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Session Status

At 11:26 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore. The Senate is next scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m.

At 11:49 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 the House stands in recess until the 12 hour call of the Chair. The House is next scheduled to reconvene on Tuesday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Session Days

House

November 13

Senate

November 14

WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

AUDITOR GENERAL CALLS FOR BETTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING RECORD KEEPING

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | October 24, 2018

Today Auditor General Eugene DePasquale held a news conference to express his concern that due to poor recordkeeping by school districts, those districts may not be receiving accurate transportation reimbursements from the commonwealth. He pointed out that “statewide, the cost of transporting students all over Pennsylvania to make sure they safely get to school every day totals over \$1.5 billion per year.” According to the auditor general, school districts are reimbursed by the Department of Education for nearly one-third of those costs. DePasquale noted that school districts received \$522.5 million from the commonwealth. He commented, “Because local taxpayers pay the difference, it is essential school districts receive exactly what they are owed, not more and not less,” adding, “This keeps more dollars and resources from flowing into the classroom where they help to build a better workforce for our employers across the state and also a brighter future for our students.”

DePasquale reported that since May, six school district audits have been released covering the 2012-13 through 2015-16 school years, with findings involving a lack of documentation for transportation reimbursements. These districts included: Springfield Township, Montgomery County; Steelton-Highspire, Dauphin County; Garnet Valley, Delaware County; East Allegheny, Allegheny County; and the Jeanette City and Monessen City school districts in Westmoreland County. DePasquale told reporters, “Together these districts received more than \$10 million, but the lack of records prevented us from determining if that was exactly the districts were owed.” He also said that a 2016 audit showed that the Allentown school district was overpaid by over \$1.7 million, and an audit earlier this year showed the Reading school district was overpaid by \$127,261. On the other end of the scale, other audits showed that the Red Lion school district in York County was underpaid by \$456,211; the Erie City school district was underpaid by nearly \$275,000; and the Sharon school district in Mercer County received \$187,261 less than it was owed.

DePasquale explained, “The Department of Education can adjust future reimbursements to correct these discrepancies. However, that can only happen in cases where my office is able to prove the math does not add up.” He told reporters, “I am working to make sure school districts across Pennsylvania receive every dollar that they deserve under the law.”

DePasquale outlined some of the steps being taken by his department, including:

- Notifying the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) when an audit finds a lack of documentation
- Asking PDE to work with the district to ensure it maintains the needed records
- Recommending that PDE withhold future reimbursements if future audits find the same problem
- Working with PDE, the General Assembly and the Governor’s Office to reform the transportation formula to make it simpler so there can be fewer errors moving forward

DePasquale also announced his office is working with the Pennsylvania Association of





School Business Administrators to develop training focused on teaching school districts to better document and report their transportation expenses. He stated, "By helping school districts make sure they receive the correct amount of funding, we're helping to ensure Pennsylvania's children receive the quality education that they deserve."

Noting the amount of money taxpayers spend on transporting students, DePasquale also raised another issue of concern: the need for school districts to seek competitive bids for transportation services. Citing an audit which found the Scranton school district had \$4 million in extra costs for transportation services because of the lack of a competitive bidding process, DePasquale urged the General Assembly to enact legislation to ensure "school districts are getting the best possible price by requiring them to seek competitive bids for transportation services."

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Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

PDA: RULES AND REGULATIONS - WEIGHTS, MEASURES AND STANDARDS

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture provided final-form rulemaking regarding weighmaster's certificate and limitations of certificate for anthracite. The department estimated the annual savings for the commonwealth to be \$14,850 through saving time and manpower associated with compliance with the new regulations. The department estimated an annual savings of \$18,150 for public weighmaster license applicants.

More information about this final-form rulemaking can be viewed in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. For additional information, contact Walter Remmert, director of Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards, at (717) 787-9089.

DCNR: SNOWMOBILE AND ATV ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Department of Conservation of Natural Resources announced a meeting of the Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee for Wednesday, October 31, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg. Questions concerning this meeting or agenda items can be directed to Jacob Newton at (717) 783-3349. Written comments may be submitted to Jacob Newton, advisor, Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

PENNDOT: RULES AND REGULATIONS - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION

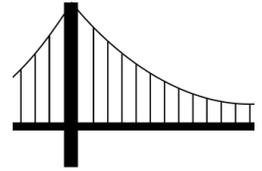
The Department of Transportation provided final-form rulemaking regarding hazardous material transportation. The department indicated this final-form rulemaking is to update existing regulations to match the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program and hazardous material regulations by updating the following:

- the methods of packing, loading and unloading of hazardous materials;
- the specifications, marking, inspection, condition and equipment of vehicles transporting hazardous materials;
- the qualifications of drivers and other matters relating to operation of the vehicles
- the routing and parking of the vehicles;
- other factors affecting the nature and degree of risk involved in the transportation of hazardous materials.

More information about this final-form rulemaking can be viewed in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. For technical questions about this final-form rulemaking, contact Jonathan Fleming, Highway Safety and Traffic Operations Division, Bureau of Maintenance and Operations, at jonfleming@pa.gov.

Cosponsor Memos

No Cosponsor Memos this week.



Bill Actions

HB 270

Farry, Frank(R)

(PN 4245) Amends the State Lottery Law, in pharmaceutical assistance for the elderly, further providing for definitions, for program generally and for generic drugs, authorizes medication synchronization, further providing for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET) and for board and providing for medication therapy management. The bills stipulates that the program payment shall be the lower of the following amounts: (1) the NADAC per unit with the addition of a professional dispensing fee of thirteen dollars per prescription and the subtraction of the copayment; or (2) the pharmacy's usual and customary charge for the drug dispensed with the subtraction of the copayment. If the NADAC per unit is unavailable, the program payment shall be the lower of the wholesale acquisition cost plus 3.2 percent with the addition of a professional dispensing fee of \$13 per prescription and the subtraction of the copayment; or the pharmacy's usual and customary charge for the drug dispensed with the subtraction of the copayment. Regarding generic drugs, the department shall reimburse providers based upon the most current listing of the NADAC per unit plus a professional dispensing fee of \$13 per prescription. Maximum income limits in the PACENET program are increased from \$23,500 to \$31,000 for a single person and from \$31,500 to \$41,000 for a married couple. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Advisory Board is reconstituted with nine public members. The board shall advise on: (1) The development and implementation of the department proposals for medication synchronization and medication therapy management programs and reimbursement methodologies; (2) Adjustment of the dispensing fee, as needed; and (3) Cost-of-living adjustment increases for medication synchronization, medication therapy management and the dispensing fee. The board shall meet at least two to four times per year. PACE shall, in consultation with the board, develop a proposal for a medication therapy management program by using retail community pharmacies enrolled in the program and submit the proposal to the legislature within a year. Provides that the department may pay the LEP of Part D enrollees in excess of the regional benchmark premium. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 949, 4210)



Bill History:

10-17-18 H Signed in the House
10-17-18 S Signed in the Senate
10-18-18 G In the hands of the Governor
10-23-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 87)
10-23-18 G Earliest effective date

HB 2749 Davis, Tina(D)

(PN 4315) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) providing that the sports wagering tax shall be deposited in the Property Tax Relief Fund instead of the General Fund. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

10-23-18 H Filed
10-24-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

SB 6 Regan, Mike (F)(R)

