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**SESSION STATUS**

At 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 the Senate and House stand adjourned sine die. Neither chamber is expected to return before January 1.

**UPCOMING SESSION DAYS**

**House**

Jan. 1, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30  
Feb. 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21  
Mar. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27  
April 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30  
May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22  
June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24-28

Budget hearings: Feb. 11 - Mar. 7

**Senate**

Jan. 1, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30  
Feb. 4, 5, 6  
Mar. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27  
April 8, 9, 10, 29, 30  
May 1, 6, 7, 8  
June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24-28



**WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP**

**Around the Rotunda**

**PENNDOT, PDA HIGHLIGHT OLDER DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | December 3, 2018

In light of Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, the governor’s administration encouraged all motorists to assess their driving skills and highlighted the importance of driver safety for older Pennsylvanians this morning.

“Older citizens constitute the fastest growing segment of the population,” said Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Leslie Richards, adding that the commonwealth has the third largest amount of older adults in the nation. The secretary stated 22 percent of Pennsylvania’s licensed drivers are 65 and older, and in 2017, there were 21,319 crashes involving a driver 65 and older, resulting in 270 fatalities. “This represents nearly 17 percent of the total crashes in Pennsylvania and nearly 24 percent of the fatalities.”

Sec. Richards said older Pennsylvanians have more crashes per mile of driving and are overrepresented in certain types of accidents, including failure to properly yield in the right-of-way, improper left turns across traffic and abrupt lane changes. “However, older drivers often have a lifetime of valuable driving experience to draw from,” she said.

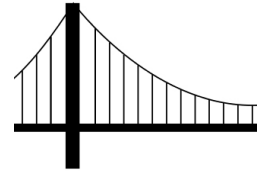
Since Pennsylvania contains a large amount of rural residents, it could be difficult for adults to function without personal vehicles, Sec. Richards stated, adding the department would attempt to accommodate the safe-driving needs of older Pennsylvanians. She indicated PennDOT collaborates with numerous private programs that provide safe driving classes, including CarFit, which improves how older drivers fit into their personal vehicle.

Sec. Richards encouraged older drivers and their family members to review the department’s Seniors Driving Safety publication series, which assesses older driver safety and provides safety information and guidance on medical conditions. She said the series also includes a guide for family members to provide assistance for older drivers. To conclude, Sec. Richards provided the following safe-driving habits:

- \*Always plan ahead for lengthy car drives and schedule driving around daytime hours.
- \*If avoidable, do not drive in rush hour traffic.
- \*Be aware and avoid congestion when possible.
- \*Look ahead, and if necessary, make road adjustments before potential problems occur.
- \*Maintain a safe speed and a safe distance from drivers ahead of you, preferably a four-second gap.

Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Teresa Osborne, indicated 3 million Pennsylvanians are 60 years of age or older, and by 2020 that number would increase to 25 percent of the total population. Aging could impair a person’s ability to drive safely, Sec. Osborne said, but suggested, because of their experience, older drivers could bring advantages as well. The secretary said the holiday season could be the first time families notice a decline in an older adult’s driving ability and encouraged conversations about driving safety.

Safety press officer for PennDOT, Fritz Schreffler, discussed the department’s program, CarFit. She explained the program was designed in 2006 in collaboration with American



Automobile Association (AAA), American Occupational Therapy Association and AARP for older drivers to learn about their personal vehicle and promote conversations about driver safety and community mobility.

Schreffler said driving is not limited by age, but rather by personal driving behaviors. "Being a certain age does not automatically mean you should not be driving," she stated. The press officer added that CarFit examines a person's physical and cognitive ability, and makes a judgment based on how often and how far an older adult drives. Schreffler provided the following guidance for older adults:

- \*Adjust seatbelt so it properly fits.
- \*Check blind spots and adjust mirrors.
- \*Acquire adult seat boosters for turning and height.
- \*Sit ten inches away and face steering wheel towards chest for airbag safety.
- \*Make sure the accelerator and brake are within reach. If not, use adaptive pedals.
- \*If limited by arthritis, use a device to pull seatbelt across.
- \*Use proper equipment to lift out of seat, not the door.

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### Committee News

No Committee News this week.

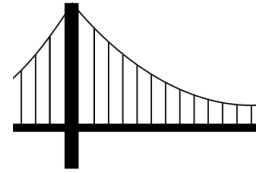
### Bullet.in.Points

#### [DOR: RATES OF TAX ON AVIATION GASOLINE AND JET FUEL FOR 2019; OIL COMPANY FRANCHISE TAX RATE FOR 2019; ALTERNATIVE FUELS TAX RATES FOR 2019](#)

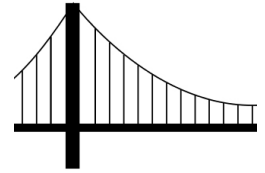
The Department of Revenue indicated the tax rates on Aviation Gasoline and Jet Fuels, Oil Company Franchise Tax Rate and Alternative Fuels for 2019. More information on the tax rates can be viewed on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

### Cosponsor Memos

HCO 22	Metzgar, Carl(R)	Raises weight limits on public roads for heavy-duty vehicles powered by natural gas.
HCO 36	Dowling, Matthew(R)	Amends the designation of State Route 40 in southwestern Pennsylvania as a scenic road.
HCO 42	Dowling, Matthew(R)	Requires local government approval before a state road can be abandoned within its borders by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
HCO 43	Dowling, Matthew(R)	Requires a person who has been ordered to pull their vehicle over to stop and remain in or at the vehicle.
HCO 48	Cox, Jim(R)	Reforms probationary license requirements for those who have committed traffic violations at a young age.
HCO 61	Cox, Jim(R)	Amends procedures for fines and fees in criminal justice debt, and ends revocation of driver's license of individuals unable to pay fines and fees.
HCO 63	Quinn, Chris(R)	Authorizes the expanded use of public-private partnerships for public infrastructure initiatives.
HCO 77	Owlett, Clint(R)	Designates a bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 14 as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.



HCO 84	Quinn, Chris(R)	Clarifies Pennsylvania's vehicle safety inspection law in regard to light emitting diode headlamps and rear lighting.
HCO 98	Snyder, Pam(D)	Adds motorcycles to the definition of a new motor vehicle in the Automobile Lemon law.
HCO 103	Gillen, Mark(R)	Waives the driver vehicle registration fee for active volunteer firefighters.
HCO 118	Miller, Daniel(D)	Requires infants and children traveling in a truck, regardless of weight or classification, to use an approved car seat or seat belt.
HCO 119	Miller, Daniel(D)	Provides drivers with the option of downloading a digitized version of a Pennsylvania driver's license through a mobile application.
HCO 137	Deasy, Daniel(D)	Makes the use of handheld electronic devices within an active construction zone a summary offense.
HCO 139	Deasy, Daniel(D)	Requires the creation and use of a student driver sign in vehicles operated by student drivers.
SCO 23	Boscola, Lisa(D)	Requires PennDOT to send voter registration materials, along with a notice, to individuals once they reach the age of eligibility to vote in the next election.
SCO 32	Boscola, Lisa(D)	Requires all motorists driving in Pennsylvania to clear snow and ice from the top of their vehicles before driving & allows law enforcement officers to fine motorists who fail to do so.
SCO 41	Sabatina, John(D)	Prohibits novice drivers from using cell phones while driving in this Commonwealth.
SCO 66	Ward, Judy (F)(R)	Amends the to reduce the percentage requirements from 100 percent disabled to at least 75 percent disabled for a veteran to qualify for a severely disabled veteran license plate.
SCO 76	Ward, Kim(R)	Requires the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to waive tolls for emergency vehicles when either directly responding to an emergency situation.
SCO 94	Browne, Patrick(R)	Activates the emergency alert system (i.e. PENNDOT signage and media broadcasts) for any incident endangering a law enforcement officer and the suspect is at large.
SCO 104	Ward, Judy (F)(R)	Allows buses to use the safety features on school buses when transporting school-aged children for non-school purposes.
SCO 121	Ward, Judy (F)(R)	Amends the Vehicle Code by reducing the percentage of service-connected disability required for a veteran to qualify for a severely disabled veteran license plate from 100 percent to 75 percent.
SCO 140	Williams, Anthony(D)	Two-bill package establishing a Hit-and-Run Advisory Alert system known as Jay Alerts.



