



November 9-14, 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

WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

2019-2020 SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERSHIP ELECTION RESULTS

Senate Republican Leadership:

Interim President Pro Tempore: Joe Scarnati (R-Jefferson)
 Leader: Jake Corman (R-Centre)
 Appropriations Chairman: Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh)
 Whip: John Gordner (R-Columbia)
 Caucus Chair: Bob Mensch (R-Montgomery)
 Caucus Secretary: Richard Alloway (R-Franklin)
 Caucus Administrator: To be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
 Policy Chair: David Argall (R-Schuylkill)

Senate Democratic Leadership:

Leader: Jay Costa (D-Allegheny)
 Appropriations Chair: Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia)
 Whip: Anthony Williams (D-Philadelphia)
 Caucus Chair: Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny)
 Caucus Secretary: Larry Farnese (D-Philadelphia)
 Caucus Administrator: John Blake (D-Lackawanna)
 Policy Chair: Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton)

House Republican Leadership:

Speaker-Nominee: Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny)
 Leader: Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster)
 Appropriations Chairman: Stan Saylor (R-York)
 Whip: Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre)
 Caucus Chair: Marcy Toepel (R-Montgomery)
 Caucus Secretary: Mike Reese (R-Westmoreland)
 Caucus Administrator: Kurt Masser (R-Northumberland)
 Policy Chair: Donna Oberlander (R-Clarion)

House Democratic Leadership:

Leader: Frank Dermody (D-Allegheny)
 Appropriations Chairman: Matt Bradford (D-Montgomery)
 Whip: Jordan Harris (D-Philadelphia)
 Caucus Chair: Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia)
 Caucus Secretary: Rosita Youngblood (D-Philadelphia)
 Caucus Administrator: Neal Goodman (D-Schuylkill)
 Policy Chair: Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster)

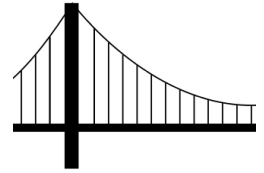
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HOUSE REPUBLICANS UNVEIL NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | November 13, 2018

The new leaders of the House Republican Caucus held a press conference following session this evening to introduce the new team.





Rep. Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster), new House Majority Leader, announced that next session's leadership team will be:

- Speaker-Nominee: Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny)
- House Appropriations Chairman: Stan Saylor (R-York)
- Whip: Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre)
- Caucus Chair: Marcy Toepel (R-Montgomery)
- Caucus Secretary: Mike Reese (R-Westmoreland)
- Caucus Administrator: Kurt Masser (R-Northumberland)
- Policy Chair: Donna Oberlander (R-Clarion).

"We look forward to working with everyone in the new legislative session. Once again voters returned divided government to Harrisburg. Gov. Wolf won re-election but they also returned strong majorities to the House and Senate," Rep. Cutler stated. "As we look forward to next session I think it's all of our goals to make sure we work with each to find solutions that the citizens of the Commonwealth are looking for."

Rep. Turzai said the caucus is honored to have Rep. Cutler serving as majority leader. "We are returning for the fifth consecutive session a majority and we're proud of the effort of the team had in the election across Pennsylvania," he stated. "We're very positive about moving forward with this outstanding leadership team."

Rep. Cutler and Rep. Turzai then responded to questions from the media.

Do you have any favorite policy issues that you want to move?

Rep. Cutler stated, "We have a lot of new members on both sides of the aisle but I think that a lot of the unfinished business from last session will probably bubble up to the top. If you look at the career and technical package that got close to be signed last session...I expect that package to come up again. I think the regulatory reform that Rep. Oberlander and Rep. Benninghoff and many other members of the caucus will come up again. That's something I heard consistently from businesses is the regulatory environment. Particularly where I live on the border of Maryland, you can go literally 100 yards into Maryland get a permit there in 90 days and it could take a year or two here. We are competing with them and we need to be competitive with them."

Since you lost a lot of seats in the southeast, how does that change your caucus?

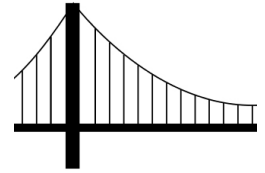
Rep. Cutler said, "If you look at the result I think it was a direct result of straight ticket voting on both sides. I talked to Rep. Barbin, while we had a great candidate, he thought the tide he was swimming against was tough because it is a very pro-Trump area and this election had that undercurrent to it. As far as dynamics, it just means we have a little bit smaller group of folks we need to find those 102 votes in."

Do you think your caucus is more conservative now?

Rep. Cutler stated, "I think both caucuses went a little bit. Ours went a little bit more to the right and theirs went a little bit to the left but I think we can find solutions."

There seemed to be disagreements between former leader Reed and Speaker Turzai that led to some fractures in the caucus, do you think that you are more philosophically aligned with each other?

Rep. Turzai stated, "We had an outstanding leadership team last session and we have an outstanding leadership team this session. It's a diverse state, we're a diverse caucus, and we to bring all of us together for a consensus and we did that over the last two session. There's public pension reform because of our caucus. Today we have wine and beer in grocery stores because of our caucus, myself, Rep. Reed, and everyone in the leadership team. In addition, we make sure we govern from a fiscal stewardship perspective and have put record high investments in public education and we did it without any increases in broad based taxes. Why? Because myself, David Reed, and this leadership team stood strong. We believe we can continue to do great things for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and we are very excited to be behind Bryan Cutler as our majority leader and this leadership team."



Do you have any idea what you're getting into?

Rep. Cutler responded, "Yes and I still ran."

Do you think the seats that you lost in the southeast are permanently blue?

Rep. Cutler said, "Absolutely not. There continues to be opportunity down there. We had a pickup out there this cycle as well as two pickups out west. If you look at our majority of 121 there were about 22 of those seats that had Democratic majorities. Likewise the Democrats had four seats that had Republican majorities and we picked up two of them this time. I think the opportunity for pickups continues far into the future. While that's the political side of the equation, I'm a firm believer that policy makes good politics and good candidates can win seats."

Will you pursue a 20 week abortion ban?

Rep. Cutler stated "That's something we'll discuss as a leadership team and then as a caucus."

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GROUP RELEASES 2018 REPORT CARD ON PENNSYLVANIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | November 14, 2018

The Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) held a news conference today in the Main Capitol rotunda to release the [2018 Report Card for Pennsylvania's Infrastructure](#). Evaluating 18 categories of infrastructure, the group gave Pennsylvania an overall grade of "C-." This is the same grade Pennsylvania received in the previous report card issued in 2014 across 16 categories.

