close to county Republican Chairman Andrew Reilly said he was interested in running for the Southeast Caucus Chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican Party. Should he win that, he would work with the local party to transition... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Commissioners extend timeline for bridge project**
Engineers on the controversial plan to construct an exclusive bridge for hikers and bikers to cross busy Route 22 in Burrell Township have been granted a four-month delay of the deadline to produce drawings for the project. The holdup has been attributed in part to the rising opposition to the... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Littlestown chief suspected of DUI**
Littlestown Police Chief and Borough Manager Charles Kellar stands accused of driving under the influence in Dauphin County early Thursday. A 9-1-1 call received at approximately 1:32 a.m. alerted authorities to an “erratic driver” heading east in the 6000 block of Paxton Street,... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Southern Airways Express maintaining good numbers of passengers**
MOUNT ALTON — While Southern Airways Express, the low-fare regional airline providing service to the Bradford Regional Airport, is maintaining good numbers of passengers overall, the airline and the airport plan to initiate efforts to attract more Elk County passengers, especially from the... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 11-16-2018 **East Coast commuters face slow rides to work after snowstorm**
The first snowstorm of the season has given way to rain and high winds in the New York City area, as commuters here and across New Jersey and elsewhere were facing slow rides to work... - [AP](#)



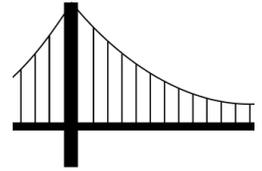
- 11-16-2018 **Bigger than expected: Winter storm causes havoc across central Pa.**
(Undated) -- The first taste of wintry weather this season has caused headaches across the region -- after a storm brought more snow than predicted. Icy and treacherous roadways made for extra long commutes home and a busy day and night for plow truck driver, first responders and tow trucks.... - [WITF](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Newtown Supervisors again vote to deny controversial housing development at Buck Road and the Bypass**
NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP >> For the third time in three years, the board of supervisors has unanimously rejected the proposed Arcadia Green housing development off of Buck Road and the Newtown Bypass. Without discussion or comment at the Nov. 14 meeting, the supervisors, as... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 11-16-2018 **Philadelphia Marathon marks 25 years this weekend**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — One of the most popular races in America is celebrating its 25th anniversary this weekend. A record number of runners will be out for the Philadelphia Marathon — close to 30,000 — and to mark the anniversary, some legends of the... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Focus on transit fares**
A recent article described the efforts of Pittsburghers for Public Transit to get cash fares reduced to be equal to the ConnectCard fares on Port Authority buses (Nov. 4, “Activists Seeking Reduction in Port Authority Cash Fares”). Reducing the cost for low-income transit riders is an excellent goal.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Pittsburgh preparing for first winter weather blast**
Pittsburgh’s neighborhood salt boxes are coming back this year and the city’s popular online Snow Plow Tracker will be offline until January for a system upgrade, city officials announced Wednesday on the eve of the region’s predicted winter weather blast. The National Weather Service said 1 to 3 inches of snow could begin falling... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Safe sidewalk coming to connect Lackawanna River trail to downtown**
A new sidewalk linking the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail to Lackawanna Avenue will significantly improve pedestrian safety in an area known for heavy road traffic and trail usage, trail officials said Wednesday in announcing the project. The existing sidewalk along South Seventh Avenue narrows to only 17 inches... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Erie has about 200 traffic signals. Are they all needed?**
City officials say studies are required before a traffic light can be eliminated. Erie has a lot of traffic lights directing the flow of traffic on its main roads and on many secondary roads. About 200 of them, said LeAnn Parmenter, the city’s traffic engineer.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-15-2018 **PennDOT’s help means traffic-light savings for Exeter Township**
Exeter Township supervisors said Tuesday night that the township will save nearly \$170,000 by working with PennDOT, rather than fully funding its own plan, to update traffic lights at 36th and 37th streets and Perkiomen Avenue. The township had budgeted \$200,000 to do the project itself, but PennDOT... - [Reading Eagle](#)



- 11-15-2018 **Pittsburgh Drivers Ranked Among Worst In The Nation**
There is no doubt, driving around Pittsburgh can be a challenge at times. There always seems to be construction, add that to the many driving distractions, and it is no wonder a new report ranks drivers in Pittsburgh among the worst in the nation. Allstate 2018 America's Best Drivers Report is out, and out of 200... - [KDKA](#)
- 11-15-2018 **'Ice Is The Worst Possible Situation': Road Crews Prepping Ahead Of Arrival Of Wintry Mix**
It takes two Public Works drivers at full strength to pull the rubber bungee cord across the rear tire of a salt truck. The cord is the final step in the installation of chains on the big trucks ahead of Thursday morning's storm. "Ice is the worst possible situation," says Pittsburgh Public Works... - [KDKA](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Winter storm warning remains in effect until Friday morning**
A winter storm warning remains in effect for most of central and northern Pennsylvania as a winter storm makes its approach. The warning is in effect from 8 a.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday, according to the National Weather Service. Counties in central Pennsylvania in the... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Lower Nazareth tightens e-sign restrictions**
Lower Nazareth Township has tightened restrictions on the hours when digital and electronic messaging signs can be utilized and where they can be located. An amendment to the zoning ordinance approved by supervisors Wednesday allows for electronically changing signs, or those that contain... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-15-2018 **New signs should keep truckers from taking wrong roads to FedEx Ground site**
With the opening of the massive FedEx Ground site, Allen Township will erect road signs on truck travel bans and directions to the facility. Large trucks are prohibited on West and East Bullshead roads and from heading north on Willowbrook Road beyond Radar Drive. They are also banned... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Ready or not: First Lehigh Valley snow of the season arrives today**
As of Wednesday, more than 27 percent of the contiguous U.S. had snow on the ground, but not the Lehigh Valley. On Thursday, that is expected to change. The Lehigh Valley and Poconos were placed under a winter weather advisory from 10 a.m. Thursday until 7 a.m. Friday. There is also a wind advisory.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-15-2018 **As Trump Threatens Car Tariffs, Europe Prepares to Strike Back**
Europe's top trade diplomat is bracing for a trade war with the United States and said on Wednesday that the European Union was preparing to strike back if President Trump followed through with his threat to impose tariffs on Europe's cars. The European Union and the United States are meeting this week to try to... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Remaining flood damage won't slow winter maintenance, says PennDOT**
With some snow having already fallen across the region, and winter just around the corner, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews have remained busy on some roadways due to the past summer's flood damage. - [Towanda Daily Review](#)



- 11-15-2018 **I-81 and U.S. 30 targeted in Franklin County's long-range plan**
- Easing congestion on U.S. 30 in west Chambersburg and widening Interstate 81 are on Franklin County's road map of the future. A long-range transportation plan for the next 20 years identifies places for roundabouts, traffic signals, walking trails and new roads.... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 11-15-2018 **Port Authority will put capital projects on hold while it awaits PennDOT funds**
Port Authority will delay \$65.3 million in capital projects this year because it hasn't received its regular subsidy funds from the state Department of Transportation. During a committee meeting Thursday, Pete Schenk, who oversees the authority's budget, said the state has been unable to make full... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-15-2018 **PennDOT restricts speed limits on major roadways in central Pa.**
PennDOT has restricted the speed limit on a number of major roadways in central Pennsylvania as Winter Storm Avery pounds the region with snow. The speed limit restriction, which went into effect at noon Thursday, reduces the speed limit to 45 mph on the following roadways:... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
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