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Session Status

At 12:17 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 the Senate met briefly in non-voting session and now stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore. The Senate is not expected to reconvene until September 24.

At 3:37 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018 the House stands in recess until the call of the Chair. The House is not expected to reconvene until September 12.

Upcoming Session Days

House

September 12, 13, 24, 25, 26
 October 1 (NV), 2 (NV), 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
 November 13

Senate

September 24, 25, 26
 October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
 November 14



WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

DEP SECRETARY STATES OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT’S REMOVAL OF GAS MILEAGE REQUIREMENT

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | July 25, 2018

This morning Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Patrick McDonnell, alongside environmental and health advocates, stated opposition to President Donald Trump’s anticipated removal of gas mileage requirements for vehicles.

Sec. McDonnell said the Trump Administration’s proposal would unravel rules that would require vehicles to achieve 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. The secretary indicated the regulations saved consumers money and reduced carbon emissions. “These are huge impacts for consumers, huge impacts for the economy, huge impacts for the environment,” Sec. McDonnell opined.

“Governor Wolf and I both condemned this plan when it was announced last spring and continue to oppose it today,” Sec. McDonnell stated, adding DEP’s focus in preserving the regulation is centered on air quality. “[Pennsylvania] has a history of air quality issues,” the secretary stated, noting the industrial past of the commonwealth and heavily-trafficked highways as key contributors to poor air quality.

Sec. McDonnell spoke on the progress made to improve air quality in Pennsylvania. “Thanks to efforts from state and federal government, we’ve seen reductions in these air emissions over the last several years,” Sec. McDonnell said, indicating the provisions from the Clean Air Act and other regulations provided improvements.

Sec. McDonnell stated the commonwealth can regulate emissions from stationary sources, but cannot regulate mobile sources, making states dependent on the federal standards. The secretary said almost one-fourth of Pennsylvania’s greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation and the impacts are greater in dense, urban areas. Sec. McDonnell said increases in asthma attacks from ground-level ozone would occur, which is already estimated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health to cost \$2.6 billion annually.

Sec. McDonnell listed the ways DEP encourages consumers to behavior more environmental conscience, including:

- An alternative-fuel rebate program for consumers
- Alternative fuel-incentive grants for businesses and local government
- Driving Pennsylvania Forward Initiative, which uses funds from the Volkswagen Settlement

The secretary also indicated Pennsylvania is fighting the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) glider truck exemption. “These exemptions allow for dirtier diesel trucks to remain on highways.” Sec. McDonnell said, also clarifying that glider trucks are built around old diesel engines.



Sec. McDonnell said the federal government is currently looking to stop California's vehicle emission standards. "This is something we as a state rely on," Sec. McDonnell said. "We've incorporated some of those vehicle emission standards from California into the commonwealth, as had 14 other states." Sec. McDonnell said DEP joined the Attorney General in fighting the federal actions.

"Pennsylvanians deserve clean air," said Dr. Robert Little of Physicians for Social Responsibility. "Rolling back fuel efficiency standards will allow automakers to make dirtier cars and further pollute the air we breathe." Dr. Little said children are most vulnerable because they are more active outside than adults, therefore they are taking in more exhaust.

Dr. Little said inhaling vehicle exhaust could be avoided with electric and hybrid cars or fuel standards could be raised to reduce the amount of emissions. "Pennsylvania policymakers have kept up to the high standard since 2012 and we don't want the federal government to tell us we cannot do that," Dr. Little stated. "States should be allowed to manage their vehicles within their borders as the Clean Air Act intended," he argued. Dr. Little claimed by attacking the states' authority to enforce standards, the Trump administration is trying to minimize the Clean Air Act.

Executive Director of Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania, Josh McNeil, thanked Gov. Wolf, Sec. McDonnell and Attorney General Josh Shapiro for making sure Pennsylvania is a leader in the fight to stop the rollback of clean car standards.

"I don't want this rollback," McNeil said, saying the average family is saving \$1,650 from having a fuel-efficient car. "The elderly and children face increased asthma rates [and] increased global warming pollution." McNeil claimed 206 billion gallons of oil will be consumed if standards are rolled back. "We can save those gallons, we can save the almost \$700 billion we would spend to pay for that gas and we can save billions of tons of pollution." McNeil urged voters in Pennsylvania to call elected officials to stop this rollback.

The officials took questions from the press.

What the Trump Administration plans to do has not been implemented yet?

Sec. McDonnell: What they indicated they will do is remove the regulation which increased fuel standards for 2022 to 2025 model years. A midpoint assessment occurred and verified the regulations should continue, but once the administration changed, they made an additional assessment which determined the regulation as not economic based.

Nothing officially occurred?

Sec. McDonnell: Correct, the Trump administration indicated they would roll back the regulation.

If California's regulations are rolled back, would Pennsylvania have to change their regulations?

Sec. McDonnell: Under the Clean Vehicles regulation, Pennsylvania incorporates aspects of California's programs. One of the elements of the Clean Air Act grants California emission standards and other states the ability to adopt those standards, which is something the commonwealth has done.

So, there will be no alternative standards Pennsylvania could adopt if California loses standards?

Sec. McDonnell: Correct, the federal standard will be the only standard.

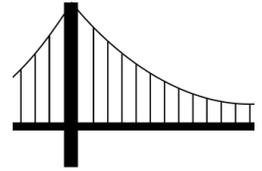
Is there any other form of action Pennsylvania could take? Could you lobby for your own standards?

Sec. McDonnell: In this regard, the Clean Air Act is explicit and California has had this authority for 48 years. As a state, California had standards before the Clean Air Act. This is the first time the federal government has challenged California's right to do this. This is a states' rights issue regarding cooperative federalism.