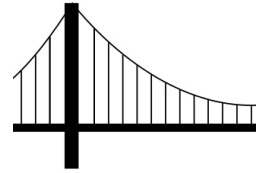
Gary Garbacik, past chairman, ASCE Central Pennsylvania Section, explained, "Since 2006, we have released a report card on Pennsylvania's infrastructure every four years to help raise awareness of the condition of our state's infrastructure. Today we are here to unveil the findings from our latest update." He further explained that the report card represents a year's worth of work from over 75 volunteers from the four ASCE sections across the commonwealth. According to Garbacik, "Our volunteers came from a variety of backgrounds including academia, design, contractors, infrastructure owners, and regulators." He commented, "As civil engineers, our job is to design, plan, construct and maintain our infrastructure networks and this report card allows us the opportunity to share that information with the public." Garbacik added, "We hope this information provides the insight needed to have the conversation about where we want to be in this state which will then ignite action from our leaders." He emphasized, "It is important to say that the grades unveiled today reflect the current state of infrastructure and not a reflection of the agencies responsible for the infrastructure who are often working with limited resources."

Stephanie Slocum, a member of the report card committee, provided an overview of the report card. She explained, "To create the report card, ASCE Pennsylvania engineers volunteered their time to collect, analyze, and review data for each type of infrastructure based on their specific areas of expertise." Slocum pointed out the committee worked with authors of the national report card, which gave the nation a "D+" in 2017. She further explained, "Report card categories were graded on eight criteria: capacity, condition, operation and maintenance, funding, future need, public safety, resilience, and innovation." Slocum said, "The report card provides a comprehensive assessment of PA's infrastructure for residents, state and local leaders, and nonprofits all over the state."

The report evaluated the 18 categories with the following grades: aviation (C+), bridges (D+), dams (C), drinking water (D), energy (C), freight rail (B), hazardous waste (B-), inland waterways (D), levees (C), parks and recreation (B-), passenger rail (C-), ports (C+), roads (D+), schools (C-), solid waste (C+), storm water (D), transit (D), and wastewater (D-).

ASCE offered the following recommendations to increase the letter grades for the transportation-related categories:

- Encourage all 67 Pennsylvania counties to take advantage of the Act 89 provision to empower revenue collection at the local level.
- Reimagine funding to look at multi-modal as a regional system and consider further exploring the counties' abilities



to raise funds to go towards passenger rails and transit.

Slocum noted, "Overall our water infrastructure represents some of the lowest grades in the report card and these categories are very closely tied to the public's health and safety." She reported, "Many public water system billing rates have not kept up with rising costs which means current user costs do not reflect the long-term costs of maintaining and repairing this type of infrastructure." Slocum warned, "This results in a \$10.2 billion drinking water gap over the next ten years in the commonwealth." She continued, "Storm water infrastructure is often taken for granted until it fails with flooding or results in the polluted water." According to Slocum, "Unfortunately, Pennsylvania is the national leader in the amount of combined sewer overflows." She explained, "That means that during heavier rainfalls, rain combines with sewage and enters directly into our rivers." Slocum stated, "Obviously, this is unhealthy not just for the human residents of our state but the beautiful mountains, rivers and wildlife we all enjoy, which brings tourism dollars here."

Slocum argued, "Building, replacing and updating our water infrastructure will require leadership to plan new approaches and improve upon existing conditions." She added, "This will take significant capital but finding sufficient funding is critical to protecting our public health." Slocum advocated, "We should encourage and support passage of legislation to align user fees with the true costs of treating, delivering and managing water and wastewater," She stated, "Our water infrastructure has the lowest grades in Pennsylvania and if we give as much attention to water as we have to transportation imagine the improvements we could see."

Rep. John Taylor (R-Philadelphia), outgoing chairman of the House Transportation Committee, thanked ASCE for their report "not only for the specifics that have been provided but keeping the topic of infrastructure in front of the public, in front of lawmakers, and in front of the administration." He added, "We almost need to do that every day." Rep. Taylor commented, "We are certainly hopeful that the federal government, the president and the US Congress come up with a comprehensive infrastructure plan that Pennsylvania and other states can benefit from." He said, "I believe this report is significant in that we have trended in the right direction in many, many spots across the commonwealth." Rep. Taylor commended the Wolf administration for its investments in Pennsylvania ports, especially the port of Philadelphia. He also outlined some of the benefits achieved through the passage of Act 89 and its impact on providing funding for the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure.

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Committee News

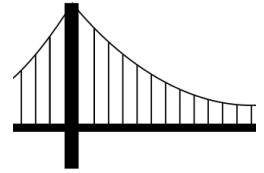
No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

No Bullet.in.Points this week. PLS will be closed 11/16. The next Transportation Recap will be published on Monday, November 26 and will include two weeks' of Bullet.in.Points entries.

Cosponsor Memos

No Cosponsor Memos this week.



Bill Actions

HB 86 Lawrence, John(R)

(PN 2583) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program. The bill establishes that the Department of Environmental Protection shall develop and submit for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency an amendment to the existing enhanced emission inspection program, which will provide a subject vehicle with a model year of 1992 through 1995 that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code, relating to program requirements, and a subject vehicle with a model year of 1996 or newer with a gross vehicle weight rating between 8,501 and 9,000 pounds that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code, shall be required to undergo the following tests: a fuel filler gas cap test and a visual emission control device inspection. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 2540)

Bill History:

09-25-18 Second consideration 5:40pm
09-25-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
10-02-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor,
Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate
Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
10-02-18 S Reported as committed from Senate
Appropriations
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 179 Day, Gary(R)

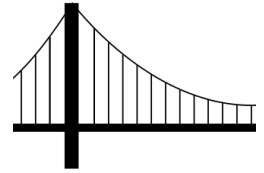
(PN 142) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and, in violations and penalties, further providing for unauthorized operation by carriers and brokers. Adds any individual who provides or furnishes transportation of household property between residential dwellings for compensation as a common carrier. Establishes violations under subsection (b) as a third degree misdemeanor with a fine of \$5,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-04-18 H Removed from the table
09-25-18 H Set on the House Calendar
09-25-18 H Laid on the table
09-25-18 H Removed from the table
11-13-18 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 297 Dush, Cris(R)

(PN 291) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act adding that "maintenance work" includes work performed under Title 75 (Transportation), section 9106 (relating to dirt, gravel and low-volume road maintenance). Effective immediately.