SCO 159      Mensch, Bob(R)

Creates the Pennsylvania Clean Transportation Infrastructure Act that creates a framework for building transportation infrastructure to support the new generation of electric, natural gas and hydrogen vehicles and equipment.

### Bill Actions

No Bill Actions this week.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board**

*December 13, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia*

Administration Committee meeting immediately followed by an Operations Committee meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

#### **Press Conference**

*December 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg*

PWIA Press Conference - "Slow Down To Get Around Legislation"

#### **PA Turnpike Commission **\*\*Rescheduled from 12/18/18\*\*****

*December 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*

Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

#### **PA State Transportation Commission**

*December 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg*

Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

#### **PA Public Utility Commission**

*December 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*

Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

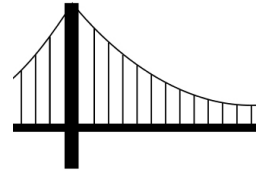
#### **Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board**

*December 20, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia*

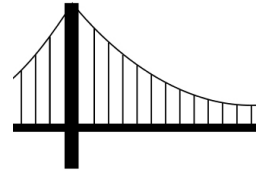
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

### In the News

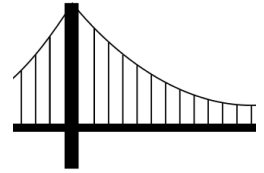
- 12-06-2018      [\*\*Wolf Administration Announces Comprehensive Tool to Help Individuals Identify...\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-06-2018      [\*\*Pittsburgh Port Authority Board Meeting Agenda for December 7, 2018\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-06-2018      [\*\*Wolf Administration Announces Investments to Improve 26 Airports\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-06-2018      [\*\*AG DePasquale Applauds Delaware River Port Authority Decision to Not Raise...\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)



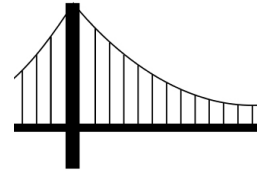
- 12-06-2018 **Judge: Attorney representing grandmother charged in fatal crash disqualified due to conflict**  
Nadine Walton is accused of killing her two grandchildren during a wreck on Interstate 78 in Lower Saucon Township after police say she used marijuana. She's hired a lawyer, Eleanor Breslin, to defend her. That's in the criminal courts. In the civil courts, Walton, of New Jersey, is suing a car manufacturer and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 12-06-2018 **A day after he agreed to suspend a price hike, Macron decides to scrap the fuel tax rise**  
PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron scrapped a fuel tax rise Wednesday amid fears of new violence, after weeks of nationwide protests and the worst rioting in Paris in decades... - [AP](#)
- 12-06-2018 **State police from Reading promise DUI enforcement**  
State police from the Reading station will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at an undisclosed location in Berks County within the next two weeks, officials announced Wednesday. The enforcement effort aims to reduce crash injuries and deaths by detecting and removing drug- and alcohol-impaired motorists from the roads.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Exeter School Board weighs transportation options**  
The Exeter School Board heard options for upgrades to the school district's bus facility, including plans for a \$1.5 million renovation to the facility at Shelbourne and Kerr roads. "We are not making recommendations this evening," Dr. David R. Hemberger, chairman of the transportation committee and president of the school board,... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Saving McBride Viaduct would be visionary: Joel Deuterman**  
"As a businessman, I question the decision to demolish." When the McBride Viaduct controversy erupted a few years ago, I wondered why Erie CPR Connect + Respect and others were making such a fuss about a derelict bridge. Didn't they realize that the Pennsylvania Department... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Railroad bridge renovation project ceremoniously kicks off near Auburn**  
AUBURN — With \$2 million, they will close the gap. The Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area on Wednesday announced a bridge renovation that will allow cyclists and hikers uninterrupted travel from Hamburg to Auburn. "We have some die-hard fans of this trail and it is heart warming, and... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 12-06-2018 **W-B installs eight new metered parking spaces near Public Square**  
WILKES-BARRE — Finding a parking space near Public Square has gotten a little easier. The city installed eight metered parking spaces along the north side of East Market Street in the block between Public Square and Washington Street last week. "Parking is pretty tough within city limits. To put up the extra... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)



- 12-06-2018 **[Swoyersville residents concerned about impact of trucks hauling coal remnants](#)**  
SWOYERSVILLE — At the previous meeting about a waste coal removal project in Swoyersville, residents showed up with concerns about how trucks hauling coal from the site would impact their lives. After that meeting and another one Wednesday, Keystone Reclamation Fuel... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[Bolus has it backwards](#)**  
Local voters have rejected Bob Bolus each time he has sought public office, so he understandably might be venting when he blames Scranton and Lackawanna County politics for an impending bankruptcy. But he has it backwards. He should thank politics and incompetent... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[MOBILIZING FOR LAKE AFTON: AT&T delivers \\$14K donation to the Friends of Lake Afton; hoping others will be inspired to support picturesque landmark](#)**  
Yardley Borough >> Yardley's picturesque Lake Afton, one of the most scenic sites in Bucks County, but also one of its most endangered, received a major financial boost on November 29 from AT&T. Leaders of the telecommunications company joined state, county and local... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[Upgrades planned for traffic signals at seven intersections in Mechanicsburg](#)**  
Motorists can expect traffic signals at seven intersections in Mechanicsburg to run a little more smoothly next year. On Tuesday night, Mechanicsburg Borough Council approved separate resolutions for system and clearance re-timing, LED upgrades and signal controller upgrades for traffic signals at seven intersections in the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[Carlisle Borough agrees to hire additional police officers](#)**  
Carlisle Borough Council focused on public safety issues first at a Wednesday workshop meeting at which there were discussions on topics ranging from highway signs to a new look at the rental ordinance. The council decided to hire two additional police officers in 2019.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[Falls supervisors to set roadwork repair standards via ordinance](#)**  
If the board approves the ordinance later this month, Falls will be able to enforce new repair standards for workers who need to open roads for water main or utility work. Falls supervisors are preparing to vote later this month on an ordinance to ensure contractors and utility service providers clean up after themselves... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[PennDOT holds U.S. 1 meeting in Bensalem](#)**  
The meeting will provide updates and display plans for the U.S. 1 road widening and improvement project on Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 2400 Byberry Road. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials are hosting a public open house meeting on the U.S. 1 road widening and safety improvement... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 12-06-2018 **[Rustin students find out what it's like to drive impaired on a simulator](#)**  
WESTTOWN – Black ice, snow, rain, fog, texting, darkness and alcohol use are all driving hazards. Rustin High School students had a chance Wednesday to experience them all in the controlled environment of a simulator, as part of the “Share the Keys Program.” The students buckled in, used turn signals and spun the wheel like they... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)