(PN 2105) Amends the Public Assistance Integrity Act, in public assistance, further providing for definitions, for resources and for verification system including vehicles and lottery winnings, prohibiting eligibility for 10 years for individuals convicted of drug distribution and for certain failures of drug tests, prohibiting eligibility for violators of sexual offender registration, further providing for false statement, investigations and penalty and for prohibited use of public assistance funds by adding casino and adult entertainment funds, providing for a lost access device fee of five dollars and \$100 for subsequent requests with exceptions for disasters and individuals over 65, and further providing for violation and penalty on gaming entities as a misdemeanor and a fine of \$1,000. Exempts a motor vehicle with a value of less than \$40,000 from being an available resource to the extent permitted by federal law. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 164, 994, 1085)

Bill History:

10-17-18 S Signed in the Senate
10-17-18 H Signed in the House
10-18-18 G In the hands of the Governor
10-24-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 125)
12-23-18 G Earliest effective date

Upcoming Events

Pittsburgh Port Authority

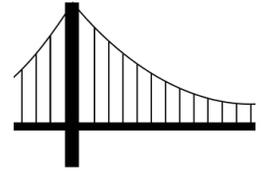
October 26, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Department of Transportation

November 2, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Riverfront Office Center, Transportation University, 1101 S. Front St., Harrisburg
Medical Advisory Board Meeting.

PA Turnpike Commission

November 6, 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 Public Utility Commission

November 8, 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

November 8, 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

Department of Transportation

November 14, 2018 - 12:30 p.m., Turnpike Commission, Executive Board Room, 700 Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown
Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-8645

Pittsburgh Port Authority

November 15, 2018 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Pittsburgh Port Authority

November 15, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Performance Oversight Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

November 15, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Press Conference

November 15, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg
PWIA Press Conference - "Slow Down To Get Around Legislation" (unconfirmed)

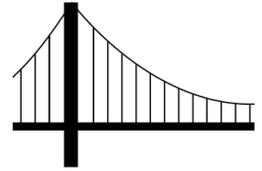
Independent Regulatory Review Commission

November 15, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market St., Harrisburg
To consider the following regulations:

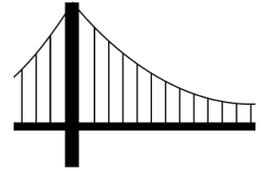
- Reg. No. 3185 Public Utility Commission #57-317: Motor Carrier Age Requirement

In the News

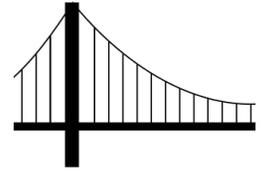
- 10-25-2018 [Rep. Reed: House Action Recap - Bills Signed & Bills Sent to Senate](#)
(Press Release)
- 10-25-2018 [AG DePasquale Works to Get Crestwood Schools Reopened After Driver...](#)
(Press Release)
- 10-25-2018 [Rep. McClinton: Victory for criminal justice reform](#)
(Press Release)
- 10-25-2018 [Barrar Champions New Law to Preserve Emergency Care for Pennsylvanians](#)
(Press Release)
- 10-25-2018 [AG DePasquale Blasts Wyoming County for Leaving More Than \\$226,000 in State...](#)
(Press Release)



- 10-25-2018 **Hanna bill designating Vietnam veterans memorial highway signed into law**
(Press Release)
- 10-25-2018 **ACLU-PA: Governor Wolf Signs Bill to End Unnecessary Suspensions of Drivers'...**
(Press Release)
- 10-25-2018 **Pa. state trooper rides along with kids in New Stanton to reinforce school bus traffic laws**
A group of Stanwood Elementary School students in New Stanton had an extra layer of protection Wednesday afternoon on their way home. A state police trooper from Greensburg rode inside the bus with the youngsters, and another trooper followed behind in an unmarked police car,... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 10-25-2018 **Transit expert Christof Spieler gives Pittsburgh system good marks overall**
When Christof Spieler looks at public transit in Pittsburgh, he sees good things (busways), bad things (paying for transfers) and confusing things (when and where to pay). Mr. Spieler, a transit expert who serves as vice president and director of planning for consultant Huitt-Zollars in Houston, shared his thoughts on... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 10-25-2018 **Editorial: Completion of Schuylkill River trail a promising prospect**
The Issue: Plans are in place to develop a clear path from Philadelphia to Reading. Our Opinion: This would be great for recreation and the regional economy. A plan to complete the Schuylkill River trail from Philadelphia to Reading is an exciting development for our region. Apart from its obvious... - *Reading Eagle*
- 10-25-2018 **Investigation continues into fire truck vs. car crash in Amity Township**
Amity Township police said Wednesday that they are continuing to investigate a crash involving a fire truck Tuesday afternoon that sent the other driver to the hospital. The crash occurred shortly after 1:30 p.m. at Route 422 and Old Airport Road. The fire truck, identified from Monarch Fire Company, was responding... - *Reading Eagle*
- 10-25-2018 **Reading Parking Authority extends contract for finance consultant**
The Reading Parking Authority is interviewing candidates to fill its vacant financial manager position. An outside finance consultant tasked with sorting out the authority's books was given an extended contract Wednesday so that she can remain to offer guidance to whomever is hired for the post.... - *Reading Eagle*
- 10-25-2018 **RAWA gets OK to pump water to new power plant in Birdsboro**
The Reading Area Water Authority cleared another hurdle Wednesday, when the state Department of Environmental Protection issued it a permit to begin pumping water to a natural gas-fired power plant nearing completion in Birdsboro. DEP issued a partial permit for RAWA to begin pumping 900 gallons per... - *Reading Eagle*
- 10-25-2018 **Audits find \$8.4 million in incorrect school transportation funding**
Pennsylvania Auditor General's Office audits found more than \$8.4 million in incorrect payments for school transportation in 42 school districts, including three Erie County school districts, in the past three years. The funding errors were found in audits of the 42 school school districts... - *Erie Times-News*



- 10-25-2018 **[PennDOT, safety partners educate teens on dangers of reckless driving](#)**
Erie High School students on Wednesday learned about the dangers and possible consequences of impaired and distracted driving during a National Teen Driver Safety Week program. The program, which took place at Erie High School, was organized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Northwest Regional Highway... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Is a trolley line Erie's iconic connection with bayfront?](#)**
Connecting the city with the waterfront was the topic of Wednesday's panel discussion at Blasco Library. Erie-area officials have talked about establishing an iconic connection between downtown Erie and the city's waterfront. One local organization believes that a trolley or light rail-type tram... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Ringgold board discusses school safety initiatives](#)**
School safety was at the forefront of Ringgold School Board's meeting on Tuesday. The Valley Inn Sportsmen's Association presented the district with a \$28,984 donation for the purchase of 245 additional JAMBLOCK devices for the middle school and elementary schools. JAMBLOCK is a lightweight piece... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Yard waste fees for municipalities halted](#)**
The private company that operates Lackawanna County's recycling center agreed Wednesday to halt its recently enacted policy of charging municipalities for yard waste, the attorney for the county's Solid Waste Management Authority said. Attorney Thomas Cummings said he resolved the issue with Lackawanna... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[State Rep. Stephens facing challenge from Rothman Johnson](#)**
Incumbent Republican State Rep. Todd Stephens is being challenged by Democrat Sara Johnson Rothman to represent the 151st District in the Pennsylvania House of Representative. The 151st includes all of Horsham and Montgomery townships and parts of Lower Gwynedd and Upper Dublin townships.... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Masser supports decriminalization of pot, but doubts 107th wants legalization](#)**
Editor's Note: This is the latest in a series of stories based on editorial board interviews with candidates in advance of the Nov. 6 election. SUNBURY — Pennsylvania House Rep. Kurt Masser said Tuesday he supports decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana but that such... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Auditor general finds \\$8M in school bus billing errors](#)**
HARRISBURG — Auditor General Eugene DePasquale said Wednesday his office's audits revealed more than \$8 million in reimbursement errors in 42 school districts. In the 2016-17 school year, the state issued \$522.5 million in transportation reimbursements toward a total cost of more than \$1.56... - [New Castle News](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Public can walk, bike on new U.S. 219 section Saturday](#)**
As the opening of a new 11-mile stretch of U.S. Route 219 from Somerset to Meyersdale approaches, PennDOT is inviting community members, business leaders and project stakeholders to celebrate the new roadway. A community event is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday during which... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)