Bill History:

09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Labor and Industry
10-01-18 H Reported as committed from House Labor and Industry
10-01-18 H First consideration
10-01-18 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 882

Godshall, Robert(R)

(PN 1966) Amends the Unfair Insurance Practices Act stipulating that unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices include, if committed or performed with such frequency as to indicate a business practice, mentioning the name of a vehicle rental company unless the insurance company includes disclosure that there is no requirement to use any specific vehicle rental company, the disclosure is provided orally or in writing at the time a claim is made and the disclosure includes a specified statement. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 984)

Bill History:

09-08-17 H Laid on the table
10-24-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-24-17 H Removed from the table
10-24-17 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

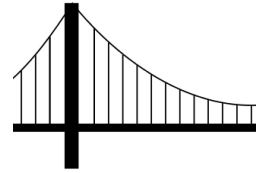
HB 928

Jozwiak, Barry(R)

(PN 4189) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act further providing for prohibited acts and penalties and amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege. The stated intent of the bill is to reduce the penalties for most cases of possession of small amounts of marijuana. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1081)

Bill History:

10-09-18 H Voted favorably as amended from committee House Judiciary
10-09-18 H Reported as amended House Judiciary
10-09-18 H First consideration
10-09-18 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 976 Masser, Kurt(R)

(PN 4048) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in equipment standards, further providing for unlawful activities by providing for doors. A vehicle shall be equipped with doors of a type used as original equipment. The doors shall open and close securely unless the vehicle has been manufactured or modified to the extent that there is no roof or side. If a vehicle is designed by the manufacturer with removable doors for off-road use, the vehicle may be operated with doors removed except that the vehicle may not be (1) operated on any roadway having a speed limit of more than 55 mph or on any limited access highway; or (2) driving at any speed if a child under 18 is a passenger. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1133)

Bill History:

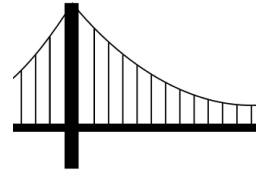
09-24-18 H Voted favorably as amended from committee House Transportation
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation
09-24-18 H First consideration
09-24-18 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1152 Boback, Karen(R)

(PN 2165) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of an individual from a motor vehicle if the individual is believed to be in imminent danger and in need of assistance to exit the vehicle. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1375)

Bill History:

09-24-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Judiciary -- Senate Judiciary
09-24-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Judiciary
09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Judiciary
09-24-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



HB 1187 Taylor, John(R)

(PN 1841) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system on US Route 1 in Philadelphia from the Bucks County Line to I-76. Provides requirements for the City of Philadelphia pertaining to management of the program, and for department approval. Further provides a definition of "automated speed enforcement system" and authorizes the use of radar and lidar in the devices in the system. Also outlines rules governing violations. The addition of Title 75 3369 (e) shall take effect 60 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice under section 2. The remainder of the act is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1409)

Bill History:

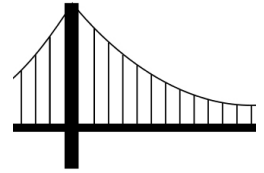
05-24-17 H Laid on the table
06-29-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
06-29-17 H Removed from the table
06-29-17 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1239 Marshall, Jim(R)

(PN 1466) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language to section 1504 relating to classes of licenses providing a person who violates subsection (a) relating to proper class of license required shall be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$200, except that, if the person charged provides satisfactory proof of having held the proper class of license valid on the last day of the preceding driver's license period and no more than six months has elapsed from the last date of renewal, the fine shall be \$25. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-18-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
10-03-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
10-03-18 S Laid on the table
10-03-18 S Removed from the table
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



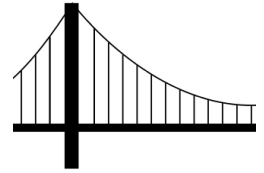
HB 1446

Quinn, Marguerite(R)

(PN 3161) Amends Titles 66 (Public Utilities), in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for transportation fueling infrastructure development; and, in turnpike, further providing for definitions and providing for statewide electric vehicle charging and natural gas fueling networks. The bill requires the governor to establish a statewide goal at a minimum of 50 percent expansion for the expansion of transportation electrification in this commonwealth based upon a statewide transportation electrification opportunity assessment and regional goals for each group of priority alternative transportation infrastructure counties that are served. Also requires electric distribution companies serving one or more priority alternative transportation infrastructure counties to contract with a qualifying independent transportation analyst to develop a transportation electrification infrastructure regional framework, complete statewide interstate and Turnpike fast electric and natural gas refueling networks, and asses opportunities to increase the deployment of natural gas vehicles to support fleets and other high-value uses. Requires owners of charging stations to remit appropriate alternate fuels taxed to the state; adds hydrogen as a fuel for inclusion in the program. Also requires the costs recovered of an electric distribution company to only be used for the maintenance and expansion of transportation electrification infrastructure. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1916)

Bill History:

06-06-18 H Removed from the table
10-01-18 H Set on the House Calendar
10-01-18 H Laid on the table
10-01-18 H Removed from the table
11-13-18 H Set on the House Calendar



HB 1576 Pickett, Tina(R)

(PN 2064) Amends the Insurance Department Act adding an article providing for limited lines travel insurance. A limited lines travel insurance producer is required to hold a limited lines travel insurance license to sell, solicit or negotiate coverage under a policy of travel insurance. A limited lines license shall authorize a travel retailer registered under the license of the limited lines insurance producer, and each employee or authorized representative of the travel retailer, to:

- (1) Offer and disseminate coverage under a policy of travel insurance to a customer when the licensed limited lines travel insurance producer is physically present in the location where the travel retailer or authorized representative engages in travel insurance transactions;
- and (2) Receive compensation from the limited lines travel insurance producer for those activities. A fee of \$400 shall accompany an application for a limited lines travel insurance producer license and a license renewal, which may be adjusted annually by the commissioner. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2054)

Bill History:

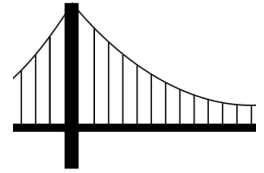
05-22-18 H Removed from the table
09-12-18 H Set on the House Calendar
09-12-18 H Laid on the table
09-12-18 H Removed from the table
11-13-18 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 1684 Brown, Rosemary(R)

(PN 3460) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, establishing a two-point penalty for violations of hand-held devices for all drivers; prohibits hand-held use of devices when vehicle is in motion; establishes presumption of use; removes the non-applicability provisions for certain professions; establishes the Driver Distraction Awareness Fund; and establishes additional penalties for careless driving while distracted. Also provides for distracted driving education for teenage drivers. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2261)