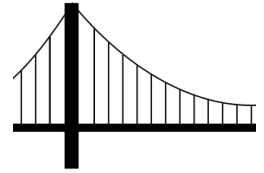


- 12-06-2018 **Swamp Pike traffic circle part of project approval**  
LIMERICK — With no comment or discussion, the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors granted final site plan approval to the first phase of a 30-acre project that will eventually bring more than 450 new residences and a traffic circle to the intersection of Ridge and Swamp pikes.... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Upper Gwynedd board holds hearing on proposed Sumneytown Pike overlay**  
UPPER GWYNEDD — A new overlay district meant to spur development along Sumneytown Pike is another step closer to being on the books. The township commissioners held a formal hearing to discuss a new Sumneytown Pike overlay, allowing new uses on a stretch of several... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Yellow Vests Rise Against Neo-Liberal ‘King’ Macron**  
Every automobile in France is supposed to be equipped with a yellow vest. This is so that in case of accident or breakdown on a highway, the driver can put it on to ensure visibility and avoid getting run over. So the idea of wearing your yellow vest to demonstrate against unpopular... - [Consortium News](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Smeltz won’t seek third term**  
LOCK HAVEN — Clinton County Commissioner Robert “Pete” Smeltz has announced he will not seek a third term as county commissioner. Smeltz, now serving his second four-year term, said he has been asked by many people lately what his intentions are in running for a third term in... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Township could limit truck traffic on Amsterdam**  
WAYNE HEIGHTS — Washington Township Supervisors Monday agreed to move forward with the consideration of an ordinance that would limit truck traffic on Amsterdam Road. In June, township officials closed Amsterdam Road indefinitely between Old Mill Road and Buena Vista Drive in the area of Shanks Mill, after... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Wayne Pike Trails & Waterways Alliance Trail Planning Project**  
HONESDALE – With its study committee assembled, the Trails Feasibility Study recently began efforts to review all aspects of the possible construction of a multi-use trail along the Lackawaxen River Corridor from Hawley to Honesdale. Specifically, the Study will review existing land development ordinances... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Riding the rails: 1927 B&O RR coal car finds home in Shippensburg**  
Shippensburg is rich in railroad history. Steam trains once rolled through town, carrying coal cars to customers along the route, including the Shippensburg University steam plant. A piece of the past found its forever home at the Shippensburg Rail-Trail trailhead off of Earl Street last Friday, as crews from Dave’s Truck &... - [Shippensburg News-Chronicle](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Clarion County Airport gears up for flight instruction**  
Have you ever wanted to see the clouds from above the? Maybe fly through them? Have you ever imagined taking to tranquility the skies? Have you ever wanted to be a pilot? Your chance to get started is coming up right here in Clarion County. Private pilot instruction classes are about to begin at the Clarion County... - [Clarion News](#)

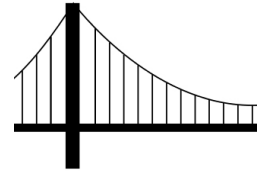


- 12-06-2018 **Smoke a Joint, Save the Subway?**  
As the list of states that have legalized marijuana continues to grow, New York could have a new reason to embrace cannabis: It could help save the subway. Some state and city leaders have started to discuss the idea of making recreational marijuana legal and using the revenue to pay for badly-needed... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Uber's Self-Driving Cars Are Set to Return in a Downsized Test**  
Eight months after one of Uber's self-driving cars struck and killed a pedestrian, the ride-hailing company is close to putting its autonomous vehicles back on the road in a drastically reduced version of earlier efforts. Uber was driving its autonomous vehicles on public roads in four cities... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Accelerate Like a 'Speeding Freight Train' in 2018**  
Greenhouse gas emissions worldwide are growing at an accelerating pace this year, researchers said Wednesday, putting the world on track to face some of the most severe consequences of global warming sooner than expected. Scientists described the quickening rate of carbon dioxide emissions in... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Rob Portman, Sherrod Brown pressure GM CEO to build new products in Lordstown**  
WASHINGTON — Ohio's two senators pressed General Motors CEO Mary Barra to use the soon-to-be-vacated Lordstown GM plant for one of five new products the company plans to launch next year. During a meeting with Barra in Sen. Rob Portman's Capitol Hill office Wednesday, Portman, a Republican, and Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat,... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Maryland lawmakers ask GM to reconsider White Marsh plant closing, return grant money**  
Members of Maryland's congressional delegation asked General Motors Co. on Wednesday to reconsider its decision to end operations at its White Marsh plant — or at least return more than \$100 million in grant money it received for the facility. Delegation members, including Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger — the... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Employers forecast challenges in age of recreational cannabis**  
ATLANTIC CITY — A restaurant kitchen may not seem like a dangerous place, but it is filled with knives and equipment that can do harm if not used properly. "A mixer could cut your arm off," said James Thumhart, a manager at Social 37 restaurant in Toms River. "Or if you are preparing something with... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Road improvements, equipment upgrades top east suburbs leaders' holiday wish lists**  
As Santa's elves work overtime to fulfill holiday wish lists, municipal leaders have a few requests of their own for the coming year. Lists were less glamorous than functional, but municipal managers had fun dreaming big when asked what they'd ask for if money was no object.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Another airport authority board member had invested in OneJet, lawsuit alleges**  
Another Allegheny County Airport Authority board member has surfaced as a one-time investor in OneJet, the troubled business carrier that is being sued by the same agency for breaching its contract after receiving \$1 million in incentives to fly from Pittsburgh.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

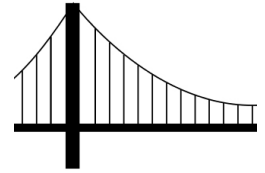




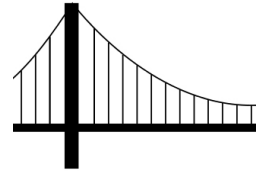
- 12-06-2018 **State doles out \$6 million to airports for infrastructure, equipment upgrades**  
Seven airports in Allegheny, Butler, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties are among 26 airports in 23 counties getting a share of more than \$6 million in state grants to make infrastructure and equipment upgrades, Gov. Tom Wolf's administration announced Thursday.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-06-2018 **Incoming state Sen. Lindsey Williams opens office in Shaler**  
State Sen.-elect Lindsey Williams has opened an office in Shaler for residents of the 38th Senatorial District. The office is located in the Shaler municipal building at 300 Wetzel Road. Office staff will be able to help with issues including low income heating... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-05-2018 **PTC and PA Council on the Arts Unveil Student-Created Artwork Cumberland...**  
(Press Release)
- 12-05-2018 **Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for School Entities in Ten Counties**  
(Press Release)
- 12-05-2018 **Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: WOW, what a turn of events at PIT**  
(Press Release)
- 12-05-2018 **Allegheny County Council passes Fitzgerald's nearly \$1 billion 2019 operating budget**  
On Tuesday night, two days before the deadline, Allegheny County Council unanimously approved County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's 2019 operating budget which provides for nearly \$1 billion in operating expenses without a tax increase. The comprehensive fiscal plan, presented by Mr. Fitzgerald at the Oct. 9... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Work on Mechanicsburg traffic signals expected to begin next year**  
Motorists can expect traffic signals at Mechanicsburg's key intersections to run a little more smoothly next year. On Tuesday night, Mechanicsburg Borough Council approved separate resolutions for system and clearance retiming, LED upgrades and signal controller upgrades for traffic signals at seven intersections. The... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Uniontown council hears about pedestrian accident uptick**  
At its regular monthly meeting, Uniontown City Council was informed of a recent uptick in vehicle-pedestrian accidents in the city, particularly in the area of Fayette and Mill streets. Recent pedestrian accidents include a Uniontown man dying after he was hit... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Uniontown City Police expanding coverage to Sheepskin Trail**  
Walkers, runners, bikers and joggers on the Sheepskin Trail in South Union Township can breathe easier knowing the newly updated trail is now part of the Uniontown City Police patrol area. While state police in Uniontown cover South Union Township, the 2.2-mile... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Hamburg seeks traffic solution**  
The secret to parking on Fourth Street in Hamburg is to fold in your vehicle's side mirrors. A lot of drivers who routinely parallel park on the narrow road already do this, a recent ride with Hamburg Police Chief Anthony Kuklinski revealed. One mirror, torn off a car, was junked on a sidewalk.... - [Reading Eagle](#)