How is the \$1,650 savings calculated? When does that start?

McNeil: Once the new standards are in place.

Sec. McDonnell: The savings are for 2022 to 2025 model years.



Do they take into account the cost of the car?

McNeil: Yes, some of it is around the technology of electric and hybrid cars.

So not necessarily the consumer behavior?

McNeil: We are seeing more electric cars sold and we see the cost of those vehicles decline.

Those cars only make a tiny percentage of purchased cars; most are SUVs and trucks.

McNeil: Today that's true. There is a number of car manufacturers moving towards alternative fuel vehicles.

Is that driven by standards?

McNeil: Yes, and consumer demand. These cars are being designed now with higher fuel standards.

There are no concerns standards could raise car prices?

Dr. Little: My Prius is saving thousands from gasoline, although it costs more upfront.

Where did you get the figure for 26,400 new jobs?

McNeil: It is not my figure. My understanding is the amount of money being saved by Pennsylvania which would be spent on gasoline could be placed into the economy to create those jobs through economic development.

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Committee News

No committee news this week

Bullet.in.Points

[PPA: TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINE DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR](#)

The Philadelphia Parking Authority provided a table of fees for the Taxicab and Limousine Division for fiscal year 2019, effective July 1, 2018. A full list of the fees can be viewed on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Cosponsor Memos

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Designates a bridge on State Route 4001 as the Brigadier General Anna Mae V. McCabe Hays Memorial Bridge.

Bill Actions

No bill actions this week

Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

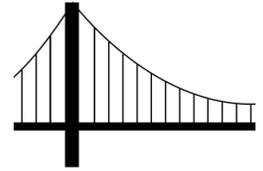
*July 31, 2018 - 2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled from 8/7/18** Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*

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

PA Public Utility Commission

August 2, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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



State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

August 7, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

August 15, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

August 16, 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

PA Public Utility Commission

August 18, 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

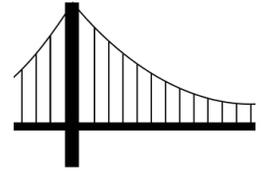
- 07-26-2018 [Ex-Eagle Jon Ritchie wants to 'put everything behind him' after getting record cleared: attorney](#)
PHILADELPHIA -- Jon Ritchie's record has been cleared, his attorney told PennLive. The former Cumberland Valley star and Philadelphia Eagles football player had charges stemming from a February arrest expunged from his record Wednesday by a Philadelphia judge, Joe Kelly said.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)

- 07-26-2018 [Lehigh Valley-based Trans-Bridge to take over some NYC runs for Bieber buses](#)
There's a solution to the Bieber bus dilemma, but it's one that will likely leave Berks County travelers in the lurch. Officials from the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal announced Wednesday that a new carrier had been selected to take over Kutztown-based Bieber... - [Reading Eagle](#)

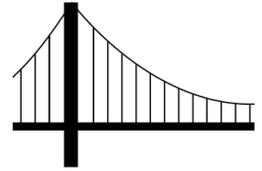
- 07-26-2018 [Insurance will cover accident damage at Berks Housing Authority](#)
The Berks County Housing Authority learned that insurance will cover \$10,429 in damage that resulted from a June 24 accident in which a pickup truck crashed into the authority's main office at 1803 Butter Lane. The crash damaged the building's HVAC unit, a tree, brick work and siding... - [Reading Eagle](#)

- 07-26-2018 [Exeter zoners approve plans for parking space](#)
The Exeter Township Zoning Hearing Board unanimously voted Wednesday night to grant variances allowing eight parking spaces to be added at 3701 and 3703 Perkiomen Ave. The properties owned by Exeter Realty MGT, are losing 12 diagonal spaces along Perkiomen Avenue due to PennDOT's reconfiguration of the street. In... - [Reading Eagle](#)

- 07-26-2018 [Gov. Wolf to tour flood-ravaged areas in western Schuylkill](#)
Gov. Tom Wolf will get a first-hand look at flood-ravaged areas Thursday morning during a tour of affected communities in western Schuylkill County. Accompanied by state and local officials, the governor will begin assessment of damage in Pine Grove and Tremont, according to an... - [Reading Eagle](#)



- 07-26-2018 [**Summit comprehensive plan aims to stop sprawl**](#)
Summit Township plans to contain major development to areas north of Interstate 90. The township's new draft comprehensive plan also recommends preserving rural areas to the south. "We're not against development, obviously, but we want to make more sense of it and keep it from sprawling south," township Zoning... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Former Rothfus district director accepted in plea program**](#)
BEAVER — The former district director for U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus, who was arrested in April and charged with drunken driving, was accepted into a special plea program for first-time offenders. According to online court records, Joe Weidner, 34, will serve six months... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Bridge work: Pittsburgh mayor to address chamber**](#)
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto will soon join the ranks of prominent Allegheny County officials who have participated in Johnstown's Bridge to Pittsburgh speaker series. Peduto is scheduled to deliver remarks during a Cambria Regional Chamber luncheon at Sunnehanna Country Club on Aug. 2.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Wilmington auditor charged in fatal accident**](#)
Karic Avery Fry, elected on write-in votes last year as a Wilmington Township auditor, is facing homicide by vehicle and other charges in connection with an accident that killed a Wampum woman last fall. State police arrested Fry, 19, of 4121 State Route 158, on Wednesday after... - [New Castle News](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Flooded basements, roadways keeping Lebanon County emergency crews busy**](#)
Flooded basements and roadways have kept Lebanon County emergency responders busy after torrential rains hit the area over the past several days. According to National Weather Service Meteorologist John Banghoff in State College, Lebanon County received between 8 and 10 inches of rain since... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Motorists encouraged to take safety survey**](#)
With over 8,966,849 licensed drivers living within the state, road safety is the number one concern of both PennDOT officials and local drivers themselves. Through Friday, Aug. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**PennDOT to repave 17 miles of roadway in Chester County**](#)
West Chester>> State Senator Andy Dinniman announced that construction is set to begin this week on a project to repair and resurface 17 miles of state highway in Chester County. "We continue to make great progress in updating and significantly improving our roads and highways throughout Chester County to provide a... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Western Schuylkill County tries to dry out from flooding**](#)
Floodwaters have damaged about 70 homes after more than 9 inches of rain fell on western Schuylkill County since Sunday, Tremont Mayor Ricky Ney said Wednesday. Enough water came through the area that a corner of the American Legion Post 384 building, 25 E. Main St., Tremont, was damaged beyond repair and a... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)