Bill History:

06-21-18 H Removed from the table
06-21-18 H Laid on the table
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
09-24-18 H Press conference held
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 1811 Rothman, Greg(R)

(PN 4108) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in penalties and disposition of fines, imposing a \$25 surcharge for a conviction for violation of chapter 13 (relating to registration of vehicles), which shall be deposited in the ALPR Equipment Fund; providing for and authorizing automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems; imposing penalties; and establishing the ALPR Equipment Fund. The ALPR Equipment Fund shall be for use by law enforcement agencies and to assist and provide equipment support for state and local law enforcement. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 2462, 2800)

Bill History:

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Voted favorably as amended from committee Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 2066 Dowling, Matthew (F)(R)

(PN 2999) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in scenic highways, further providing for designation of certain State routes as scenic byways. The bill provides for the designation of the National Road with the stated intent being to designate the original National Road and not any rerouted portion of U.S. Route 40. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

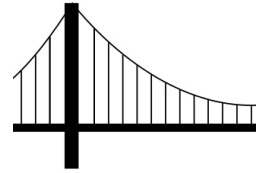
09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 2425 Greiner, Keith(R)

(PN 3541) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1010 over the Conestoga River, Lancaster County, as the Sergeant Melvin R. Wink Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

10-15-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
10-15-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
10-15-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
10-15-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



HB 2486 **Everett, Garth(R)** (PN 4049) Amends Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles), providing for Keystone Tree Fund; and, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Fund. The bill establishes the Keystone Tree Fund for the purposes and in the allocations as follows: a TreeVitalize program, 40 percent; and a riparian forest buffer grant program, 60 percent. Title 75 is amended to require the Department of Transportation to provide the ability of an applicant for an online renewal of a driver's license or identification card to make a \$3 donation to the Keystone Tree Fund and the ability of an applicant for a renewal vehicle registration to make a \$3 donation to the Keystone Tree Fund. Effective in 30 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3789)

Bill History:

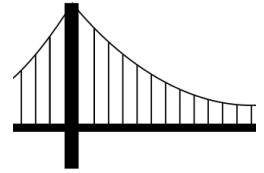
09-24-18 H Voted favorably as amended from committee House Transportation
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation
09-24-18 H First consideration
09-24-18 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 2547 **Marsico, Ron(R)** (PN 4050) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, repealing section 3756 (accidents involving certain vehicles). Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3852)

Bill History:

09-24-18 H Voted favorably as amended from committee House Transportation
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation
09-24-18 H First consideration
09-24-18 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

SB 16 **Blake, John(D)** (PN 2041) in licensing of drivers, providing for automatic suspension and additional penalties. The bill states any driver who operates or is in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle in this commonwealth shall be deemed to have given consent to an automatic suspension of driving privileges if a criminal complaint has been filed against the driver and a preliminary arraignment has occurred for a violation of the following: (1) section 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle while driving under influence) (2) section 3735.1 (relating to aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence). The bill provides for period of suspension, notice and right to appeal, ignition interlock, and restoration fees. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 592)



Bill History:

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Voted favorably as amended from committee Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

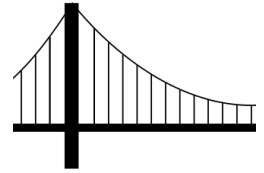
SB 110

Sabatina, John(D)

(PN 84) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) exempting veterans from paying for the renewal or duplication of driver's licenses or identification cards. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
09-26-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



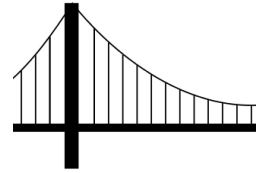
SB 170

Rafferty, John(R)

(PN 146) Amends entitled "An act providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," further providing for the Delaware River Joint Commission, for composition, for employees, for financing and for executive sessions; providing for majority approval and contract procedures; further providing for report; providing for conflicts of interest and for master plan; creating the Port Authority Transit Corporation Commuter's Council; further providing for definitions; authorizing the Governor to apply for approval; prohibiting the entrance into a compact until passage of a similar act; and making editorial changes. Among the many changes, the bill stipulates that Pennsylvania commissioners who are not ex-officio members of the commission shall be confirmed by a majority of the members elected to the Pennsylvania Senate; grants authority to borrow money for the purpose of financing any project authorized by or pursuant to this compact or agreement; grants authority to acquire, purchase, construct, lease, operate, maintain and undertake any project directly relating to the operation of the Delaware River Port Authority, including any terminal, terminal facility, transportation facility, or any other facility of commerce, and to make charges for the use thereof; authorizes executive sessions to be held for certain reasons; prescribes limits on the ability of the commission to enter into or amend contracts; requires best practices in the procurement of necessary items and services; requires a biennial audit and performance review; provides for gift bans and conflicts of interest; requires preparation of a comprehensive master plan for the development of the Port District; and creates the Port Authority Transit Corporation Commuter's Council, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the maintenance and operation of the Port Authority Transit Corporation's facilities for the transportation of passengers. Portions are effective December 31, 2018, and the remainder is effective immediately.

Bill History:

06-25-18 H First consideration
06-25-18 H Laid on the table
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
09-24-18 H Removed from the table
11-13-18 H Set on the House Calendar



SB 251 Vulakovich, Randy(R)

(PN 1814) Amends Titles 44 (Law & Justice) and 75 (Vehicles) establishing a six-year pilot program for accredited municipal and regional police to use radar as a speed timing device. Limits the use to only fulltime police officers and provides for defense against prosecution if being used to generate revenue. Requires annual progress reports from municipalities to the Department of Transportation and requires the department to make an annual report to the General Assembly. Prohibits agencies from imposing quotas on the issues of citations for certain offenses. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 231, 300, 1316)

Bill History:

06-04-18 H Laid on the table
09-25-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
09-25-18 H Removed from the table
09-25-18 H Laid on the table
11-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

SB 1254 Gordner, John(R)

(PN 1982) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, creating a special plate for recipients of Presidential Service Badge. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History:

09-24-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
09-24-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
09-24-18 S First consideration
11-14-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Upcoming Events

PA Public Utility Commission

November 16, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, Plaza Level, 400 North Street, Harrisburg

Smart hearings for rate increase requests by Aqua PA and Aqua PA Wastewater. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Turnpike Commission

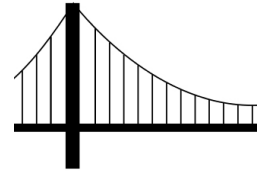
November 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