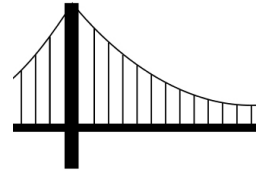
- 12-05-2018 **[Reading Parking Authority to install new gates by June 1](#)**  
Reading Parking Authority customers by June 1 will be able to pay to park in the city's seven parking garages and one surface lot using a credit card or their smartphones. The authority board voted Tuesday night to approve an \$855,000 contract with HUB Parking Technology, a global parking system provider with... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Amtrak elevator up and running](#)**  
News from Altoona recently gave a Gallitzin native, who lives in Philadelphia, a holiday season lift: The Amtrak elevator connecting the 10th Avenue pedestrian bridge with the passenger loading platform has been fixed. The elevator had been inoperable since July when it failed a pressure test.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Public gets first look at Bayfront Parkway options](#)**  
Public open house continues until 8 p.m. A second open house will be held Dec. 11. Residents and business owners were among members of the public viewing proposals to improve Erie's Bayfront Parkway on Tuesday during the first of two public open houses. The event continues Tuesday until 8 p.m. at Erie's Emerson-Gridley... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Philadelphia purchases land as airport moves ahead with cargo facility](#)**  
Philadelphia officials are reviewing a land purchase near the Henderson tract as part of the Philadelphia International Airport's intent to develop a premier air cargo facility that could take up to three years to be operational. City council is reviewing the sale of a 15-acre parcel next to the 135-acre... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Pittsburgh had its second wettest year ever; can the region's infrastructure handle all the precipitation?](#)**  
This year could become the wettest year Pittsburgh has ever seen, and it's capping off a very wet decade. Our old infrastructure might not be able to keep the water at bay. As of Dec. 3, the Pittsburgh region saw 53.32 inches of precipitation in 2018, about four inches below the all-time record set in 2004.... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Straban impact fee brouhaha continues](#)**  
Property owners' protests seemed to fall on deaf ears Monday at a hearing in Straban Township as the supervisors re-approved yet another traffic impact fee-related document. The board adopted an "amended" ordinance of the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan (TCIP), which includes a list of suggested... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Smeltz Not Seeking Re-election](#)**  
LOCK HAVEN – Two-term Clinton County Commissioner Pete Smeltz announced Tuesday he will not seek a third term. Smeltz made his announcement through email, stating "I wish to make an official public announcement that at this time...I do not intend to run for a third term." Smeltz, a Republican, had indicated earlier this... - [Lock Haven Record](#)
- 12-05-2018 **[Open house draws mixed reactions, emotions](#)**  
STROUDSBURG — Hundreds of Monroe County residents descended upon Stroudsburg High School's cafeteria on Tuesday evening for the chance at having their voices heard about the proposed I-80 expansion project. The forum received mixed reviews from the public and local officials as... - [Pocono Record](#)



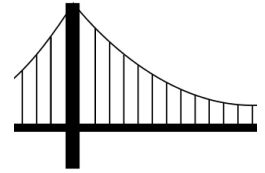
- 12-05-2018 **Tax increase may be unavoidable for Bellefonte**  
BELLEFONTE — At its weekly meeting on Monday night, Bellefonte Borough Council laid the groundwork for a tax increase in 2019. The borough will vote on the 2019 budget at its final meeting of 2018. For all intents and purposes, it appears as if a tax increase for borough... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Parking cost to double in West Hazleton**  
A quarter will give you less time to park at a metered space in West Hazleton if borough council agrees to change parking meter rates later this month. Proposals to amend meter rates, as well as a separate law that pertains to parking and vehicle violations, are among the half-dozen ordinances that... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Tim Ryan to Donald Trump: Don't end subsidies for GM electric cars**  
WASHINGTON — Rep. Tim Ryan urged President Donald Trump on Tuesday to reconsider his threat to end federal subsidies for electric vehicles, saying such a move might actually make it harder for the soon-to-be-shuttered Lordstown plant to land a new vehicle model.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Officials approve plan by Toll Brothers to build 42 homes in East Marlborough**  
EAST MARLBOROUGH—A long-controversial proposed development has finally come in for a soft landing in East Marlborough Township. The Toll Brothers' proposed development of 42 homes clustered on the western part of a 62-acre tract divided by Route 82 just south of Route 926... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 12-05-2018 **PennDOT To Close Section Of Parkway East During Christmas Holiday**  
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — PennDOT will be closing a section of the Parkway East at the end of the month. The Parkway East inbound will close from the Boulevard of the Allies ramp to Grant Street from the day after Christmas until that Sunday, Dec. 30. parkway east closure PennDOT To Close Section Of Parkway East During... - [KDKA](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Valley Vista Drive, Patton Township, road project completion delayed**  
The Valley Vista Drive left turn lane project completion will be delayed until spring, according to Patton Township. "The extremely wet weather of the past (six) months necessitated additional excavation work and stone backfill, and the relocation of a gas main, to achieve a stable base for the roadway widening," a press... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Trump Offers German Automakers a Pause on Car Tariffs, for Now**  
President Trump on Tuesday reassured German auto executives that he had no immediate plans to impose tariffs on their cars. He made the pledge in a meeting at the White House — hours after declaring himself a "Tariff Man" in a Twitter post. The hastily organized meeting included representatives of BMW, Daimler and... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-05-2018 **New rules guarantee minimum wage for NYC Uber, Lyft drivers**  
Drivers working for ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft are entitled to a minimum wage following a historic vote Tuesday by the New York City's Taxi and Limousine Commission. The rate — set at \$17.22 per hour after expenses — makes New York the first U.S. city to adopt minimum pay for app-based drivers, according... - [Washington Post](#)