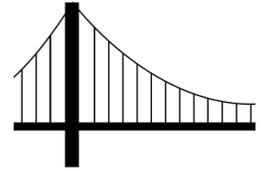
- 07-26-2018 [**Troubles for Ford, G.M. and Fiat Chrysler Send Shares Diving**](#)
The economy may be humming, but for American car companies, the year is looking less bright. All of Detroit's Big 3 automakers issued downward revisions on Wednesday in their financial forecasts for the year, with each highlighting rising commodities costs that stem in part from the steel and aluminum... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**One important group supports Trump's auto tariffs**](#)
President Trump's proposed tariffs on car and truck imports are facing a wave of criticism, except from one key group: unions. In meetings with top Trump staffers, union leaders from the United Automobile Workers and the AFL-CIO have expressed their support for moving... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Trump, E.U. announce deal to avert escalation of trade tensions**](#)
The United States and the European Union stepped back from the brink of an escalating trade war Wednesday, with the unexpected announcement of a process to ease tensions and avoid further tariffs. In an appearance in the White House Rose Garden, President Trump and... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Trump bails out some, but not all, the victims of his trade war**](#)
U.S. automakers breathed a bit easier Wednesday after President Trump and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker announced an agreement to shelve threatened U.S. tariffs on imported autos and retaliatory European tariffs on U.S. goods while the two sides negotiate lower trade barriers.... - [*Los Angeles Times*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Reading Township roundabout causes frustration for residents**](#)
Business owners and landlords are worried that the pending construction of a Reading Township roundabout will take away front door parking, slowing business and deterring people from renting. The roundabout set for Route 94 and Route 394, where the Hampton Diner,... - [*Hanover Evening Sun*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Butler council plans vote on state grant for streetscape effort**](#)
Butler City Council plans to apply for a state grant for a streetscape project that would include moving Main Street utility lines underground. Council briefly discussed applying to the Department of Community and Economic Development for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant and the... - [*Butler Eagle*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Williamsport to authority levee transfer talks still to be had**](#)
Williamsport Municipal Water and Sanitary Authority said Wednesday it hasn't met with the mayor or administration on the potential transfer of the levee to it. Mayor Gabriel J. Campana said he views the transfer concept as a means of creating an authority and assessing fees to help pay for the levee... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Letter to the editor: PennDOT's finally put 'Men at Work' on Rte. 30**](#)
So, PennDOT is bragging that it got a job done early ("PennDOT to receive \$9M in federal funding for Route 30 landslide repairs," July 16, TribLIVE). This is the same agency that made the road signs "Men at Work" and "Road Work Ahead" oxymorons that make us shake our... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)



- 07-26-2018 [**Caviar delivery service to offer free accident insurance. Here's what that means for couriers**](#)
Just over two months after 34-year-old bike courier Pablo Avendano was hit by a car and killed while working for online delivery service Caviar, the company has announced it will offer free accident insurance for all its couriers. It's a significant move, at the very least, symbolically, for an... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Driver crashes into washed-out section of road after someone removes 'road closed' sign**](#)
A car ran into a washed-out section of road at the Heidelberg/North Codorus township line in York County this morning, and police are urging drivers to be cautious in areas that had been flooded. On Porters and Krafts Mill roads at the Codorus Creek, swift flood water... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**After criticism, Regional transportation agency clarifies what info is private**](#)
In response to criticism, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission on Thursday approved rules that clarify what information is public and what information is not. The bistate agency's policy for public records access had drawn criticism from a Bucks County activist... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**Pay-by-app parking expanding to all of Philadelphia**](#)
Pay-by-app parking is being expanded to all metered street parking city-wide, the Philadelphia Parking Authority announced Wednesday. Motorists with the meterUP app on their smart phones can use it to pay for parking at any spot in the city regulated by kiosks and coin-operated... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 07-26-2018 [**SEPTA sells naming rights of AT&T Station to NRG**](#)
AT&T is out. NRG is in. SEPTA has approved changing the name of AT&T Station, the southern terminus of the Broad Street subway, to NRG Station. The subway stop, which serves the stadium complex, previously was known as the Pattison Avenue station. The station handles about a million rider trips a year, and riders will see... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Wolf Administration Condemns Trump EPA Plan to Weaken Car Emissions Standards**](#)
(Press Release)
- 07-25-2018 [**Spike strips remain one of safest, most effective ways to end police pursuits**](#)
Some police methods don't change for good reason: Spike strips remain one of the most effective and safest ways to slow down a suspect fleeing in a vehicle. The trick is deploying them. About 30 officers from area police departments gathered Tuesday in a Pittsburgh Mills parking lot in Frazer to practice.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Sergio Marchionne's legacy: The Fiat Chrysler CEO saved a major part of U.S. carmaking**](#)
For so long, former Fiat Chrysler Automobiles CEO Sergio Marchionne seemed indestructible, indefatigable. So the news late last week that a sudden health crisis had forced Fiat to replace him nine months before his planned retirement came as a shock to the automotive world. His influence can... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)