November 21, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

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

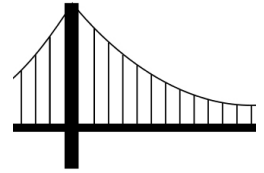
December 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

PA Public Utility Commission

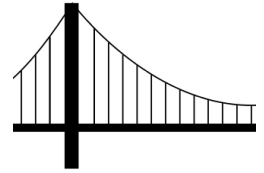
December 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

In the News

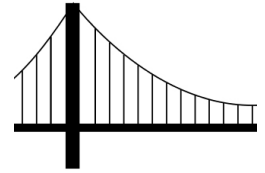
- 11-14-2018 [Democratic lawmakers select Dawkins to lead Philadelphia Delegation in Pa. House](#)
(Press Release)
- 11-14-2018 [Gov. Wolf: PA is Prepared for Widespread Winter Weather Impacts](#)
(Press Release)
- 11-14-2018 [York County Republican Delegation Pleased with Appropriations Chair and House...](#)
(Press Release)
- 11-14-2018 [Stateline Daily: 'On the Geaux': How a Playground on a Truck Brings Joy](#)
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- 11-14-2018 [Plan Philly - State, city offered Amazon a \\$5.7 billion incentive package...](#)
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- 11-14-2018 [Group Releases 2018 Report Card on Pennsylvania's Infrastructure](#)
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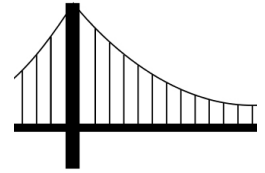
- 11-14-2018 **Harrisburg wants to borrow \$2 million to repave streets, remove commuter short-cut**
Harrisburg city council members Tuesday night approved the borrowing of \$2 million to start a project in south Harrisburg that will renovate 342,000 square-feet of pavement. The project, which is currently out for bids, will renovate six deteriorating street segments including a heavily-used section of Berryhill... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Allegiant offering new flight from Harrisburg International Airport**
Allegiant Airlines is adding to its offerings of regular flights out of Harrisburg, the airline announced Tuesday. Beginning on April 3, 2019, service from Harrisburg to Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport will run twice a week, according to a press release.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Let's 'curb' sidewalk taunts for good**
If you're able to wear skinny jeans without suffering permanent injury, or have never had difficulty getting the safety bar on a roller coaster to click, then you might not be able to sympathize with what I'm about to share. It's a hard, ugly topic that mainstream society... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Easton school officials say they need 12th street to do Cottingham Stadium revamp**
The Easton Area School District's upgrades to Cottingham Stadium are dependent on the district taking ownership of a portion of North 12th Street in front of Paxinosa Elementary School, said school Superintendent John Reinhart on Tuesday. District officials have said the changes would make parent drop-off and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Millcreek to seek grant to extend Presque Isle trail**
Supervisors also are considering tax incentives for volunteer firefighters and restricting parking near local school. Millcreek Township supervisors on Tuesday approved a resolution to apply for a \$3 million state grant to extend the multipurpose trail at Presque... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-14-2018 **PennDOT to display plans for Peach Street-Kuntz Road work**
The project will provide improved pedestrian access on Peach Street from Kuntz Road to Mall Access Drive and on Kuntz Road from Peach Street to Jodie Lane. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation invites the public to an open house and display of plans for a proposed pedestrian improvement project... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Wabtec shareholders to consider GE Transportation merger**
Wabtec, based in the Pittsburgh suburb of Wilmerding, will hold a special meeting of stockholders at 9 a.m. in Pittsburgh to vote on proposals to amend its charter. The proposed merger of GE Transportation with Pennsylvania-based Wabtec Corp. will likely move an important step closer to reality on Wednesday.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-14-2018 **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](#)



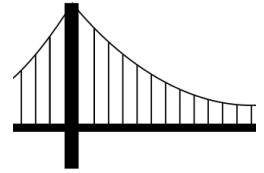
- 11-14-2018 **Schiccatano dispels rumors of tax increase**
SUNBURY — During Tuesday's public meeting, Northumberland County Commissioner Sam Schiccatano dispelled a rumor that a two-mill tax increase will result from changing Northumberland County Drive from a private to a public road. Schiccatano blamed minority commissioner Kym Best for spreading the rumor... - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Swarner House may be sold to nonprofit organization**
Carlisle school board members could decide early next year whether to approve the sale of the Swarner House to an unidentified nonprofit organization. District administrators could present a draft agreement of sale to the board property committee as early as Dec. 6.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Johnstown airport leaders laud new airline**
Although they admit it's still early, Johnstown airport leaders say Boutique Air had a smooth takeoff and is on course for a successful operation as the region's commuter airline. Over the first 12 days of operation, the airline carried an average of 14.5 passengers a day, Chairman James Loncella said at Tuesday's... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Developer eyes brewery at Brookpark Farm**
LEWISBURG — A developer plans to build a brewery along the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail and says a zoning variance is necessary to make it feasible. Chris Baylor seeks to build a 4,340-square-foot brewery and tasting room at the entrance to Brookpark Farm at Route 45 and Reitz Boulevard in East... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 11-14-2018 **New Questions Swirl Over Boeing on Updated 737 Model That Crashed**
Boeing faced new scrutiny on Tuesday over the crash of one of its planes into the sea off Indonesia last month, as airlines, pilots and regulators sought to determine whether the company had underplayed the complexity of a new emergency system suspected of having malfunctioned on the doomed... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Penn receives \$1.84 million to study methods of decreasing cell phone usage while driving**
A multidisciplinary team from Penn and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia received \$1.84 million in federal funds to study the effectiveness of attempts to curb cell phone usage while driving. It is one of the largest federally funded studies focused on this issue.... - [Daily Pennsylvanian](#)
- 11-14-2018 **EPA to weigh tougher pollution standards for heavy-duty trucks**
The Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday announced plans to place more stringent restrictions on pollution from heavy-duty trucks, in a move that won the Trump administration rare praise from environmental groups. Nearly two decades have passed since the EPA last updated its standards for... - [Washington Post](#)
- 11-14-2018 **Riverview High School art project gets state funding boost**
An artistic vision of the historic Hulton Bridge is one step closer to fruition. The Riverview Educational Foundation was recently awarded a \$30,000 grant through the state Department of Community and Economic Development. Those funds, coupled with a \$25,000 grant received in May from the same... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