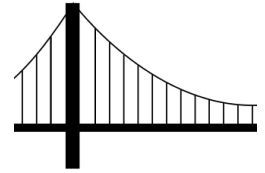
- 12-05-2018 **After series of setbacks, CEO of Pittsburgh International Airport isn't panicking**  
After a series of big wins over the past few years, recent months have not been as kind to Pittsburgh International Airport. Delta Air Lines dumped its seasonal flight to Paris in September. OneJet has stopped flying altogether. Frontier will end its twice-weekly flight to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Mobility and access: Shuttle program is picking up speed**  
Safe Shift could solve a thorny problem for Pittsburgh's workers and employers. If it works, the folks who imagined Safe Shift will have solved a thorny problem for Pittsburgh's workers and employers — and shown leaders in other cities how to address a challenge they likewise face.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Oh glorious day! Philly is (possibly) getting its streets swept | Mike Newall**  
It's a Christmas miracle: Philly is getting a street-sweeping program. Well, a "possible pilot program." And one that won't launch until the spring, if it does. And one that we have precious few details about. But in our fair, trash-rich realm, it's glad tidings for... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-05-2018 **Street sweeping pilot program to launch this spring**  
Philadelphia's slovenly rep as one of the only big cities without residential street sweeping could soon be tidied up. City officials announced Wednesday that a pilot cleaning program will begin this spring. "Street sweeping is not the silver bullet that's going to clean... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) & PATCO December 5, 2018 Meeting Agenda**  
(Press Release)
- 12-04-2018 **PHIA: Wolf administration begins search for public transit solution**  
(Press Release)
- 12-04-2018 **PoliticsPA: SD-37: Raja Joins Race for State Senate Seat**  
(Press Release)
- 12-04-2018 **Conference shows businesses are lining up to supply components of self-driving vehicles**  
Two years ago, the race to develop self-driving vehicles was fast and furious, especially in the Pittsburgh area with Uber unleashing its self-driving Volvo CX90s to the ride-hailing market. Google, General Motors and Tesla, among others, were investing billions to perfect self-driving... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Northwestern, Sarah Reed students win PennDOT art contest**  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and area high schools' art programs back the Paint the Plow safety outreach contest. Northwestern High School and the Sarah A. Reed Children's Center residential program are Erie County's regional winners in Pennsylvania... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-04-2018 **CSVT river bridge 75 percent complete**  
Construction on the River Bridge across the Susquehanna will continue through the winter, stopping temporarily only when weather events such as snow or deep freezes make work impossible, said a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation engineer. For the overall contract for the river bridge, said assistant plans... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)



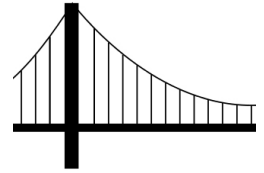
- 12-04-2018 **Ebensburg residents speak out against rezoning for store**  
EBENSBURG – Nearly 50 people attended a public hearing in Ebensburg Borough Monday evening, a dozen of whom spoke in opposition to the proposed rezoning of a residential parcel – the former Central Cambria Middle School athletic field – along North Center Street.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Project will provide bicycles for deserving local children**  
WEST CHESTER — Santa’s elves will be gathering in West Chester on Thursday, Dec. 6, to help build bikes at the workshop of remodeling firm Pine Street Carpenters. It’s all part of Pine Street’s “100 Wheels Project,” a community outreach initiative dedicated to providing bikes to deserving... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Meeting Tuesday to discuss Monroe I-80 improvements**  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will hold an open house plans display on Tuesday to share information about plans that have been developed to widen and improve safety on the Interstate 80 corridor in Monroe County between exits 303 and 307 in Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg... - [Lehigh Valley Times News](#)
- 12-04-2018 **City personnel say disturbing sound is coming from rail yard**  
HAZLETON — Fred Kudlick said he’s tired of the sleepless nights that are caused by a rail yard that operates a few hundred yards from his Hazleton home. Over the past month, the 77-year-old Kudlick said that he and his neighbors have been putting up with unbearable noise from the Norfolk Southern rail... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 12-04-2018 **City Council to vote on higher fines for tow trucks**  
Cleaner, safer roads is the goal of new legislation that would increase the fines levied on negligent Philadelphia tow truck drivers. The bill, unanimously approved Monday by City Council’s streets and services committee, triples the penalty faced by tow companies that... - [WHYY](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Brown, Portman to meet with GM CEO this week about Lordstown**  
WASHINGTON — Ohio Sens. Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman are to meet jointly Wednesday with the CEO of General Motors about her revelation last week that the automaker is slashing 14,700 jobs in North America. Democrat Brown and Republican Portman will talk with Mary Barra in... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 12-04-2018 **\$12.4 million project underway at Ohiopyle**  
A \$12.4 million improvement project at Ohiopyle is expected to be completed before Memorial Day 2020. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn have joined PennDOT... - [Connellsville Daily Courier](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Tesla becomes collateral damage in the China-U.S. trade war**  
China is crucial to Tesla’s future. So it’s not surprising that the trade war is hitting the company hard. China is Tesla’s largest market outside the U.S., accounting for about 10% of total revenue in the first three quarters of 2018 — and the Model 3 isn’t even available there yet.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



- 12-04-2018 **16 new spans: Rapid bridge replacement wraps up in York County**  
PA Rapid Bridge Replacement Project commemorates its 500th bridge  
York Dispatch A statewide public-private partnership to quickly and more efficiently replace structurally deficient bridges has finished in York County. On Friday, Nov. 30, the bridge on Spanglers Mill Road in Fairview Township... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 12-04-2018 **NTSB Releases Final Report On Chopper Crash That Killed Music Star Troy Gentry**  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Maintenance and pilot errors were likely responsible for the helicopter crash that killed country music star Troy Gentry in Medford, New Jersey, according to the NTSB’s final report. Montgomery Gentry Band Member Dies In Helicopter Crash In Burlington County... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-04-2018 **NTSB: Pilot error caused crash that killed Troy Gentry**  
Pilot error following engine maintenance problems caused the helicopter crash that killed Montgomery Gentry singer Troy Gentry and the pilot at a small airport where he was to perform that night, federal investigators said... - [AP](#)
- 12-04-2018 **Lyft announces most popular Pittsburgh destinations for 2018**  
Pittsburghers really like getting rides to Tequila Cowboy Bar and Grill. The North Shore bar was the most visited bar by people taking Lyfts in 2018, the company announced Tuesday in its annual Lyftie Awards. It’s not the first time Tequila Cowboy has topped lists of popular... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Revenue Department Releases November 2018 Collections**  
(Press Release)
- 12-03-2018 **PPG Announces Global Price Increase on Industrial Coatings Products**  
(Press Release)
- 12-03-2018 **PennDOT, Department of Aging Highlight Older Driver Safety**  
(Around the Capital)
- 12-03-2018 **Dense fog advisory issued for several central Pa. counties**  
The National Weather Service issued a dense fog advisory on Sunday evening for several central Pa. counties. The warning, issued at 7:37 p.m. Sunday and in effect until 4 a.m. Monday, could mean visibility of one quarter mile or less at times, the NWS said. Travel will be slowed and hazardous due to poor visibility.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 12-03-2018 **GM subtext**  
Concerning the editorial on GM’s plant closings (Nov. 28, “GM’s Perfidy”), while it is a tragedy for those about to lose their jobs, in a labor force of 160 million, the 14,000 jobs to be lost are statistically insignificant. I think the editorial’s biggest concern, and really the subtext for the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Turnpike stalls closure**  
Weather conditions caused bridge work to be canceled this weekend. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has postponed the closure between the New Stanton Exit 75 and Breezewood Exit 161, interchanges due to adverse weather conditions. The forecasted high winds will not allow workers to safely erect the steel... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