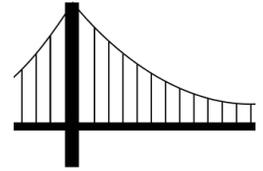
- 07-25-2018 [**More road closures reported across central Pa. as a result of flooding**](#)
It could be another tricky morning commute thanks to numerous road closures as a result of flooded roadways. 511PA.com reported the following road closures as of 4:48 a.m. Wednesday: PA 443 eastbound between Exit: US22/US322 West and Firehouse Road PA 443 in both directions between Mumma Road and Appleby Road... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Fate of Bieber bus trips from Reading to New York still up in the air**](#)
The future of bus service from Berks County to New York City remains murky. Days are quickly ticking down to Saturday when the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal will stop accepting buses from Bieber Tourways, the only local provider of bus service to Manhattan. Both entities have said they are... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Pennsylvania's Bill Shuster offers infrastructure ideas before time on Capitol Hill runs out**](#)
Pennsylvania Congressman Bill Shuster has watched the White House start to focus on transportation issues again and again since President Donald Trump took office, only to have the discussion get hijacked. "Infrastructure Week" has become a running joke in Washington as... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**PennDOT to present plans for Bayfront Connector ramp**](#)
Department plans to rebuild northbound offramp at Buffalo Road. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will share plans to improve a Bayfront Connector ramp at Buffalo Road from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on July 31 at McKinley Elementary School, 933 E. 22nd St. The department plans to rebuild the northbound Bayfront Connector exit ramp... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Road project plan calls for Casey Highway repairs, bridge work**](#)
Major upgrades of the Casey Highway and the Sans Souci Parkway, new park-and-ride lots and numerous bridge replacements and repairs highlight a new 12-year plan outlining nearly \$630 million in local transportation projects over the next four years. State transportation officials estimate rebuilding parts of the Casey... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Blakely tables bids for sidewalk revitalization project**](#)
BLAKELY — After opening six bids for the borough's Main Street sidewalk revitalization project, borough council tabled their vote Tuesday to allow the borough engineer to review the proposals before making a decision. The revitalization project will encompass 16,700 square yards of new... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Planning group announces its upcoming road projects**](#)
The project to extend Route 424 into the Humboldt Industrial Park leads the list of Hazleton area projects on the latest list of state transportation projects. The listing, made by the Luzerne-Lackawanna Metropolitan Planning Organization — a body that determines how all federal and state highway... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Developer eyeing Nazareth area for 870,000-square-foot warehouse**](#)
Two new buildings totaling about 1,100,000 square feet are planned to be built in Upper Nazareth Township. Development company JVI LLC of Wind Gap submitted sketch plans last month to Upper Nazareth Township's Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. Plans call for an 870,000-square-foot distribution center and another... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



- 07-25-2018 [**Portage Township bridge next in line for Cambria rehab program**](#)
PORTAGE TOWNSHIP – Work to rehabilitate the second of two county-owned bridges under construction this summer was recognized Tuesday with a groundbreaking ceremony. Cambria County Bridge No. 20 (Cherry Bottom Bridge) crosses Noels Creek on Sportsman Road in Portage Township.... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Rock slide shuts down Route 11 between Northumberland, Danville**](#)
PennDOT announced early this morning that Route 11 between Danville and Northumberland is closed due to a rock slide. Additionally, Route 11 is also closed in Snyder County between the 11/15 split near Tedd's Landing and Northumberland because of flooding. Detours are in effect:... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Reagan Street project to receive \\$10K planned for Wetlands**](#)
SUNBURY — Mayor Kurt Karlovich lashed out at his colleagues after council voted to use an additional \$10,000 in grant money to fund the Reagan Street flood mitigation project rather than the Wetlands Project during an explosive City Council meeting Monday night.... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Washington works to check off long 'to pave' list**](#)
Washington soon will be paving the parking lot next to the police station and senior center. City council voted to spend \$13,000 to pave Parking Lot G after Joseph Thomas, director of Washington City Parking Authority, made the request. Thomas said the lot was put in 40 years ago.... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Final plan for 60-home development in Peters Township receives approval**](#)
The final plan for a proposed 60-lot residential development off Thompsonville Road has received approval from Peters Township Council. By a 5-2 vote Monday night, council gave the green light for Rywood LLC to develop Juniper Woods, which will feature single-family detached homes in... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**USDA funding awarded to German Township for next phase of sewage extension project**](#)
The odor rising from the sewage in the sequential batch reactor tanks located inside the German Township Sewer Authority wastewater treatment plant in Ronco signifies that the plant is doing its job as provided for in the first phase of the township's sewage project completed nearly four... - [*Uniontown Herald-Standard*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Loyalsock discusses next step of stormwater management**](#)
The Loyalsock Township supervisors held a second public meeting Tuesday to discuss the township's plans for stormwater management. During the meeting, the township's engineer for the project, Larson Design Group, spoke on the township's five-year plan to reduce sediment... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**'Steer Clear' or 'Move Over,' but just do it**](#)
e believe it's important to remind readers of certain issues that affect public health and safety. So let's talk about Pennsylvania's Steer Clear Law. The "Steer Clear" law requires drivers to move over or slow down when they encounter an emergency scene, traffic stop or disabled vehicle.... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)