- 10-25-2018 **[Tesla Reports a Rare Quarterly Profit, Its Biggest Ever](#)**
Tesla on Wednesday reported its first quarterly profit in two years and its biggest ever. But for the electric-car maker and its unpredictable chief, the question is whether it can keep making money. The company's third-quarter earnings were helped by cost-cutting,... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Cordray rides high-tech CMAX bus to tout infrastructure plan](#)**
Richard Cordray appraised the technology as he rode six miles up Cleveland Avenue aboard one of COTA's feature-laden CMAX buses. "The future is now with these high-tech buses," the Democrat running for Ohio governor told a fellow passenger Wednesday morning.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[First phase of four year \\$97 million project to reconstruct and widen U.S. Route 1 in Bensalem slated to begin Oct. 29](#)**
BUCKS COUNTY >> The Wolf Administration announced on Oct. 23 that construction will begin Monday, October 29 on a four-year project to reconstruct and widen a 1.3-mile section of U.S. 1 from Old Lincoln Highway to just south of the Neshaminy Interchange in Bensalem Township.... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Township seeking grant for traffic signal](#)**
White Township's board of supervisors approved a resolution Wednesday night authorizing Manager Milt Lady to submit an application to PennDOT for design approval of a new traffic signal at Warren and Ben Franklin roads, near the Sheetz convenience store. The township received a \$200,000 grant to help assist in funding the... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[County commissioners to replace voting machines](#)**
The days now are numbered for Indiana County's pioneering optical-scanning voting machines. Considered cutting-edge technology in November 2006, when the on-site ballot-counting machines were first placed into service, they'll be considered obsolete and be replaced after the 2019 local election cycle,... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Ellwood City street address ordinance to be enforced](#)**
ELLWOOD CITY — The borough is warning residents that it will start aggressively enforcing the community's street address ordinance as of Jan. 1. The ordinance requires all residential or commercial land owners to clearly have their addresses marked at the front of properties to make them easier... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[Commissioners approve sidewalk proposal and more](#)**
The Warren County Commissioners signed off on a CDBG application, approved a settlement agreement, and consented to a proposal for the courthouse sidewalk during Wednesday's meeting. Grants Administrator Lorri Dunlap said in a public hearing held during the meeting that the county would be receiving \$240,207 in Community... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 10-25-2018 **[BeST Transit services faces potential legislation threat](#)**
TOWANDA — Bradford County citizens could soon see big changes to BeST Transit services pending legislation that would introduce a state or federal broker into the organization. Tim Geibel, a management team member for BeST Transit, stated that while Bradford County individuals currently contact BeST Transit directly to... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)



- 10-25-2018 **Question: 'Why are we allowed to park facing against traffic in Pittsburgh?'**
It's a 'Burgh thing, this obsession with the rules and regulations of traffic and parking. The first two Neighborhood poll questions voted on by PG readers were regarding the Pittsburgh Left and next up, from expat Joe Camillus. "Why are we allowed to park facing against traffic in Pittsburgh?"... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-25-2018 **Hearings scheduled on mini-casinos planned for Beaver, Westmoreland counties**
The two mini-casinos planned in Western Pennsylvania will be the subject of separate local hearings by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board in early December. The application by Mount Airy Casino Resort to develop its smaller casino in Beaver County will be discussed at 1 p.m., Dec. 4 in the social room of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-25-2018 **Philly has bad news for Bird, Lime: Electric scooters aren't street legal in Pa.**
Executives with Bird — the Santa Monica-based company that has unleashed its electronic shared scooter fleets into more than 100 cities, some of them without permission — were in Philadelphia this week, schmoozing at the SmartTransit conference and sizing up the topography.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-25-2018 **'Too early' to say how I-83 construction will affect motorists: PennDOT**
A massive project to widen and improve Interstate 83 will be worth it in the end, said Lower Paxton Township resident Linda Miller, but for now she wants the state to assure her that it's putting public safety first. Miller lives near the Elmerton Avenue bridge that is one of three bridges... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-24-2018 **New Law Sponsored by Warner Will Save Lives**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2018 **Gov. Wolf Signs Bipartisan Criminal Justice Reform Bills into Law**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2018 **AG DePasquale Reminds Schools of Urgent Need to Verify All Bus Driver...**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2018 **PASBO to work with schools to address common findings in transportation audits**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2018 **AG DePasquale Concerned School Transportation Funding Mistakes are Hurting...**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2018 **Jet with 43 passengers hits deer, aborts takeoff at Pa. airport**
MONTOURSVILLE-An American Eagle jet with 43 passengers was forced to abort a takeoff Tuesday morning when it struck a deer at the Williamsport Regional Airport in Montoursville. None of the passengers headed to Philadelphia was injured and they either were rebooked on a later flight or made other travel arrangements.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



- 10-24-2018 **Transportation consultant Jarrett Walker encourages more transit, less cars**
To Jarrett Walker, transportation is a simple geometry and space reality that can't be changed: It's easier and more efficient to move a lot of people in one large vehicle than it is to move the same number of people in individual vehicles. That's why well-run public transit that meets the needs of the most... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Allegheny County officials recommend absentee voters apply early**
Allegheny County Elections Division officials recommend that people who vote via absentee ballots apply early. Voters who will be absent from their municipality on Nov. 6, or those who cannot reach the polls because of illness or physical disability, must apply for an absentee ballot by 5 p.m. Oct. 30.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-24-2018 **City staff urge Reading planners to reject parking-lot plan**
The city planning staff recommended on Tuesday night to the Reading Planning Commission that it deny a proposed plan for a freight trucking parking lot at 1722 N. 10th St. Earlier this year, the city zoning hearing board approved a special exception to allow Ronald Mercedes to continue to park up to 20... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Pashinski, Henry talk issues at forum**
WILKES-BARRE — A large crowd of about 200 or more showed up Tuesday night to see a candidates forum involving two heavyweights on the local political scene. League of Women Voters forums typically draw a couple dozen, and the attendees are usually affiliated with candidates. But this forum with state... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Dallas business blames roundabout for financial woes**
DALLAS — After 38 years in business in the same location, Dallas Centre Hardware is restructuring its store with a major focus on plumbing and heating merchandise. Second generation owner Michele Geise said they were forced to restructure because the roundabout construction near their business crushed them... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Audit turns up busing issue at Crestwood**
Unspecified transportation issues that surfaced during a state audit led Crestwood School District officials to cancel classes today, school board President Bill Jones said after a closed meeting. "Certain things are not in compliance," said Jones, adding legal... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-24-2018 **VP to campaign for Chrin in area**
Vice President Mike Pence's motorcade will travel through Luzerne County this morning en route to a campaign stop, but any road closures are not being announced ahead of time due to security reasons. Air Force Two carrying Pence is slated to touch down at the Wilkes-Barre/... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Develop plan for Scranton 'Iron District'**
Like residents of any older city, Scrantonians don't have to look far to find infrastructure problems. Many of them regularly tell city council and the Courtright administration of stormwater problems, battered roads, creeping blight and — more than a half century after the demise of the... - [Scranton Times](#)