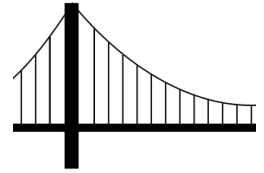


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- 12-03-2018 **[Parking enforcement officer stays upbeat despite complaints](#)**  
Shayna Hugo of Waynesburg is the recipient of a lot of frustration within Greene County, but she carries herself through life with a positive attitude. Since Aug. 27, the 26-year-old has been Waynesburg borough's parking enforcement officer, tasked with walking around downtown and... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[Roadwork planned in Schuylkill County](#)**  
The state Department of Transportation announced several roadwork projects in Schuylkill County this week and beyond. The planned projects include: • Bridge inspection on Interstate 81 at Exit 116 (Route 901) in Foster Township between Exit 112 (Route 25) and Exit 119 (Highridge Park Road)... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[Kennett Square officials cracking down on big rigs](#)**  
KENNETT SQUARE—Kennett Square officials are cracking down on overweight and otherwise unsafe tractor-trailers traveling through the borough. The borough's police force now has an officer certified to use portable scales, and Police Chief Bill Holdsworth said safety inspections will be... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[PennDOT to renumber Route 295 in Newberry and Conewago townships](#)**  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced it will be renumbering Route 295 through Newberry and Conewago townships in northern York County. Route 295 will be renumbered Route 297 to avoid confusion after a recent construction project on Interstate 95 in Bucks County renamed a portion of... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[Public meeting with PennDOT Dec. 4 on I-80 expansion](#)**  
STROUDSBURG — On Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Stroudsburg High School, the public will finally get to meet face-to-face with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on its Interstate 80 expansion plan. Designed to relieve I-80 traffic congestion and bring the highway up to... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[Bridge replacement project coming to end](#)**  
A three-year effort to replace 558 poor-condition bridges across the state, including 17 in Monroe County, is coming to a close. The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, a private-public partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners, is set to... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[Main Street building may signal city's revival](#)**  
Robert Bullano believes New Castle can regain its former glory and he intends to be a part of it. The former New Castle city councilman, now a resident of Neshannock Township, on Nov. 14 purchased the historic Main Street Clothiers and Custom Tailors building. The structure, located at 210 E. Washington St.,... - [New Castle News](#)

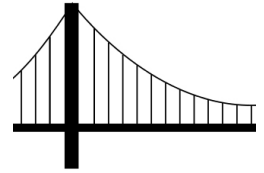


- 12-03-2018 **Commissioners open bids for loan, trail**  
The Lawrence County commissioners have opened bids for the borrowing of the county's 2019 tax anticipation note. The county borrows the funds every year to pay bills and expenses until tax revenue starts coming into the treasurer's office in the spring. Bills... - [New Castle News](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Drivers' shift to SUVs clear in Pennsylvania sales numbers**  
When General Motors announced its plan to cut 14,000 jobs and idle five plants this week, the company said the decision was spurred by a need to adjust to changing buyer preferences and try to get ahead of the curve on embracing autonomous and electric vehicles.... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 12-03-2018 **PennDOT announces progress on bridge project**  
PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said Saturday that the state's Rapid Bridge Replacement Project is near completion, as most of the 558 poor-condition bridges listed for the public-private partnership have been completed. "The majority of these bridges are in rural communities that would have... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 12-03-2018 **What's the most dangerous road in Lancaster County? Here are 5 nasty spots [We the People report]**  
Cindy Phillips can easily list the traffic issues she encounters driving south of Lincoln Highway East on Route 896 towards her Ninepoints home in Bart Township. Speeding is an issue where 896 intersects with South Belmont Road, she said. At 896's next intersection with White Oak Road, horse-and-buggies... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-03-2018 **County included in disaster declaration for heavy rains**  
Tioga County is one of 10 Pennsylvania counties approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive federal disaster assistance. FEMA announced on Nov. 27 that funds will be available to help the commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe... - [Wellsboro Gazette](#)
- 12-03-2018 **\$1.99 gas spreads, but China trade deal, production cuts could drive prices higher**  
Gas prices are plummeting, and there is at least one gas station in 27 states selling it at \$1.99 per gallon or less. "The national average stands at its lowest point of 2018 having fallen nearly 50 cents since the start of October, keeping nearly \$200 million in... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Walkabout: High-minded idea for T stations has given way to gluttonous advertising**  
The inspiration that motivated Suzanne Werder, an artist and arts advocate, to turn an Oakland bus shelter into a mini art museum is a good stepping-off point for a larger discussion about art in public spaces. It coincides with a letter I got recently from photographer Mark Perrott, a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Pittsburgh expects to follow up on ideas not selected for Ford's City of Tomorrow Challenge**  
Only three groups were named winners in Ford's City of Tomorrow Challenge for new transportation ideas last week, but the Pittsburgh region should benefit from many more of the 129 proposals submitted for the competition. The program awarded \$50,000 grants to proposals to set up shuttle service... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

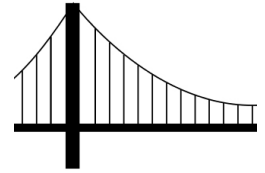




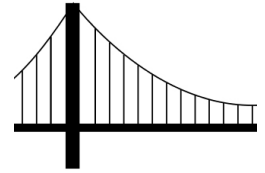
- 12-03-2018 **Pittsburgh's Healthy Ride bike-sharing program expanding after a rough stretch**  
Pittsburgh's Healthy Ride bike-sharing program says it is continuing to grow and has learned some bumpy lessons since it formed nearly four years ago. The nonprofit program, which allows users to rent bikes for \$2 per half-hour at one location and drop them off at another, installed its 100th... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Startups collecting data about Pittsburgh roads think they can shake up city infrastructure**  
According to the failed Amazon HQ2 bid's description of life in Pittsburgh, "Commuting is easy." "Eight out of 10 Pittsburghers live within walking distance of our 53-station light rail network, 20-mile busway system, and a robust network of 70+ bus lines throughout the region," the proposal claimed.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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- 12-03-2018 **Erie travelers anticipate takeoff of Charlotte service**  
American Airlines will launch flights to Charlotte and Chicago in May. Erie Insurance executives may be among travelers walking on air when Erie-to-Charlotte, North Carolina, flights return in spring. The company has had a branch office in Charlotte since 1995. Erie has had... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Bankrupt Performance Bicycle starts store-closing sales; Philly warehouse gets layoff warning**  
Advanced Sports Enterprises, the bicycle import, distribution, and retail group headed by Montgomery County entrepreneur Patrick Cunnane, has made plans for store-closing sales at all 102 of its Performance Bicycle retail stores. These include area locations at 1704 E. Lancaster Ave. in Paoli and 1300 S.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-03-2018 **New Jersey plan would let undocumented immigrants get driver's licenses**  
Cecilia, an undocumented immigrant living in Mercer County, says she drives scared for the 15 minutes it takes her to get to work. But her commute would be difficult any other way. "You don't have options unless you take two or three buses to get to a job," said the 50-year-old woman, who has lived in the United States... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-03-2018 **Police say woman drove into airfield, punched state trooper**  
A western Pennsylvania woman is accused of punching a state trooper after driving onto an airfield and falsely identifying herself as an FBI agent... - [AP](#)
- 12-03-2018 **1 child dead, 45 people hurt in Arkansas charter bus crash**  
One child was killed and at least 45 other people were injured when a charter bus carrying a youth football team from Tennessee rolled off an interstate off-ramp and overturned before sunrise Monday in central Arkansas, authorities said... - [AP](#)