- 07-25-2018 [**Lower Southampton plans resurfacing project**](#)
Contractor bids for the estimated \$500,000 project are due by the end of the month. More than 20 township roads are slated to be resurfaced in Lower Southampton later this year. Contractor bidding for the estimated \$500,000 project ends 2 p.m. July 31, and supervisors are expected to award the contract during the Aug. 8... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**PennDOT to repave 17 miles of roadway in Chester County**](#)
West Chester>> State Senator Andy Dinniman announced that construction is set to begin this week on a project to repair and resurface 17 miles of state highway in Chester County. "We continue to make great progress in updating and significantly improving our roads and highways throughout Chester County to provide a... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Authority seeks grant**](#)
The Wyoming County Airport Authority reported it would be seeking a \$10,000 grant from the state Department of Community and Economic Development. Authority Chairman Jim Brooks said on Wednesday, July 18, that he would be filling out the paperwork to submit to the DCED.... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Electric scooter share now available in Pittsburgh**](#)
As Pittsburgh continues to see more intercity activity, traffic will follow. Cars will fill up the city's narrow streets, and leisurely drives will turn into gridlock. Luckily, a Pittsburgh-based company wants to combat this growing trend. Scoobi, an on-demand scooter-share company, launched July 21. One hundred... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Curwensville Borough Council updated on funding possibilities for Streetscape project**](#)
CURWENSVILLE — Curwensville Borough Council received an update on the proposed Streetscape Project at Monday's special meeting. Curwensville Regional Development Corporation Member Hildred Rowles told members, CRDC is preparing to submit a request for a grant to the state... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**City Council seeks grant to update traffic lights**](#)
Traffic lights don't come cheap. That's why the City of Warren is pursuing grant funding to replace the light at Third Ave. and Conewango Ave. City Council took action to apply for the state multimodal transportation grant on Monday night. City Manager Nancy Freenock said that the grant amount requested is... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**City seeks drone regulations**](#)
Should the city regulate drone use? It's a question that City Manager Nancy Freenock brought to Warren City Council during Monday's special meeting. She said that the city received a complaint through the police department of someone flying a drone that wound up in the caller's back yard.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Rep. Clint Owlett discusses naming of bridge**](#)
State Representative Clint Owlett (R-68) met with members of the Troy VFW and American Legion Tuesday morning to discuss the naming of Troy's new Canton Street bridge. Though the name will need to be passed through legislation to make it official, proposals were made to deem the structure... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)



- 07-25-2018 [**Nearly 60 state roads closed due to flooding: PennDOT**](#)
The number of state roads closed due to flooding has increased from Tuesday to Wednesday. PennDOT spokesman Greg Penny confirmed that as of 10 a.m. Wednesday, there are 59 state-owned roads closed in Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties. "These number keep fluctuating, but that is a significant increase from... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Coopersburg residents get new Flex Service from LANTA**](#)
If you live in Coopersburg and are in need of a way to catch a bus from LANTA, good news is coming your way. Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority announced Wednesday that it will christen its new Flex Route 505 in Coopersburg on Friday. A dedication... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Westmoreland County Airshow comes roaring back to Unity airport**](#)
Gabe Monzo was just a boy when he built his first aircraft as an avid model airplane enthusiast. Like many kids who shared his hobby, he spent hours assembling, gluing and painting small-scale replicas of military planes, including his favorite, the Curtiss P-40 Warhawk, a single-engine, single-seat, all-metal fighter... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Nonstop flights from Pittsburgh to London start April 2**](#)
Pittsburgh International Airport is getting a nonstop flight to London starting April 2. British Airways, which does not currently serve the airport, will run the service, airport and airline officials announced Wednesday. The flight will operate Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays,... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Police officer shouts, saves man from oncoming train**](#)
PERTH AMBOY, N.J. (AP) - A rookie police officer saved a despondent man from being hit by a moving commuter train by running down the tracks and screaming "Hey Bud! Hey Move!" and "Stop the train!"... - [*AP*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Pittsburgh sees hands-on restart of Uber's self-driving cars**](#)
Uber has taken the first step toward relaunching its self-driving cars on Pittsburgh-area streets four months after a fatal accident involving one of the cars in Arizona... - [*AP*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**Pittsburgh airport lands nonstop flights to London**](#)
When Christina Cassotis became CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority in 2015, her first overseas visit was to British Airways. That investment is about to pay huge dividends. For the first time since 1999, British Airways will fly nonstop year round from Pittsburgh International Airport to London, starting next April 2. The... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-25-2018 [**State officials and leaders fight for clean car standards**](#)
On Wednesday morning Pennsylvania Secretary of Environmental Protection, Patrick McDonnell, was joined by state officials and community leaders to bring attention to a plan by the Trump Administration they feel would weaken gas mileage standards for cars, light trucks and SUVs.... - [*Pennsylvania Legislative Services*](#)