- 10-24-2018 **Franklin County courthouse project: Demolition bids on target**
CHAMBERSBURG -- Demolishing buildings downtown to make way for a judicial center on North Main Street will cost about \$1.3 million. Franklin County Commissioners opened bids to demolish the former Chambersburg Trust building on Tuesday, just as a Chambersburg utility crew... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 10-24-2018 **York County police departments begin aggressive driving enforcement**
Eleven York County police departments are joining in a statewide initiative to target aggressive driving, according to a news release from the Center for Traffic Safety. Starting Monday, Oct. 22, the 11 departments will conduct the targeted enforcement wave and will continue to do so until Nov. 25.... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Route 1 overhaul set to begin Monday**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will hold an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Middletown Township Municipal Building at 3 Municipal Way to discuss the project and its impact, officials said. The \$97 million project to widen Route 1 in parts of Bensalem, Middletown... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Judge dismisses lawsuit over railroad line operation**
SUNBURY — Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad failed to prove that SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) was unfair or purposefully worked to prevent the freight carrier from winning a bid to operate 200 miles of railroad, according to Northumberland County’s president judge.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-24-2018 **New traffic pattern set for Conchester project**
CONCORD – The project to tame the notorious Conchester Highway continues, and this week a new traffic pattern will emerge as work on Route 322 continues. Motorists on U.S. 1 (Baltimore Pike) and U.S. 322 (Conchester Highway) in Concord Township will encounter lane closures on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 9... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 10-24-2018 **School, local officials encourage drivers to practice safety around school buses**
It’s a familiar scene. It’s 3:30 p.m. and a line of cars stretch behind a stopped school bus with flashing red lights that indicate students are getting off the bus. But sometimes, cars coming from the opposite direction, or passing on the left, don’t stop. And that’s what the State College Area School... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Loyalsock Township to review ordinance to reduce semitrailer traffic**
Loyalsock Township’s board of supervisors reviewed an ordinance that would restrict semitrailer trucks from driving through a number of residential streets in the township during a meeting Tuesday night. The proposed ordinance would stop commercial 18-wheelers from driving... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Judge rules in favor of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority in lawsuit**
SUNBURY – A court ruling has derailed the latest efforts by the Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (RBMN) to challenge a request for proposals issued by the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority for a new railroad operating agreement for the JRA rail lines. On Oct. 17, the Northumberland County Court of Common Pleas awarded summary... - [Lock Haven Express](#)



- 10-24-2018 **Jobs aplenty, but workers?**
LOCK HAVEN — Looking for a job or a career change? Do you have basic skills? Can you learn new skills? More importantly, are you dependable? If “yes” is your answer to these questions, employers want you ... badly. Businesses confirm there is a worker shortage in the immediate area.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Palmer development receives approval; business owners appeal decision**
Business owners near the intersection of Van Buren Road and Route 248 in Palmer Township say a planned traffic island at the intersection will harm their business. Kasper's Pool Supplies owners Douglas and Ann Janowicz have filed an appeal with the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas regarding the Northwood... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Students spearhead bike-share program**
LEWISBURG — Three Bucknell University juniors involved in a service learning project said Tuesday that they needed bicycles. - [Milton Standard](#)
- 10-24-2018 **City faces major expenditure increase**
In the wake of an increase of around \$400,000 in obligated spending, the 2019 Titusville City Budget is calling for a cutback on equipment purchases in order to balance finances without a tax increase. City Manager Larry Manross reviewed the preliminary version of the... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 10-24-2018 **Inbound Fort Pitt Tunnel to close at noon for maintenance**
Avoid the inbound Fort Pitt Tunnel at noon Wednesday if you can. PennDOT announced that traffic will be stopped for about 15 minutes or less so crews can do electrical maintenance work. Approximately 50,000 vehicles go through the tunnel a day in each direction, PennDOT said.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-24-2018 **DePasquale reveals over \$8.4 million was incorrectly reimbursed to school districts for transportation**
On Wednesday afternoon, Auditor General Eugene DePasquale held a press conference to discuss his findings from his audit on Pennsylvania’s school districts transportation reimbursements. DePasquale explained that one third of the money spent by school districts... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Sen. Schwank Newsletter - October 23, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 10-23-2018 **Pittsburgh Port Authority Board Meeting Agenda for October 26, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 10-23-2018 **Southeastern PA Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Board Agenda for Oct. 25, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 10-23-2018 **New Pennsylvania Organ Donation Law to Help Save Lives**
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- 10-23-2018 **Stateline Daily: More U.S. Women Dying From Childbirth. How One State Bucks...**
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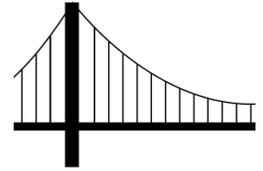
- 10-23-2018 **[PA drivers to see speed cameras in certain work zones in as little as 120 days](#)**
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- 10-23-2018 **[Quality-of-life ticketing comes to Erie](#)**
The initiative allows the city to issue a notice, similar to a parking ticket, when code violations are visible on the exterior of a private property. Quality-of-life ticketing is coming to the city of Erie's neighborhoods. Erie City Council on Wednesday approved an ordinance that creates a new... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-23-2018 **[Petition started to halt interstate tree clearing](#)**
Millcreek woman says PennDOT should consider alternatives to tree clearing along the interstates. A concerned citizen has launched an online petition calling on the state to stop cutting down trees along Interstate 79 north of McKean and elsewhere. The petition was started on the website www.ipetitions.com and is addressed... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-23-2018 **[Charleroi councilman admitted to ARD program in DUI case](#)**
A Charleroi councilman charged with driving under the influence earlier this year was recently admitted to a pretrial diversionary program in Washington County Court. Larry Celaschi, 58, was admitted to the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program for 12 months last week by Judge John F. DiSalle. The... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 10-23-2018 **[Works begins on Wilkes-Barre's Public Square](#)**
WILKES-BARRE — Public Square is getting a \$200,000 facelift, and the six-week operation began Monday. A state grant is paying for workers to resoil and plant new grass in all of the green areas of the center-city park, as well as trim trees and plant new ones to replace any that must be removed, city Grant Coordinator Mark... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-23-2018 **[Walnut Bottom bridge to be named after Vietnam vet](#)**
HARRISBURG – A bridge in Walnut Bottom is to be renamed in honor of a local man killed 50 years ago in the Vietnam War. Legislation (SB1156) authored in part by state Rep. Will Tallman, R-New Oxford, would celebrate the life of a Cumberland County veteran who... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 10-23-2018 **[Pair of bills will rename bridges in Cumberland County after fallen soldiers](#)**
A pair of bills are in motion to rename bridges in Cumberland County to honor a pair of county soldiers who died fighting in Vietnam. Legislation designating a bridge on State Route 641 in Carlisle Borough as the Marine Lance Corporal Edward Rykoskey Memorial Bridge is headed to the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 10-23-2018 **[Riverkeeper files federal lawsuit in Headquarters Road Bridge project](#)**
The lawsuit from the Delaware Riverkeeper Network challenges the Federal Highway Administration's approval of an environmental study exclusion to PennDOT. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is following through on its threat of litigation against the state's Department of Transportation's plans... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)