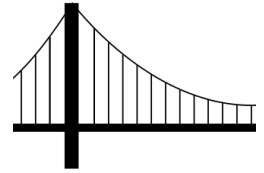
- 11-14-2018 **[A shattering noise, then a deafening roar. New details from Southwest plane's engine failure over Pennsylvania](#)**
A passenger on Southwest Flight 1380 described the sudden noise when the plane's engine blew sounding like "a marble hitting glass." Then, a deafening roar as the plane depressurized. Related stories Twenty minutes of terror in the sky: the emergency landing of Southwest... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-14-2018 **[Peduto promises infrastructure investment, climate policy in budget address](#)**
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto unveiled his 2019 budget plan in his first address to city council since the Tree of Life shooting two weeks ago. Peduto boasted a budget that would highlight the Steel City's growth while planning for the future. He told the council in 2019 there'd be... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 11-14-2018 **[The report card is in: Pennsylvania's infrastructure is just as bad as it was four years ago](#)**
Pennsylvania infrastructure passed, but barely. A report card released Wednesday by the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the state's infrastructure an average grade of C-, citing the commonwealth's aging and deteriorating water and sewage systems as the biggest problem areas.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-14-2018 **[Hearing reveals chilling details of fatal Southwest flight](#)**
There was a loud bang, and suddenly the Southwest Airlines jet rolled 41 degrees to the left. Smoke began to fill the cabin, and flight attendants rushed row by row to make sure all passengers could get oxygen from their masks... - [AP](#)
- 11-14-2018 **[The Latest: Hearing on fatal Southwest Air flight concludes](#)**
An investigative hearing into a broken fan blade that led to a fatal engine failure on a Southwest flight has concluded... - [AP](#)
- 11-14-2018 **[Bridge work to close turnpike between New Stanton, Breezewood on Saturday night](#)**
The Pennsylvania Turnpike will temporarily close between New Stanton and Breezewood late Saturday through early Sunday to permit crews to erect beams on a Somerset County bridge project. The nearly 88-mile closure begins 11 p.m. Saturday, and the highway will... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-14-2018 **[PennDOT urges drivers to be prepared for snowy roads](#)**
Just like riding a bike? Not really. PennDOT is reminding residents how to safely drive in winter weather as the region prepares for snow to arrive this week. The Pittsburgh region could get 1 to 3 inches of snow over the next two days, according to the National Weather Service.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Pennsylvania Civil Engineers to Grade State's Infrastructure](#)**
(Press Release)
- 11-13-2018 **[Wolf Administration Offers Grants to Support Alternative Fuel Infrastructure...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 11-13-2018 **[Stateline Daily: Electric Scooters Have Been Burned, Buried and Butchered...](#)**
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- 11-13-2018 **[EPA Awards \\$4.7 Million to Curb Diesel Pollution in Mid-Atlantic Region](#)**
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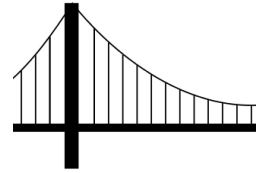
- 11-13-2018 **AG Shapiro Announces Felony Charges Against Former Philadelphia City...**
(Press Release)
- 11-13-2018 **PennDOT Driver License, Photo Centers Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday**
(Press Release)
- 11-13-2018 **Erie's McAllister building to be demolished**
"The engineering report found it was less expensive to rebuild new." The next addition to Erie's bayfront will apparently begin with subtraction. The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority has placed a legal advertisement seeking bids for the demolition of the McAllister building on... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Penn National eyes turnpike site for 3rd Pennsylvania casino**
A Pennsylvania-based casino operator is giving details about a mini-casino it's planning on 36 acres of vacant land along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, a short drive from Reading and Philadelphia's suburbs... - [AP](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Under construction: PennDOT plans decade of work on Route 1**
While there are big changes — crews will add a third travel lane in both directions of Route 1 — ahead for the corridor, PennDOT officials are committed to keeping traffic moving. Road work ahead. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is embarking on a major Route... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Students help drive new ideas in Shamokin**
Five students from Bucknell University helped shift the "Taking It to the Streets" off-road vehicle event in Shamokin into a higher gear. During the recent promotional event, which featured an estimated 1,000 enthusiasts driving their off-road vehicles from the trails at the nearby... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Mixed results for Uber in the Valley**
Uber driver Max Oberdorf is kept busy driving fares daily from the Lewisburg area while a few miles away in Selinsgrove, driver Jeff DeDay said his business is lagging. One of the first Uber drivers in the Valley when the private, on-demand driving service began operating in Snyder County in August 2016, DeDay said... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Construction causing crashes in unusual places in Sunbury**
SUNBURY — While vehicle accidents are down across the city in 2017, crashes are happening where they normally do not, according to Sunbury police. With major construction projects near Sunbury — including the Duke Street Reconstruction Project in Northumberland and the Central Susquehanna... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Free two-hour holiday parking returning to downtown Meadville**
Meadville City Council has once again unanimously approved free holiday parking for the downtown area. As in the past, the two-hour limit for parking remains in effect even though parking is free. "We're helping our downtown businesses be able to do retail,"... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 11-13-2018 **Electric Scooters Have Been Burned, Buried and Butchered. They're About to Be Regulated.**
Thousands of new riders have embraced the electric pay-per-minute scooters that have proliferated on America's streets. Other people have set them on fire, tossed them off buildings and decorated them with dog droppings. Depending on your point of view, the scooters are an environmentally... - [Stateline.org](#)