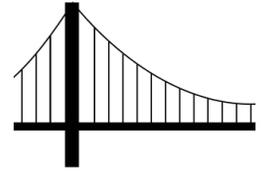
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- 07-25-2018 [**Study: Most Pennsylvania deer crashes happen in Allegheny County**](#)
Pennsylvania is the No. 1 state in the country for animal-related crashes, while Pittsburgh ranks No. 4 among U.S. cities, according to a recent study by the National Insurance Crime Bureau . The NICB studied animal-related insurance losses for 2014-2017 in all 50... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**PennDOT Issues Guidance for Increased Safety Oversight of Highly Automated...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 07-24-2018 [**Linden Street parking garage to lose its spiral ramp**](#)
SCRANTON — Contractors soon will remove the spiral ramp at the Linden Street parking garage as part of a \$4.4 million renovation of the city’s parking garages, the city’s parking overseer said Monday. After updating city Council on the status of the city’s downtown... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Ebensburg residents say no sidewalks**](#)
EBENSBURG — Seats reserved for audience members were full Monday evening inside Ebensburg Borough Council chambers. About two dozen residents gathered to express disgust with plans to install sidewalks along borough roads, specifically on East Sample Street.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Massive CMI shipment enters Port of Erie**](#)
Those pieces, many of them weighing many tons, will be unloaded over the next several weeks for shipment about specially permitted trucks for shipment to New Castle. A heat-recovery steam generation system designed by CMI Energy in Erie will ultimately find its way to a power plant that’s being built fewer than... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Bradys Run pedestrian bridge replaced**](#)
BRIGHTON TWP. — A major pedestrian walkway in Bradys Run Park got a complete facelift thanks to the county’s car owners. County public works crews finished a complete overhaul to the main pedestrian bridge in Bradys Run Park on Friday, county public works Director Dan Colville said. The bridge had been closed since mid-June for... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Greene Township bridge renamed for Chambersburg veteran**](#)
HARRISBURG – A bridge on a portion of State Route 1004 over the Conococheague Creek in Greene Township was renamed July 14 as the Private Charles W. “Bill” Roher Memorial Bridge. State Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Chambersburg, who drafted legislative language that was included in SB894 and signed into law on Feb. 15,... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)



- 07-24-2018 [**Cumberland County Commissioners seek CAT consolidation stipulation in Act 47 plan**](#)
The Cumberland County commissioners are suggesting that the state include transit consolidation in the City of Harrisburg's Act 47 financial recovery plan update, further pushing the issue regarding the future of Capital Area Transit. The commissioners sent a letter last week to the state's recovery... - [*Carlisle Sentinel*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Study highlights fixes for roads, trails, sidewalks and transit in Phoenixville region**](#)
PHOENIXVILLE >> With the population of Phoenixville and the five townships which surround projected to nearly double by 2045, one thing seems certain — traffic isn't going to get any lighter any time soon. And given that 84 percent of the nearly 40,000 people from these six towns... - [*West Chester Daily Local News*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Traffic roundabout planned in Upper Salford**](#)
UPPER SALFORD >> A planned traffic roundabout at the intersection of Old Skippack Road and Schwenksville Road/Shelly Road in Upper Salford will benefit a lot of drivers, Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Ted Poatsy Jr. said. "They're not really big roads, but they are pass-through... - [*Lansdale Reporter*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**St. Francis launches aviation program**](#)
A new program at St. Francis University will allow students to earn a bachelor's degree and a private/commercial pilot's license at the same time. The program is the result of a partnership with Nulton Aviation Services of Johnstown and is the third program of its type in the state, combining... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Ebensburg residents voice concern over sidewalk project**](#)
EBENSBURG – About two dozen people filled the Ebensburg Borough Council chambers Monday night to air their grievances about a proposed sidewalk project currently in the design phase. East Sample Street resident George Kopchik spoke on behalf of what he called the "Sample Street militia," urging council to do more... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Mahoning, Cooper joining forces to spur development**](#)
MAHONING TWP. — Mahoning and Cooper townships plan to combine planning and zoning boards, zoning and code enforcement services and other resources to aid development in the municipalities, specifically along the Route 11 corridor. Mahoning officials said the townships' boards of supervisors plan to... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**EBT supervisors revise funding proposal for rec authority**](#)
LEWISBURG — East Buffalo Township Supervisors revised and marked for return a proposed funding agreement to the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority as negotiations continue. The township and authority are working on a direct funding agreement that would see East Buffalo contribute \$118,352 in 2019 to the nonprofit... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Latest updates on Valley road closures**](#)
Severe rainstorms continued to soak the Valley overnight causing multiple reports of downed trees and flooded roadways. The National Weather Service extended its flash flood warning through 8 o'clock tonight as rainfall and thunderstorms are expected throughout... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)



- 07-24-2018 [**WR to consider KOZ requests**](#)
TURBOTVILLE — Two different property owners seeking to develop a combined 75 acres of land in Delaware Township are looking to apply for Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) status for their properties. Jeff Stroehmann, a vice president with Moran Industries, told the Warrior... - [*Milton Standard*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Pa. State Police restores "Operation Yellow Jacket"**](#)
Emergency service people responding to traffic accidents in Indiana and surrounding counties in upcoming weeks may include some extra vehicles on their calls. The usual ambulances with paramedics and rescue trucks with volunteer firefighters may be complemented by PennDOT highway maintenance vehicles.... - [*Indiana Gazette*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Straban traffic committee backs study**](#)
Despite the complaints of a few local land owners, the Straban Township traffic committee voted to stand behind a county-created Act 209 study. The traffic impact advisory committee Monday voted to pass the 2016 Land Use Assumptions Report (LUAR) on to the board of supervisors without... - [*Gettysburg Times*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Start of box culvert work postponed in Lafayette Township**](#)
CLEARFIELD — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has postponed work to replace a box culvert on Big Shanty Road (Route 4001) in Lafayette Township. The project had been expected to begin Monday but has been postponed until Thursday. A section of the road will be closed on Thursday and an official... - [*Bradford Era*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**County Sees Funding from Registration Fee Hike**](#)
In May 2017, Centre County passed an ordinance that added \$5 to each vehicle registration in the county. The fee was instituted in October, and the money collected so far from the increase has been what the county was expecting, totaling just more than \$270,000.... - [*State College News*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Justice hand-delivers 'seed money' for Yeager Airport construction work**](#)
Gov. Jim Justice on Monday presented officials at Charleston's Yeager Airport with a check for \$3 million in state matching funds that will be used to leverage about \$30 million in federal construction funds for improvements authorized earlier by Congress and the Federal Aviation... - [*Charleston Gazette-Mail*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**GM launches a peer-to-peer car-sharing service**](#)
General Motors announced the launch of a peer-to-peer rental program on Tuesday, allowing GM owners to list their vehicles to rent through the automaker's car-sharing platform. Dubbed Peer Cars, Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac owners can put their cars and trucks up for rent when they don't plan on using them. The... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**With DUI charges dropped after Super Bowl parade crash, ex-Eagle wants to clear his name**](#)
Former Philadelphia Eagles player Jon Ritchie was involved in a crash that injured another driver, but he succeeded in getting his charges dropped. Now, he's back in court on Wednesday in a bid to have the existence of those charges expunged. An expungement hearing is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday before Philadelphia... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)