- 10-23-2018 **Barrar's bill to reimburse ambulance companies heads to governor**
WEST CHESTER—Legislation drafted by Rep. Steve Barrar (R-Chester/ Delaware) that would require ambulance companies to be reimbursed for providing medical treatment, even if the patient is not transported to a hospital, was successfully voted on concurrence by the House.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Sandy Twp. road, water and sewer crews keep busy**
DuBOIS — The road, water and sewer personnel in Sandy Township have been busy this fall. Township Manager Dave Monella, on behalf of Public Works Director Matt Cook, who was absent from last week's supervisors' meeting, presented the department's monthly report.... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Warren County and PennDOT team-up?**
Potential collaboration between Warren County and PennDOT was discussed during Monday's work session. County Planner Dan Glotz presented the possibility to the commissioners – PennDOT's Agility Program which can facilitate a "trade of services for services." Glotz said he consulted PennDOT about what services PennDOT might be able... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Conservation District wrapping up road projects**
RIDGWAY, PA The Elk County Conservation District held their monthly meeting yesterday which included, discussing road projects, certification requirements, some personnel changes, and other topics. The District Board welcomed guest, Fred Fritz, who is considering joining... - [Ridgway Record](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Construction industry and labor groups are plowing millions into campaign to defeat Proposition 6**
In the pitched battle over Proposition 6, the stakes are high for firms such as Granite Construction Inc., which has contributed \$1 million to defeat the initiative that would repeal new fuel taxes and vehicle fees earmarked for road and transit improvements.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Senator Rob Portman warns against auto tariffs**
WASHINGTON — Sen. Rob Portman warned Tuesday it would be a "bad idea" for the Trump administration to use the threat of national security to impose tariffs on imports of automobiles and auto parts. In a speech prepared for delivery at the conservative Heritage Foundation... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Near-misses between trains, cars raise safety questions**
A railroad crossing sign and the blasting horn of an approaching train weren't enough to stop a motorist who narrowly escaped getting hit on East Market Street in downtown Wilkes-Barre one recent morning... - [AP](#)
- 10-23-2018 **Behind the roar of opposition against dirt bikes grows an engine of support**
Ladies and kids under 5 got in free last Saturday at the Philly Pumptrack. And it was a toss-up who was having more fun, the fearless females learning how to ride BMX bikes on one track or the teetering toddlers on the other. This wasn't exactly the motorized bike park I called for in my last column,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 10-23-2018 **[Judge derails challenge to process used to select operator of shortline railroads](#)**
A judge has derailed a legal challenge to the process used to decide which company will be awarded a contract to operate five shortline railroads in central Pennsylvania. Northumberland County Judge Charles H. Saylor granted summary judgment to the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority in a suit brought by the Reading, Blue... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[Governor signs legislation to protect highway construction workers](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-22-2018 **[Wolf Admin. Hosts Cabinet in Your Community Event at Mansfield Univ., Mansfield](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-22-2018 **[PennDOT: Wolf Admin. Honors Students, Drivers at PA School Bus Safety Awards](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-22-2018 **[Leg Reg Review #31 - 10/22/2018 Provided by Phillips Associates](#)**
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- 10-22-2018 **[Sticker shock: Soaring road salt prices putting strain on local communities](#)**
Municipalities across Beaver County are faced with soaring prices for rock salt this winter, and many officials are in the dark as to why those prices are substantially higher. Officials understand that the last two winters have been harsh and that supplies of rock salt can't currently meet demand. But that doesn't... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[Editorial: Righting airport finances must be a top local priority](#)**
The Issue: The Reading Regional Airport Authority lacks the resources to cover pending debt payments. Our Opinion: We support efforts to boost airport revenue and encourage Berks County to assist in keeping the crucial facility solvent. Reading Regional Airport is an important resource for Berks County, so... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[Road to Nowhere gone but 222 corridor work continues](#)**
What a difference a road makes. Fields and farms have morphed into a bustling Berks County center for housing and commerce in the 20 years since a key section of Route 222 opened, connecting the former Road to Nowhere to Reading's bypasses. During construction, this section of Route 222 was known locally as the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[Erie County educators take steps to improve school bus safety](#)**
A bill currently in the state Senate would allow districts to install automated enforcement systems on their buses. All Fort LeBoeuf School District buses have video cameras that automatically record images whenever the bus stops to pick up or drop off students.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[EMTA board poised to resume business](#)**
Erie Mayor Joe Schember expects the board to meet on Nov. 19. Now that five new members of the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's nine-member board of directors have been appointed, Erie Mayor Joe Schember said he expects the panel to get back to business soon.... - [Erie Times-News](#)



- 10-22-2018 **Legislature ends year with mixed record**
HARRISBURG – The Legislature finished its fall session with a mixed record on some of the most intensely watched issues. Friday, Gov. Tom Wolf signed what proponents are calling one of the most comprehensive anti-hazing legislation in the country. A week earlier, Wolf... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 10-22-2018 **SEPTA prepares for spring 2019 finish at Levittown Station**
SEPTA has closed the Levittown Station's underground pedestrian tunnel and opened an overhead crosswalk, as workers on the \$22 million project shift their focus to a new elevator and parking lot improvements. SEPTA is in the home stretch of refurbishing the Levittown Station, an... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **LCTA extends free night service until Oct. 31**
One last week of free rides on the Luzerne County Transportation Authority's new night service routes will end on Halloween. Authority officials decided to extend the free ride policy for riders who board buses after 7 p.m. until Oct. 31, according to a news release issued... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Lackawanna County seeks state grant for Lackawanna Avenue safety project**
SCRANTON — Lackawanna County wants to use state Multimodal Transportation Fund dollars for a project to improve pedestrian safety and remove blight near the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel. Commissioners unanimously approved last week the filing of a grant... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **MONDAY UPDATE: Real ID deadlines looming real soon**
Reality soon will hit Pennsylvania. After years of refusing to comply with a federal law requiring states to issue Real IDs, the Keystone State ended its ban on them in May of last year because the feds refused to back off, sparking worries for citizens and airports.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **New law fair effort to boost safety**
Critics of a new state law that allows speed-recording cameras in work zones contend that it is just another effort by the state to extract fine revenue from safe drivers. But the law, which was signed Friday by Gov. Tom Wolf, is a fair effort to create a safer culture around work zones without unduly penalizing those... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Toll Brothers files appeal over Crebilly subdivision**
WESTTOWN-Toll Brothers has filed an appeal to a ruling upholding a decision by township supervisors denying the building firm a conditional use application to construct a 319-house subdivision at the 322-acre Crebilly Farm located near the intersection of routes 926 and 202.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Airline hopes to lure more business travelers to Franklin**
Since Southern Airways became the carrier airline at Venango Regional Airport in May 2016, the airport has reported great improvement in terms of reliability. But the airline is struggling to pull in business travelers. To make improvements, the airport and Southern Airways have invited local... - [Oil City Derrick](#)