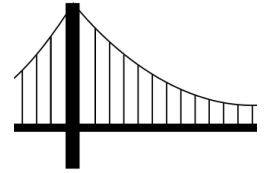
- 12-03-2018 **[Westmoreland Transit to roll out two new natural gas-powered buses on Tuesday](#)**  
Westmoreland County transit riders will finally have the opportunity to travel on brand new buses starting Tuesday, when two of the authority's five natural gas-powered vehicles will be put into service on local routes, officials said. "Our smaller vehicles we are currently using for our local routes have... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-03-2018 **[Wagner audit of Allegheny County DPW finds lax oversight, cost overruns](#)**  
Allegheny County Controller Chelsa Wagner heavily criticized the county's Public Works Department, its "lax control" on spending and lack of oversight in an audit released Tuesday. Within the report, Wagner lamented that several projects accumulated \$6 million in construction cost overruns. The problem, according to Wagner,... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Weekend closure of Pa. Turnpike postponed due to weather](#)**  
A weekend closure of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between the New Stanton and Breezewood interchanges has been postponed due to adverse weather conditions. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission said the forecasted high winds will not allow workers to safely erect steel bridge beams between exits 75 and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Weather pushes back end date for PennDOT's Rapid Bridge Replacement Program -- until next year](#)**  
With weather here and across the country the biggest culprit, the deadline for completion of the state's Rapid Bridge Replacement Program has been extended for the second time. Instead of 558 small bridges being replaced by the end of the year, more than three dozen now are expected to be finished and open by the end of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Signing of trade pact clouded by tariffs, GM layoffs](#)**  
President Donald Trump signed a revised North American trade pact with the leaders of Canada and Mexico on Friday, declaring the deal a major victory for workers... - [AP](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[The end is near for 30th Street Station's famous flipping board](#)**  
The classic clicking of destinations spinning into place, echoing through 30th Street Station's cavernous great hall, will likely be a thing of the past within two months. Amtrak plans to remove the Solari board in January, officials said Thursday. It will be replaced by a larger digital sign in the first month... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Fallen tree disrupts Port Authority Red Line service](#)**  
Port Authority of Allegheny County officials said rail service along it's Red Line will be restored today around noon. A portion of the light rail service was halted early Sunday morning when tree fell on tracks at the system's station in Beechview, causing a... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Push on to save historic trolley](#)**  
Conrad Baut remembers when he first saw Trolley 790. "One summer, I went out for a ride on my 10-speed bike, and I'm chugging up the hill on Old Mill Road, and I see this side of house has a trolley face," he said. "And on the other side of the house, there's a trolley sticking out of it."... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)



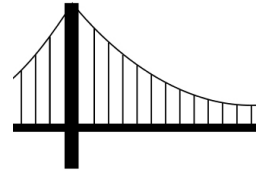
- 12-02-2018 **[Reading Parking Authority payments to city less than what council budgeted](#)**  
After a tumultuous week at City Hall, Reading Parking Authority officials have presented city government with an outline for the authority's contributions for this year and the next - much less than originally expected. A Friday memo issued by Mahlon J. Boyer, parking authority solicitor, put... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Ohiopyle gateway project moving forward](#)**  
Now that ground has been broken on it, the Ohiopyle Intermodal Gateway project is ready to move forward — though motorists shouldn't expect work to interfere too heavily with their travels in the area. Consisting of several planned realignments, the project is designed to... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Lancaster Watchdog: State/township disagree over fix for West Hempfield Township hole; More visibility possible at Manor Township intersection](#)**  
This week Lancaster Watchdog answers a question about a washed out hole along Route 23 in West Hempfield Township and has an update on a Manor Township intersection where it can be hard to make safe turns. Roadside hole awaits fix in West Hempfield A Mount Joy resident wondering about a hole at Farmdale Road and Route 23... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[For safety, Lancaster city paints bike lanes green at some intersections](#)**  
Motorists on North Broad and North Prince streets may have noticed bright green lanes newly painted at several intersections. They are part of Lancaster's system of bicycle lanes and are intended to remind drivers to be especially attentive, said Cindy McCormick of the... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-02-2018 **[Over \\$17M in latest PennDOT, Lancaster County transportation plan is going to safety projects. How are they chosen?](#)**  
How are safety projects chosen? For an engineer, the answer isn't always a traffic light or a stop sign. New lines or pavement markings can modify a driver's behavior and ultimately reduce the number of fatalities in an area, according to state Department of Transportation acting District 8 traffic engineer Rich Deen.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
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- 12-02-2018 **[Here's a map of the serious injury and fatal crashes in Lancaster County from 2013-17](#)**  
PennDOT annually collects information from police departments on crashes. There were over 5,800 crashes in 2017 in Lancaster County alone. We took PennDOT's data and mapped the serious and fatal crashes in the county in the past five years. The data points have more information about each crash, such as if they... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)



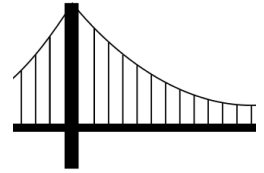
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After General Motors announced all those plant closures last week, a lot of people were speculating on just why the domestic car industry is in trouble. G. Clotaire Rapaille will tell you: It's because Americans are not like the French. The French don't share the American enthusiasm for monster trucks,... - *Trenton Times*
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This week, General Motors announced plans to halt production at several of its plants. The move could see over 14,000 jobs lost, 8,000 of which are in North America. GM chief executive Mary Barra told reporters that while the company doesn't foresee an economic downturn, the cuts are needed to... - *Washington Post*
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This holiday season, the Philadelphia Parking Authority and the City of Philadelphia are in the giving spirit, once again incentivizing visitors and businesses to come do their holiday shopping in the city by offering free on-street parking on Saturdays in Center City.... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
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A development firm helmed by former Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith is seeking \$14 million in financial support from Gov. Wolf's office to raze part of a shuttered paper mill complex on Manayunk's Venice Island so it can build a sprawling campus of labs, offices, and homes on the... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
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NEW YORK — Members of Philadelphia City Council visited here to determine whether this city's successful traffic enforcement efforts could work in Philly. "This is clearly something that the time has come for in the city of Philadelphia," Council President Darrell L. Clarke said during the trip on... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 11-30-2018 **[The end is near for 30th Street Station's famous flipping board](#)**  
The classic clicking of destinations spinning into place, echoing through 30th Street Station's cavernous great hall, will likely be a thing of the past within two months. Amtrak plans to remove the Solari board in January, officials said Thursday. It will be replaced by a larger digital sign in the first month... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*