- 07-24-2018 [**Flooding results in numerous road closures in central Pa.**](#)
The morning commute might be a tricky one thanks to road closures as a result of overnight flooding. A dispatcher with Dauphin County 911 confirmed that there were numerous closures throughout the county, and could not provide a complete list. A dispatcher with Cumberland County 911 said no reports of flooded roadways... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Just Ducky owner says company is 'conservative' to maintain safety**](#)
In 21 years of operation involving more than 50,000 trips and 1.7 million passengers, Pittsburgh's Just Ducky Tours has never had a serious accident operating its fleet of amphibious vehicles around The Point and the Golden Triangle. Owner Chris D'Addario attributed that safety record to the... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Topflight: June passenger numbers at LVIA top six-year high**](#)
Lehigh Valley International Airport has returned to familiar heights as monthly passenger numbers topped 70,000 for the first time in six years. Airport officials announced Monday that 72,600 passenger flew out of the Hanover Township, Lehigh County facility in June. The figure topped June... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 07-24-2018 [**Uber's self-driving cars are back on the road, but hands must be on the wheel at all times**](#)
Ending a four-month hiatus from roads in Pittsburgh, Uber's familiar slate-gray autonomous Volvo XC90s will once again dot city streets — but with human hands on the wheel at all times. Uber will reintroduce a small handful of its Pittsburgh-based fleet beginning Tuesday, the company said, following a batch of safety... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**PennDOT Seeks Public Input on Highway Safety through Annual. Enhanced Survey**](#)
(Press Release)
- 07-23-2018 [**Tug-of-war plays out over speed camera bill**](#)
HARRISBURG — More than 20 pages of crossed out text characterize a bill that's been going back and forth between the two houses of General Assembly. SB172, which would place speed cameras in active work zones, saw a number of changes during June. PennDOT statistics indicated 1,935 crashes in work zones, including 23... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Erie bus drivers keep an eye on Congress**](#)
Pending federal legislation would mandate equipment, procedures to enhance bus driver safety. Interacting with a diverse group of people, each day, is what Ed Torres enjoys most about his job. However, those encounters haven't always been pleasant during Torres' nearly 16-year career as an Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Charter bus bumps rear of another in Downtown Pittsburgh; dozens treated at scene**](#)
About 28 young people on two charter buses were treated for minor injuries Sunday after one bus bumped into the rear of the other, Pittsburgh police said. The 5:50 p.m. wreck occurred near the intersection of Grant Street and Seventh Avenue, city public safety spokesman Chris Togneri said.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)



- 07-23-2018 [**Dickson City moving forward with Main Street revitalization**](#)
DICKSON CITY — The first phase of a Main Street revitalization project aiming to attract businesses and people to the borough's downtown area is moving into the design stage. Funded by a nearly \$1 million state Department of Transportation grant, the first of three phases of the revitalization project includes renovating... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Scranton council to hear from operators of city parking garages, meters today**](#)
SCRANTON — City council will hear today from the operators of the parking system about its finances. Council will hold a public caucus at 11:45 a.m. in council chambers at City Hall with representatives of Community Development Properties Scranton Inc., a subsidiary of the nonprofit National Development Council.... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Local leaders look back to the future for Johnstown's industrial sites**](#)
Lehigh Valley Rail Management owns the former Conemaugh & Blacklick line that runs along Iron Street in Johnstown. Lehigh Valley also owns the industrial railroad's former locomotive shop, which was known as the most modern in the area decades ago and is still used for service and storage.... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
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- 07-23-2018 [**State announces \\$28.9 million project to replace Washington Boulevard bridge in Arbutus**](#)
The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration will begin a \$28.9 million project late this month to replace the U.S. 1/ Washington Boulevard bridge in Arbutus that traverses the CSX Transportation rail line. The bridge will remain open to traffic during three stages of construction,... - [*Baltimore Sun*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Bird electric scooters have landed in Baltimore. Now the city is trying to figure out how to regulate them.**](#)
A new flock of Birds has descended on Baltimore. They're scattered across sidewalks, propped up against buildings, and gliding through downtown streets. Since their arrival just weeks ago, the more than 60 dockless, battery-powered scooters have become fixtures in the... - [*Baltimore Sun*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Axle Travel is using ride-hailing services, plus some logistics, to make airport trips cheaper**](#)
If a trip to the airport in an Uber or a Lyft is too expensive and you're not one to haul luggage onto the 28X Airport Flyer, there's a new option for those catching a flight in Pittsburgh. Axle Travel, a New York City-based startup using a combination of ride-hailing services and private shuttles to bring down the cost of a trip... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Port Authority riders give service high marks**](#)
Port Authority passengers are more satisfied with the agency's service than many other transit agencies, the authority's first customer survey shows. Now the trick is to use that information to persuade non-riders to use the system. Survey results presented last week to board members at a committee meeting... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)