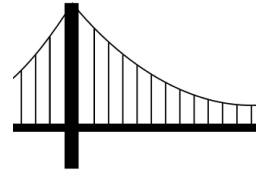
- 11-13-2018 **[Amazon plans logistics site at Wilmington airport](#)**
WILMINGTON — Amazon says it will open an operation at an Ohio airport that will include daily flights and a package-sorting facility... - [AP](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Penn National eyes turnpike site for 3rd Pennsylvania casino](#)**
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania-based casino operator is giving details about a mini-casino it's planning on 36 acres of vacant land along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, a short drive from Reading and Philadelphia's suburbs... - [AP](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[County Helping Municipalities with Infrastructure Work](#)**
Centre County is using multiple funding sources for infrastructure repairs. That includes some liquid fuel funds to help Gregg and Liberty townships with much needed road repairs. At their Nov. 6 meeting, the county commissioners agreed to put the plans on Tuesday's consent agenda.... - [State College News](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Pennsylvania Aims To Save Lives By Installing Cameras In Construction Zones](#)**
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) – They are fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters – all just trying to earn a paycheck, while working next to traffic whizzing by oblivious to their safety. Two of them have died this year in Pennsylvania. “Folks have entered the work zone and literally killed our department... - [KDKA](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Plan ahead: New security measures arrive at the Benedum Center on Light Up Night](#)**
As Pittsburghers prepare to face the parking and traffic challenges of Light Up Night on Friday, here is one thing more to take into account this year: Metal detectors and bag inspections have arrived at the Benedum Center, which is expecting a sold-out crowd to see comedian Billy Gardell.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Public corruption charges for former City Rep Desiree Peterkin Bell](#)**
The state Attorney General's Office is charging former City Representative Desiree Peterkin Bell, a top official under former Mayor Michael Nutter, with public corruption. The office "will charge Desiree Peterkin Bell with multiple counts of theft of public funds involving the Mayor's Fund," a source familiar with the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[After five years, developers still trying for new Turkey Hill in Cherryville](#)**
After five years of discussions and presentations, a new Turkey Hill may at last be on the horizon along Blue Mountain Drive in Cherryville. “I think we’re closer now than we’ve ever been,” Lehigh Township Planning Commissioner Cindy Miller said after the board reviewed... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Public corruption charges for former City Rep Desiree Peterkin Bell](#)**
Former City Representative Desiree Peterkin Bell, a member of former Mayor Michael Nutter's cabinet, faces a half dozen felony corruption charges for stealing and misusing funds from a city-run nonprofit. A 14-month state grand jury investigation found Peterkin Bell misspent... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



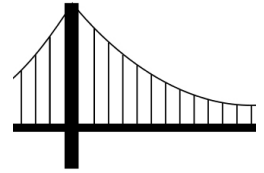
- 11-13-2018 **[Will Amazon's new NYC headquarters tempt Lehigh Valley locals into the world's worst commute?](#)**
The Associated Press reports that Amazon plans split its new headquarters between Crystal City in Virginia and Long Island City, N.Y., which is just across the East River from Manhattan. According to 2015 data from the Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies, nearly 3,300 Lehigh Valley residents work in New York. Will the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 11-13-2018 **[Aide to ex-mayor accused of stealing \\$20K from Philadelphia](#)**
A top aide to a former Philadelphia mayor is accused of stealing more than \$20,000 in city funds to buy clothing, pay for vacations and take over 500 Uber rides... - [AP](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[How you can help Philly cut costs when it comes to recycling | Opinion](#)**
Thursday is America Recycles Day, a national initiative sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, to highlight recycling practices across the nation. On Nov. 15, the Philadelphia Streets Department will host a celebratory pop-up event in Love Park, with an emphasis on cleaning the recycling stream to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[Securing the border: A rabbi faithfully tends to the 'doors' of Squirrel Hill](#)**
It was just above freezing when Rabbi Shimon Silver pulled out of the parking lot at the Bob O'Connor golf course in his brown Buick LeSabre. Ahead were two hours of slow driving around Pittsburgh's East End, quick jaunts from the car to inspect utility poles, plus a very short hike... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[Work to begin on middle section of Southern Beltway next month](#)**
It has taken some extra time due to utility work and property acquisition, but the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is ready to begin construction of an interchange on the Southern Beltway near the McDonald Sportsmen's Association. The commission last week awarded a \$116.2 million contract to Trumbull... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[Lack of markets makes municipal recycling tough](#)**
Trash collection and recycling continue to be hot topics in Rye Twp. Township supervisors recently decided to discontinue municipal recycling when the current contract expires at the end of the year. They cited increased costs and a lack of a market for recycled material.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[Water power: Lackawanna River banks still bear unsightly evidence of summer floods](#)**
SCRANTON — Thousands of scraps of plastic debris snagged high up in trees along the banks of a half-mile stretch of the Lackawanna River in South Side are unsightly evidence of heavy rains that deluged the waterway in the summer. Orange and white plastic mesh debris littering branches and vegetation... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[Wagerers crossing the Delaware \(and Hudson\) for sports bets](#)**
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — In the time it takes for a red light to turn green, Leonard Sciascia can get his sports bets made, turn around and head home... - [AP](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[Scottdale woman writes screenplay as tribute to Women Airforce Service Pilots](#)**
A Scottdale woman is paying tribute to the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II in a screenplay she wrote and now hopes to have made into a movie. "It's to give you an awareness," said Sandy Costello Vargo of her screenplay called "Sweetwater Sweethearts," named after... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)



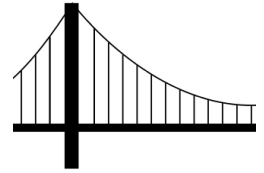
- 11-12-2018 **[The Wheels on These Buses Go Round and Round With Zero Emissions](#)**
WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — “Some of the kids call it the singing bus,” said Juliessa Diclo Cruz, 10, as she rode in back of one of New York State’s first-ever electric school buses on a chilly October morning. It was easy to see why. The rumbling diesel engines on conventional yellow... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-12-2018 **[In Brazil, Animals Cross a Road of No Return](#)**
Whenever Wagner Fischer drives, he notices the roadkill. As a graduate student in the 1990s, Dr. Fischer, now a biologist with the Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul, traveled through Brazil’s Pantanal, a tropical wetland the size of Wisconsin, and the largest... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-11-2018 **[Road Work changes access to National Cemetery of the Alleghenies starting Tuesday](#)**
Detours begin Tuesday around the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies near Bridgeville as part of Southern Beltway construction. Throughout the project, visitors to the cemetery just south of the Allegheny County line may have to use different routes to get there, but... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-11-2018 **[Is Philly’s parking tax too high? Garage owners blame it for rising cost of parking](#)**
Parking for a day at a private garage in Center City now typically costs \$20 to \$30. But owners of those garages are warning drivers that the price could increase to as much as \$50 to \$70 per day. On Thursday, they posted fliers in their garages and handed out pamphlets to announce that threat.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-11-2018 **[County and city offices closed Monday for Veterans Day, COLTS offering vets free rides](#)**
City hall and Lackawanna County’s government offices and courts will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day. The actual holiday is today. In recognition of veterans’ service, the County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) will offer free rides Monday to veterans and active duty... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-11-2018 **[Capitol Roundup: Auditor General livid at Wyoming County over unclaimed state funds](#)**
Auditor General Eugene DePasquale this week said he is furious at Wyoming County officials for continuing to shirk their responsibility to claim \$226,962 in bridge inspection reimbursements from PennDOT. The situation was revealed in an audit released last week.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 11-11-2018 **[Our View: Diamonds to Geisinger and rescuers, but coal for campaign signs](#)**
Coal: Does anyone else consider the ubiquitous campaign signs along highways and in other public spaces an eyesore? Now that the election is over, there is absolutely no reason for any of the signs to still be dotting the landscape. But the trouble is there are no statewide rules on when the signs can go up... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 11-11-2018 **[Pottstown joins seat belt effort](#)**
Pottstown police will participate in seat belt enforcement activities as part of an nationwide "Click It or Ticket" enforcement held annually around Thanksgiving. This year, it's Nov. 19 through Dec. 2. The department is joining 250 other law enforcement agencies in... - [Reading Eagle](#)