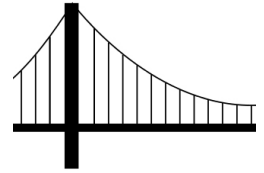
- 11-30-2018 **Tony Norman: Call him Ishmael**  
A few weeks ago, I gave \$25 to a guy who worked hard for it but didn't deserve it. I don't know his name. The name he introduced himself with is probably false, though he just may be brazen enough to have used his real name. In any case, I can't remember it.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-30-2018 **GM mismanagement**  
The decision by GM to close several U.S. plants and to discontinue the production of some models is obviously a cruel blow to the loyal GM workers and the communities where the plants are located. I deeply regret their losses. The Post-Gazette's editorial was so on point (Nov. 28,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Pittsburgh bike share completes 100th station and has plans for 75 more in 2019**  
David White, who heads Healthy Ride, said the nonprofit since July has doubled its total number of stations with the completion of one at Penn Avenue and Winebiddle Street in Garfield. "We think that short bicycle trips should be available for everyone," White said. "Our goal is to get to a point where you can... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Airport board hears about car wash center for rental agencies**  
PITTSTON TWP. — The cost of renting a car at the airport will rise a dollar per rental day to help pay for a new rental car wash and maintenance center there. Rental cars belonging to Avis, Hertz, Enterprise and their subsidiaries will pass through the estimated \$7.45 million center on their way back into... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Local GM dealers see shift to SUVs**  
Local General Motors dealers can attest to a drop in traditional passenger car sales in recent years as more people opt to buy sport utility vehicles, crossovers, hatchbacks and trucks. "No one is buying cars like they used to," said Rich Crossin, president of Bonner Chevrolet. "SUVs have taken over."... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Turnpike work coming in Robinson**  
Officials and a state contractor are outlining the final plans for a section of the Southern Beltway several miles long in Robinson Township. The 2.75-mile section of the toll road will be built by Trumbull Corp., which was awarded a \$116.2 million contract by the Turnpike Commission... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 11-30-2018 **The road ahead: Fayette County's labor force, shortest commutes both dwindling**  
Editors note: This is the final article in a series using data to highlight issues that motorists face on area roads every day. Scott and Celeste Fischer of South Union Township travel more than 200 miles to and from their respective Allegheny County-based jobs every day.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Perkiomen Avenue temporarily reopens in Mount Penn**  
It's an unexpected gift: Perkiomen Avenue in Mount Penn is open for the holiday season and a bit beyond, flowing in both directions from 23rd Street to Endlich Avenue. The main drag through town had been cut down to one lane in one direction since June while a PennDOT-contracted road crew worked on an \$11.77 million... - [Reading Eagle](#)



- 11-30-2018 **[Reading City Council, parking authority board member spar over who gets parking revenue](#)**  
The Reading Parking Authority didn't have a quorum for its November meeting Wednesday night but one member had plenty to say about its funding fight with City Council. Councilwoman Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz and City Auditor David M. Cituk said that they went to the meeting to get a firm answer on whether the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[Reading council OKs \\$2.7 million for roadwork](#)**  
The detour signs and traffic cones on Reading streets that were as prolific as spotted lanternflies may soon vanish. But, for good or for bad, they will decorate the city's streetscape again in the spring. Ralph E. Johnson, city public works director, has asked City Council to... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[Pennsylvania sales numbers indicate SUV shift](#)**  
When General Motors announced its plan to cut 14,000 jobs and idle five plants this week, the company said the decision was spurred by a need to adjust to changing buyer preferences and try to get ahead of the curve on embracing autonomous and electric vehicles.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[County's new employee parking deck expected to open Monday](#)**  
The two-tier Crawford County employee parking deck near the county's courthouse and judicial center is scheduled to open next week. The new deck has its occupancy permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Brian Noah, project manager for county commissioners,... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[Smock Bridge sidewalk to remain open this winter during municipalities' closure request](#)**  
With the season's first significant snowfall still fresh in the collective Meadville consciousness, the thrills that keep the adrenaline pumping during the winter months can't be far from the mind: the exhilaration of speeding across the hockey rink, the intensity of careening... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[PennDOT still looking for temporary winter workers](#)**  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is still looking for temporary workers to plow 1,924 miles of snow-covered roadway in Somerset County. - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[G.M.'s President Will Take Over Its Self-Driving Effort](#)**  
A top General Motors official is taking on a new role that underlines the auto industry's intense push to develop and commercialize self-driving cars. The official, Dan Ammann, will give up the job of G.M. president and become chief executive of Cruise, the division working on autonomous vehicles, the... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-30-2018 **[Britain and U.S. Reach Post-Brexit Aviation Agreement](#)**  
The United States and Britain have reached an agreement that removes a cloud that had been hanging over airlines in both countries as Britain's departure from the European Union approaches. The deal, reached on Wednesday, will allow flights between the two countries to continue as usual. Those flights are governed by the U.S.-E.U.... - [New York Times](#)

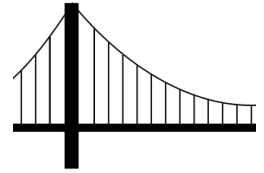


- 11-30-2018 **Bucks commissioner Charley Martin may exit politics after 23 years**  
Charley Martin joined the board of county commissioners in 1995 and said it's "very doubtful" he'll seek reelection next year. Self-described "politically incorrect" Bucks County Commissioner Charley Martin said Thursday it's "very doubtful" he'll seek reelection next year, leaving behind a post he's held for 23 years.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Without a Trump Infrastructure Plan, an Aging Ohio Bridge Is in Limbo**  
CINCINNATI — Many cities have a notorious choke point that torments commuters and keeps urban planners awake at night. In Cincinnati, it is the Brent Spence Bridge, a 1960s structure that straddles the Ohio-Kentucky border. It is creaky and rust stained. It is known for traffic jams and car... - [New York Times](#)
- 11-30-2018 **On layoffs and tariffs, GM and Trump both are flagrantly dishonest**  
It's tempting to see last Monday's blockbuster announcement by General Motors of roughly 14,000 job cuts and closings of four U.S. plants amid a drastic change in its production strategy as a reproach to Donald Trump and his half-baked industrial policy, such as it is.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Sunset magazine, a California icon, struggles as advertisers turn away from print**  
For 120 years, Sunset magazine has been synonymous with California living. Created by Southern Pacific Railroad to promote westward travel, Sunset has long been a tastemaker for the masses, popularizing backyard barbecues, hot tubs, mid-century architecture, weekend getaways, California wines and food... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Drivers are reminded to buckle up, drive sober during Holiday travel period**  
As Pennsylvanians look ahead to Thanksgiving and the beginning of the busy holiday travel season, representatives from safety partners Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission gathered at Turnpike Commission... - [Waynesburg Greene County Messenger](#)
- 11-30-2018 **No major hikes in road salt costs anticipated in tri-county**  
While municipalities in the eastern part of the state may be looking at paying higher prices for road salt this winter, the tri-county area can expect business as usual with no major cost increase. Franklin street department supervisor Terry Ruditis said the price per ton... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Amtrak to replace 30th Street Station information board in January**  
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Amtrak announced Friday that the Solari train departure board at 30th Street Station will be replaced with a digital Passenger Information Display System in January as part of a modernization project. The rail company will also replace the display boards at each gate,... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



- 11-30-2018 **Ross cops holding program Dec. 1 to help teen drivers keep their eyes on the road**  
Ross Township police are conducting a program on Saturday morning to help teach teen drivers how to pay attention to the road instead of their cell phones, music or passengers. The officers conducting the program urge parents to attend the program with their children age 10 and older to learn how to reinforce the behavior... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Pennsylvania Turnpike closed six hours New Stanton Breezewood extensive detour**  
Pennsylvania Turnpike closed six hours New Stanton Breezewood extensive detour The Pennsylvania Turnpike will be closed in both directions between New Stanton and Breezewood from 11 p.m. Saturday until 5 a.m. Sunday so crews can erect steel bridge beams for the new North Center Avenue Bridge over... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The clickety-clacking departures board at Philadelphia's main train station will soon be moving on down the line... - [AP](#)
- 11-30-2018 **Bridge work to close turnpike between New Stanton and Breezewood late Saturday**  
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](#)





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