- 10-22-2018 **[A new Pennsylvania law will penalize those who use drones to spy](#)**
A new Pennsylvania law will penalize the use of drones for spying purposes, the Associated Press reported. Governor Tom Wolf signed a bill on Oct. 12 establishing a \$300 fine on those who use drones to violate another individual's privacy or to put others in fear of potential harm. The bill also institutes a fine of up to... - [Daily Pennsylvanian](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[Sticker shock: Soaring road salt prices putting strain on local communities](#)**
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- 10-22-2018 **[Elon Musk says first tunnel for proposed underground transportation network will open in December](#)**
Elon Musk announced Sunday that the first tunnel of a proposed underground transportation network across Los Angeles County would open Dec. 10. "The first tunnel is almost done," Musk wrote to his 23.1 million followers shortly after 5 p.m. Musk's Boring Co. is building the tunnel beneath the city of Hawthorne,... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[The campaign to repeal California's gas tax increase is sputtering. That's because voters don't know about it](#)**
Republican politicians placed a repeal of a gas tax increase on the ballot to attract conservative voters and save GOP congressional seats. So how's that going? We won't know for sure until election day. But right now it seems iffy. The thought a year ago was that a half-dozen or more Republican-held U.S.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[State lawmakers finally strengthen DUI penalties | Editorials](#)**
THE ISSUE The state Legislature passed a bill last week to impose stricter penalties on repeat DUI offenders. As LNP's Sam Janesch wrote: "Lawmakers and advocates from Lancaster County had lobbied hard for SB961, which provides for felony charges against anyone with four or more DUI... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[East Hempfield Township grappling with increased traffic, speeding following 'Crossings' opening](#)**
East Hempfield Township leaders are trying to figure out how to manage speeders — and increasing traffic — on and near Farmingdale Road. Speeding on the popular shortcut road between Marietta Avenue and Harrisburg Pike has been a longtime issue, according to Cindy Schweitzer,... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-22-2018 **[Roosevelt Boulevard speed cameras represent rare bipartisan win](#)**
It's rare that Philadelphia can go more than just a few days without another person being killed in a car crash. Seventy-eight people died last year, and 96 were killed the year prior. That's why the city adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan last year — to reduce traffic deaths to zero by... - [WHYY](#)



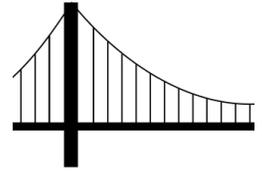
- 10-22-2018 **Why does SEPTA send pension cash so far from Philly?**
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- 10-22-2018 **Philly Shipyard makes a play for its future in polar icebreakers**
On one of those warm afternoons in early October, with temperatures above 80, Philly Shipyard workers in sunglasses, hard hats, and vests dotted - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-22-2018 **The cheap, but unsexy, way to tackle some of Philly's transportation challenges**
Traffic congestion costs time and money and contributes to air pollution and climate change. There are many ideas to improve urban transportation but there is a low-cost opportunity to tackle all these issues at once with a decidedly unsexy name: Bus Network Redesign. This idea is central to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Legislature approves ending license suspensions for certain crimes in Pa.**
Joyce Douglass, a retired state parole agent, can recall many initial conversations with the parolees she supervised. She would tell them that they had to get a job and support their families, and pay their court fines and restitution. "Then, I would have to have the discussion with them about how they had... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-22-2018 **What would you do with \$1.6 billion? Pittsburghers promise to buy the Pirates, help the homeless if they win the Mega Millions**
What would you do with \$1.6 billion? Pittsburghers promise to buy the Pirates, help the homeless if they win the Mega Millions The Mega Millions jackpot is up to \$1.6 billion, and Pittsburghers are dreaming big time. From owning sports teams to doing good deeds, would-be winners from... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Argo AI brings its self-driving fleet to a fourth market: Washington, D.C.**
Argo AI brings its self-driving fleet to a fourth market: Washington, D.C. Argo AI is the first self-driving company to expand into the Washington, D.C., market, the company announced Monday. Ford, which invested \$1 billion into the startup about 18 months ago, has... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Why does SEPTA send pension cash so far from Philly?**
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- 10-22-2018 **Group sues to block replacement of 206-year-old stone bridge in Bucks County**
The Headquarters Road Bridge has spanned Tinicum Creek in a bucolic slice of Bucks County since the War of 1812. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has been seeking to replace its centuries-old stone foundation for more than a decade because it says... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-22-2018 **Mountain areas in Westmoreland, Somerset see first sign of winter**
The season's first snowfall lightly covered the hills around Seven Springs Mountain Resort and surrounding areas in Westmoreland and Somerset counties over the weekend, with some continuing to linger Monday. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Donegal Maintenance Facility recorded an... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



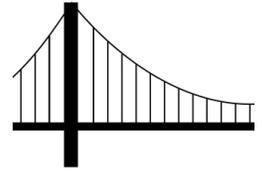
- 10-22-2018 **Autumn gas price relief arrives across much of the nation as oil prices fall**
Much of the country is continuing to enjoy falling as prices as oil prices have dropped to \$69 per barrel, a gas analyst says. "With the exception of the West Coast where an earlier natural gas pipeline shut down caused prices to up, nearly every state saw prices move... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-22-2018 **PA drivers to see speed cameras in certain work zones in as little as 120 days**
Pennsylvania drivers who decide to speed in certain work zones will now have more consequences than just a guilty conscience. As of October 19th, a bill that would provide a five-year trial period for PennDOT to place speed cameras in active work zones was signed by Governor... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 10-21-2018 **Primanti's finally landing at the Pittsburgh airport**
Primanti's is touching down at Pittsburgh International Airport. The iconic restaurant — the one with the sandwiches filled with coleslaw, fries, egg, tomato and meat — will open in the airport's airside building in March. Despite Primanti Brothers' long history in Pittsburgh dating back to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-21-2018 **Airlines to get a break on Pittsburgh airport fees next year**
The cost of flying out of Pittsburgh International Airport is expected to be a little lighter for airlines next year. A \$112.3 million budget for 2019 approved by Allegheny County Airport Authority board members Friday lowers the per passenger cost to the airlines by 95 cents to \$10.35.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-21-2018 **Speed cameras highlight year one of Philly's safe streets project**
When speed cameras come to Roosevelt Boulevard in about six months, they will represent the most concrete accomplishment yet of Philadelphia's year-old safe streets initiative. "It truly is going to save lives," Leslie Richards, Pennsylvania's transportation secretary, said at an event Friday to celebrate the passage... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-21-2018 **Let 'em ride! Philly needs a bike park**
He got his first dirt bike at 15 or 16. Bought it with money he saved from a part-time job, and learned how to ride it up and down an alleyway near his North Philadelphia home. With a helmet, he promised his mom. At 18, he's one of the best riders in Philly, I'm told. To prove that, he... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-21-2018 **Extend the Broad Street Line north, make parking permits more expensive, and more radical ideas to calm Philly's traffic woes and make us a better city**
If you think it's harder to get around Philadelphia these days, especially Center City, it's not your imagination. Traffic congestion is a growing problem. A few factors contribute to more clogged streets — among them, the fact that 68,000 more cars live here than eight years ago.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-21-2018 **Pittsburgh airport's fees charged to airlines drop for sixth straight year**
The fees that Pittsburgh International Airport charges to airlines will drop by 8.4 percent in 2019 to \$10.35 per departing passenger in 2019 — the sixth straight year the rate has fallen, officials said. The Allegheny County Airport Authority on Friday approved the rates as part... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