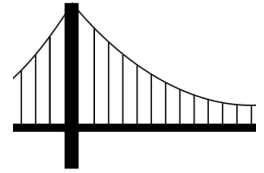
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- 11-09-2018 **[City parking solution disputed](#)**
The Altoona Parking Authority doesn't plan to change its rules for 12th Avenue, despite a recent letter that tweaks the authority — and Penn State Altoona — for “self-congratulatory” statements about having solved the perennial downtown parking problem. Those statements, alleged to be self-congratulatory, appeared in an Oct. 4... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 11-09-2018 **[Erie faces budget challenges in 2019, beyond](#)**
Erie Mayor Joe Schember will officially unveil his 2019 city budget proposal on Nov. 21. However, members of Erie City Council and the public have already received a preview — and the fiscal picture is not pretty. A projected \$11 million deficit for 2019. At least \$2 million in additional employee-related costs, such as salaries,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 11-09-2018 **[After months of detours, section of River Street in W-B reopens](#)**
WILKES-BARRE — After nearly three months of detours, traffic congestion and poor sales for local businesses, a three-block section of River Street has finally reopened to traffic, a city official confirmed on Thursday. The Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority finished installing about 1,000... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)



- 11-09-2018 **'It's nonsense': How Lebanon County legislators say they will make government work better**
There are plenty of hot-button partisan issues that Lebanon County's Republican legislators could champion in the next two years, but State Rep. Frank Ryan said he wants to focus on a bipartisan problem: the inefficient ways Harrisburg operates. Easy decisions that would have taken him 30 seconds as a business owner... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Montco DA seeks public's help to solve 1993 Lansdale murder**
NORRISTOWN — Montgomery County and Lansdale authorities are once again seeking the public's assistance in solving the 1993 murder of an 18-year-old girl whose body was found in a Lansdale freight yard. On Thursday, which was the 25th anniversary of Julie Barnyock's... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Wish List in Hand, Mayor de Blasio Savors New Dynamic in Albany**
For as long as Bill de Blasio has been mayor, his relationship with Albany has been somewhere between nonexistent and disastrous. Time and again, the mayor has been stymied in nearly every attempt to move the city's agenda through the State Legislature, with the... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Tesla Names a Successor to Elon Musk as Board Chief**
Six weeks after settling a securities-fraud lawsuit with federal regulators, Tesla and Elon Musk have made good on one of the agreement's key provisions — naming a new board chief to impose order on a company whose automaking has often been overshadowed by Mr.... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-09-2018 **More than \$32 million project on the horizon at State College airport**
The Penn State Board of Trustees Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning on Thursday voted to recommend the approval of the appointment of an architect for a taxiway rehabilitation project at University Park Airport. The proposed architect is Mead & Hunt, of Middleton, Wisconsin.... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 11-09-2018 **How Leaves, Icicles and an Old Bridge Can Complicate Commutes**
Every day this week, New Jersey Transit has heaped more frustration onto its customers by warning them that their morning trains could be delayed by "slippery rail" conditions. To some beleaguered riders, that explanation sounded like a concocted excuse for the railroad's continuing struggle to operate on time. A few... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-09-2018 **At Doomed Flight's Helm, Pilots May Have Been Overwhelmed in Seconds**
JAKARTA — The final moments of Lion Air Flight 610 as it hurtled soon after dawn from a calm Indonesian sky into the waters of the Java Sea would have been terrifying but swift. The single-aisle Boeing aircraft, assembled in Washington State and delivered to Lion Air less than three months ago, appears to have plummeted... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Large fires threaten Ventura County communities; 101 Freeway closed, more than 1,000 homes evacuated**
Portions of Ventura County were under siege Thursday evening as two large fires descended on neighborhoods, threatening numerous communities reeling from the massacre at a country music bar the night before. The Hill fire was being whipped up by powerful winds that pushed it through... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



- 11-09-2018 **City eyes sewer line to airport**
OIL CREEK TOWNSHIP — The City of Titusville is considering extending a sewage line through Oil Creek Township to the Titusville Airport with the goal of promoting development near the facility. At Thursday’s meeting of the township supervisors, Titusville City... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Visibility key in safe biking and running**
As the days continue to grow shorter, motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians may all find themselves navigating the roadway in the dark, making visibility imperative for everyone’s safety. The times before sunrise and after sunset, as well as at dawn and dusk, are... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Senior housing plans set in motion**
The Wood Township Supervisors Wednesday evening set in motion the first phase of the proposed Robertsdale Senior Apartments project with the signing of several required documents. The action highlighted the monthly session of the municipal leaders in a meeting held in Robertsdale.... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Route 288 being straightened, lowered in Franklin Township airport project**
FRANKLIN TWP. — If you’ve been driving along Route 288 over the last year, chances are you’ve been stopped by a flagger near the Zelenople Municipal Airport. Airport Manager David Holman said Thursday that construction along a section of 288 near Lake Road is part of a several-year project that began... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Is Philly’s parking tax too high? Garage owners blame it for rising cost of parking**
Parking for a day at a private garage in Center City now typically costs \$20 to \$30. But owners of those garages are warning drivers that the price could increase to as much as \$50 to \$70 per day. On Thursday, they posted fliers in their garages and handed out pamphlets to announce that threat.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Traffic restrictions expected in Aspinwall next week**
There will be lane restrictions along Freeport Road in Aspinwall next week. Motorists who travel the road should expect traffic shifts and restrictions near the Brilliant Avenue intersection. Work will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Crews from Warrendale-based KCI Technologies, Inc. will be conducting... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-09-2018 **Bethlehem streets now open after partial roof collapse of building**
Roads were closed several hours Friday in Bethlehem’s South Side after a “partial roof collapse” of a historic building. Around 10:15 a.m., Lehigh University police say the partial collapse happened at a service building at Fourth and Adams streets. Roads around... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



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