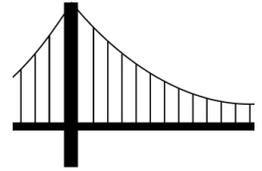
- 10-21-2018 **[Cheers & Jeers](#)**
CHEERS to the General Assembly for passing a legislation that imposes harsher penalties for repeat DUI violations, particularly for drivers with high blood-alcohol levels. Pennsylvania has 100,000 crashes and 300 deaths that can be attributed to drunken driving each year.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Our View: Diamonds for agreement on parking lot](#)**
Diamonds to the two sides settling the dispute involving parking on the lot once home to the Hotel Sterling. It never should have happened in the first place, and the dispute earned a coal back in August precisely because the site has been the victim of too many missteps and too much mismanagement... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Wolf signs legislation to crack down on speeding in work zones](#)**
A new law that cracks down on speeding in work zones was signed by Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday. Some 40 percent of all work zone crashes involve speeding, and crashes in work zones on interstates and the Pennsylvania Turnpike increased from 618 in 2012 to 1,008 in 2016.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Capitol Roundup: 2019 ACA health insurance will feature rate decreases, more choices](#)**
Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Jessica Altman this week announced the approval of 2019 individual and small group health insurance rates under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), highlighting rate decreases as well as increased choices for many Pennsylvania consumers.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Scranton seeks state grant for South Side sidewalks](#)**
The city hopes to receive a \$2.5 million state grant for new sidewalks in South Side along parts of Cedar Avenue that see heavy pedestrian use. City council introduced a resolution from Mayor Bill Courtright's administration this week to authorize the city to apply for a... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Route 422 project in Pottstown area nearing completion](#)**
The Route 422 project near Pottstown is scheduled for completion at the end of the month and some of the final touches this week are significant and include, according to PennDOT: Today through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 5 a.m., five nights, alternating left and right lane closures eastbound between the Keim Street and Sanatoga... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Legislation to protect workers, motorists in work zones is signed by Gov. Wolf](#)**
Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday signed SB172, the Automated Speed Enforcement in Work Zones legislation, which aims to deter speeding in work zones and ultimately improve motorist and roadway worker safety. "Crashes, injuries, and deaths that occur because of speeding are... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-21-2018 **[Lehigh Valley area lawmakers' bills await governor's signature](#)**
The Pennsylvania Legislature ended its Capitol voting session this week by passing 89 bills. Getting a bill passed the House and Senate during the two-year legislative cycle is no easy task given the political, policy and professional differences that exist among Republicans, Democrats, the two chambers and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



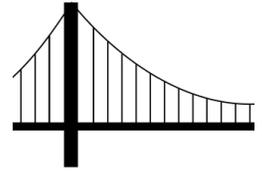
- 10-21-2018 **Shaken by hype, self-driving leaders adopt new strategy: Shutting up**
Three former executives at Google, Tesla and Uber who once raced to be the first to develop self-driving cars have adopted a new strategy: Slow down. And shut up. At their new company Aurora Innovation, which is developing self-driving technology for carmakers including Volkswagen and Hyundai, the rules are... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Governor Wolf Signs Legislation to Protect Workers, Motorists in Work Zones**
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- 10-19-2018 **September Construction Starts Settle Back 5 Percent**
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- 10-19-2018 **How Oil and Gas Industries are Being Transformed by Latest Technology Innovation**
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- 10-19-2018 **Wolf Administration Offers Tips for Teen Driver Safety**
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- 10-19-2018 **DLI: Pennsylvania's 4.1 Percent Unemployment Rate Unchanged in September**
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- 10-19-2018 **Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for October 19, 2018**
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- 10-19-2018 **SEPTA Key problems led to untold numbers of free rides this fall**
SEPTA bus riders were treated this fall to unintentional free rides that potentially numbered in the thousands due to what appears to be a software problem with the Key, the transit agency's smart-card fare system. Buses reported failures with the onboard equipment that scans and records... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Corporate welfare, and dreams of tax relief**
Republican Scott Wagner is challenging Democratic Gov. Wolf at the Pennsylvania polls next month with a platform of eliminating the public-school property tax, outlawing abortion — and ending corporate welfare, the tax breaks and incentives that politicians of both parties... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-19-2018 **16 bills your legislators decided should become law in Pa.**
.Gov. Tom Wolf better limber up his hand and have a good supply of ink on hand to sign or veto the cornucopia of bills that the General Assembly sent him over the course of the past few weeks. Lawmakers were moving bills at a fast pace to avoid having them die due to... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Jilted investors seek to force OneJet into Ch. 7 bankruptcy**
Three jilted Western Pennsylvania-based investors are seeking to force embattled airline OneJet to liquidate all its assets and repay them \$4.8 million, court records show. Attorney Kirk Burkley on Wednesday filed an involuntary petition for Chapter 7 bankruptcy against OneJet in federal court in Pittsburgh on... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



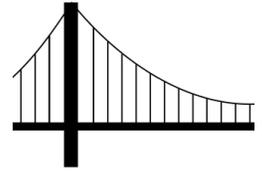
- 10-19-2018 **[Mega Millions, Powerball ticket sales soar in Alle-Kiski Valley ahead of weekend drawings](#)**
The Tarentum Water Plant will experience a lot of turnover if Jeff Adams and five of his colleagues win Friday's Mega Millions jackpot, which rose to nearly \$1 billion Thursday afternoon. "I'd have to say mostly everybody would probably quit their jobs," Adams, the water plant supervisor, said after a buying \$30 worth... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[Tough, new DUI law in Pennsylvania includes felony charge for some repeat offenders](#)**
Tougher penalties for repeat DUI offenders will soon become state law following passage by the Pennsylvania Legislature... - [AP](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[Sonney to host public meeting for Waterford Township bridge project](#)**
State Rep. Curt Sonney, of Harborcreek Township, R-4th Dist., will host a public meeting with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials to display plans for repairs to the bridge on Old Wattsburg Road/Wattsburg Road above French Creek in Waterford Township.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[E-commerce boom creates traffic challenges in NEPA](#)**
JENKINS TWP. — An increase in the number of e-commerce and distribution centers has created traffic congestion challenges in Northeast Pennsylvania and throughout the state, said state Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie S. Richards. "We're seeing distribution centers just pop up all over the... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[Officials say drivers can rely too heavily on new safety technology](#)**
Blind-spot monitoring, collision warnings and lane-detection technologies can prevent crashes – but they are not a substitute for a driver's awareness, officials said. An increasing number of drivers are buying new vehicles equipped with safety features, called advanced driver assistance systems, or ADAS.... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[Trail Authority talks hotel tax, rail trail transfer](#)**
Revenue from the 5 percent hotel tax won't be realized until early 2019, according to members of the Union County Trail Authority. Authority members met Thursday and noted that options are being explored to ensure those renting short-term lodging through online markets like Airbnb... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[EDITORIAL: Warning signs still needed on Route 54 | Opinion](#)**
A project to improve safety along a stretch of Route 54 linking Danville borough with Interstate 80 moved a step closer to completion during a public meeting Tuesday night, when plans for traffic flow changes were revealed. Final design work will now begin on the plans to eliminate areas where... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-19-2018 **[Pa. to end license suspensions for drug crimes unrelated to driving](#)**
Pennsylvania will soon eliminate mandatory driver's license suspensions for drug crimes that are unrelated to driving, ending a decades-long practice that civil rights and liberties organizations have argued was overly punitive, counterproductive and irrational — as well as one that... - [York Daily](#)



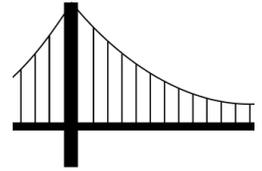
- 10-19-2018 **Franconia OKs housing plan**
FRANCONIA — Site work could begin by mid-November, with construction starting in early spring for a planned development by the water tank at Cowpath and Township Line roads, Chris Canavan, senior vice president of W. B. Homes, said at the Oct. 15 Franconia Township Board of Supervisors work... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Pennsylvania election 2018: Candidates running in Centre County**
US representative Description: The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of elected representatives (also called congressmen or congresswomen) from each state. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives. The number of representatives from each state is... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 10-19-2018 **State, county and local officials discuss repairs of ‘challenging’ bridges**
State, county and local government officials came together Thursday to discuss the uses of a \$1.365 million Pennsylvania Department of Transportation grant that will fix three structurally deficient bridges in Centre County. Lower Coleville Road bridge in Spring Township, Front Street bridge in... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 10-19-2018 **I-99 Road Work Nearing Completion**
One of Centre County's myriad road work projects is nearing its end. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation said on Thursday that work on a 3-mile stretch of Interstate 99 is expected to conclude by the night of Thursday, Oct. 25. The final work for the project involves placement of... - [State College News](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Airport upgrade can become milestone if it evolves correctly**
The Williamsport Regional Airport in Montoursville sent up its first flight out of a new, modern terminal Monday. It was a milestone – with a qualifier. The building is a long-overdue upgrade in every way, from customer comforts to screening capabilities to grounds improvements. But to be truly a... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Ex-cop gets immunity in federal suit**
Former Nesquehoning police officer Stephen Homanko created a danger during a chase that ended in a fatal crash four years ago, but he has immunity from a federal suit that a victim filed against him, an appeals court ruled. Two of three judges on a panel in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Tough New DUI Law Brings Controversy**
New Year's Eve usually is an upbeat time for Salt Lake City restaurant owner Hoang Nguyen. But this year, she'll be worrying about a big change in the state's DUI law that she says could put a damper on her business. On Dec. 30, Utah will become the first state to make it illegal to drive... - [Stateline.org](#)
- 10-19-2018 **The Finance 202: Uber illustrates long Saudi shadow in U.S. business world**
Uber Technologies chief executive Dara Khosrowshahi was among the first corporate chiefs to announce he's skipping the Future Investment Initiative in Riyadh next week. But the ride-sharing giant can't disentangle itself from Saudi Arabia so easily: The government owns about a seventh of the privately held... - [Washington Post](#)



- 10-19-2018 **Tesla chief Elon Musk unveils a \$35,000 Model 3 (that actually costs a bit more)**
Tesla chief Elon Musk said late Thursday that the automaker was preparing to sell the cheapest version yet of its newest electric car, the Model 3, signaling an attempt to get back to business after months of controversy. Musk said on Twitter that the sedan, with its “mid-range” battery... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Trash transfer station proposed for northern Lancaster County, would reduce trucks on local roads**
The county waste authority plans to open a satellite trash transfer station in northern Lancaster County that would reduce truck traffic on local highways and Harrisburg Pike. The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority board Friday morning approved the \$1.06 million purchase of a 13-acre industrial tract in East... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Let 'em ride! Philly needs a bike park | Helen Ubiñas**
He got his first dirt bike at 15 or 16. Bought it with money he saved from a part-time job, and learned how to ride it up and down an alleyway near his North Philadelphia home. With a helmet, he promised his mom. At 18, he's one of the best riders in Philly, I'm told. To prove that, he... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-19-2018 **East Pittsburgh residents displaced by Route 30 landslide return home**
In the early morning hours of April 7, Richard Clanagan awoke to a knock at the door of his apartment on Electric Avenue in East Pittsburgh. A firefighter was at his door, telling him he had to leave. When he asked why, he was told, "The hill's coming down."... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Primanti Bros. to open full restaurant, bar at Pittsburgh International Airport**
Travelers craving a taste of Pittsburgh soon will have a new option to chomp on during layovers and flights to and from the city. Primanti Bros. is coming to Pittsburgh International Airport this spring. The Pittsburgh-based restaurant chain — and its signature monster-sized... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Ohio woman caught with loaded gun at Pittsburgh International**
Security officials at Pittsburgh International found a loaded handgun in an Ohio woman's carry-on bag Thursday, according to Transportation Safety Administration officials. The woman, who TSA officials did not identify, was stopped at a security checkpoint when agents found a .380 caliber handgun in her bag, according... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Proposed flex building in South Whitehall may not bring trailers, but will still add to traffic**
The planned location for a commercial building in South Whitehall Township is ideal for the developer but could cause headaches for local officials who are already dealing with increased traffic in the targeted area. Township planners Thursday entertained a first-blush presentation for a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Holiday-hiring blitz on: FedEx Ground needs 1,000 seasonal workers for Lehigh Valley facilities**
Don't look now, but the holiday rush is coming. You know it's that time when major logistics and e-commerce companies announce they need workers. To wit: FedEx Ground said Friday it expects to hire 1,000 package handlers at its Lehigh Valley facilities. The company said via an email media advisory that it will need the seasonal... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



- 10-19-2018 **Pittsburgh airport authority taking steps to collect \$763,000 OneJet claim**
The Allegheny County Airport Authority is taking the first steps to collect \$763,000 it claims it is owed by OneJet for failing to deliver on promised service at Pittsburgh International Airport. Lawyers for the authority filed a notice in Allegheny County Common Pleas... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Primanti's finally landing at the Pittsburgh airport**
Primanti's is touching down at Pittsburgh International Airport. The iconic restaurant — the one with the sandwiches filled with coleslaw, fries, tomato and meat — will open in the airport's airside building in March. Despite Primanti Brothers' long history in Pittsburgh dating back to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-19-2018 **How did trucker in triple-fatal crash stay behind the wheel with a suspended license?**
Jack E. Satterfield plowed a tractor-trailer into nearly a dozen vehicles in Dauphin County last week, police said, killing three people, when he shouldn't have even been behind the wheel. The 29-year-old had a suspended commercial driver's license. The horrific crash on Oct. 12 on Interstate 83 near Union Deposit Road... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Route 15 back to four lanes near Winfield as thruway construction progresses**
WINFIELD - Route 15 is again a four-lane highway south of Winfield as work on the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway progresses. The highway had been down to one lane in each direction for months due to the construction of the Winfield interchange of the thruway.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-19-2018 **Off-duty fire chief blocked flames with his body after triple fatal crash on I-83**
Larry Anderson and Connie Ehrhart were headed to Lowe's on Union Deposit Road Friday Oct. 12 to buy an extension cord when they saw sudden brake lights and bright sparks on Interstate 83 in front of them. A car that had been pinned and pushed along the concrete median by a... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



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