- 07-23-2018 [**Rising Susquehanna affecting construction of Thruway bridge**](#)
High water is affecting the construction of the nearly mile-long bridge that will carry the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in the Winfield area. Before the rising river crests later in the week, water is expected to top... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**There might be a state trooper in that PennDOT truck**](#)
State troopers will have a good disguise to catch speeders — they'll be aboard a PennDOT truck. Under "Operation Yellow Jacket," troopers will be joining state workers on highway maintenance vehicles in Indiana County this week to look for traffic violations, according to a news release from Trooper Clifford... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Troopers to increase enforcement of 'Steer Clear' laws through Saturday**](#)
Pennsylvania State Police troopers are joining with officers from five other states in an effort to raise awareness of the states' Steer Clear laws. As part of an initiative called the '6 State Trooper Project,' state police until Saturday will focus on enforcement of the 2006 law which... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**OneJet could lose incentive money over Pittsburgh route delays**](#)
OneJet still has not launched two of the 10 routes it promised after receiving the largest subsidy the Allegheny County Airport Authority has ever granted an airline. Airport officials could take back some of the \$1 million incentive if routes to Nashville and Memphis are not up and running by October, said... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-23-2018 [**Gas prices down in nearly all states as Libya resumes exports**](#)
Average gas prices dropped in nearly every state last week, and the national average hit its lowest point in 75 days, said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With Libya resuming oil exports, oil prices have been under pressure the last two weeks, falling briefly under \$68 per barrel last week (and)... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Reducing use of fossil fuels should not be a partisan issue**](#)
I am writing to oppose the rollback of fuel efficiency standards for vehicles, commonly known as the CAFE standards, which the Environmental Protection Agency is attempting to weaken. This rule change is a bad idea. Since the industrial revolution, we have burnt so much fossil fuel that we... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Pittsburgh to Harrisburg flight dropped by Southern Airways**](#)
Pittsburgh International Airport has lost its nonstop service to the state capital. Southern Airways dropped the flights to Harrisburg June 22 after flying the route since Oct, 31, 2016. Christina Cassotis, CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority, which... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**PPA lobbyist paid \\$3,000 a month. For what?**](#)
For 17 years, Fareed Ahmed collected \$3,000 a month from the Philadelphia Parking Authority. The longtime political consultant with an unusual past was the authority's lobbyist. What exactly he did in that role is unclear. Ahmed, 73, is not registered as a lobbyist with the city, state, or federal... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)



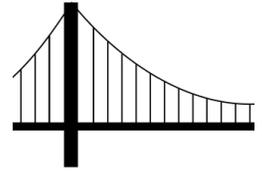
- 07-22-2018 [**North Huntingdon to name new road after Korean War veteran**](#)
The commander of the J. Howard Snyder Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 781 of North Huntingdon will have a new street in the township named after him. Donald Kattic, a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and retired Norwin High School teacher, will be honored with the naming on Sgt. D. Kattic Way... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Editorial: Bus problems demand serious attention**](#)
Local leaders should be thinking about ways to strengthen regional transportation. One of the great benefits of living in this region is its proximity to New York City and the availability of easy, round-the-clock access to and from the city via bus. Step into a bus in downtown Reading or in Kutztown, and a couple of hours... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Reading parking study plan is spot on, officials say**](#)
Reading will undertake a citywide parking study for the first time in a decade to get a better handle on the many parking issues face residents, businesses and visitors. A solicitation for proposals was recently issued and interested engineering consulting firms have until July 31 to bid on the job, said Ralph Johnson,... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Port Authority on booting Bieber buses: 'It's final'**](#)
Port Authority officials said they are discontinuing their agreement with Bieber Transportation Group effective July 28 for \$214,000 in costs that Bieber has not paid. About 450 passengers use Bieber to commute from the Lehigh Valley and Berks County to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, according to the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Duck boats linked to more than 40 deaths since 1999**](#)
Duck boats like the one that sank in Branson, Missouri, killing 17 people, have a long history of safety problems and have been linked to the deaths of more than 40 people since 1999... - [AP](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**Ben Jealous says he'll try to revive the Baltimore Red Line, but that might be more than anyone can deliver**](#)
Democratic gubernatorial nominee Ben Jealous says that if he is elected governor in November, he'll work to revive Baltimore's Red Line. That might be more than anyone can deliver. When Republican Gov. Larry Hogan withdrew the state's support for the \$3 billion east-west light rail line after entering office in 2015, he... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 07-22-2018 [**'Big Red Flag': Automakers' Trade Secrets Exposed in Data Leak**](#)
Automakers like Tesla, Toyota and Volkswagen go to great lengths to keep their technical information confidential. Details about assembly line machinery and proprietary robotics are among the industry's most closely guarded trade secrets. But this month, a security researcher came across tens of thousands of... - [New York Times](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**PennDOT: New Online Resource Outlines Transportation Innovations. Resources...**](#)
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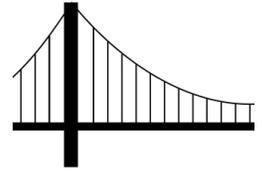
- 07-20-2018 [**Protests that backfire: Blocking traffic got attention; now focus on reforms**](#)
Protests that backfire: Blocking traffic got attention; now focus on reforms On Monday afternoon, in the midst of rush hour, around 50 protesters blocked a series of intersections and brought Downtown Pittsburgh to a standstill. The protesters were demanding justice for Antwon Rose II, 17,... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Musk's muddle: Stick to innovative business ventures, OK?**](#)
Musk's muddle: Stick to innovative business ventures, OK? Elon Musk became one of the world's most celebrated minds thanks to his innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. But lately, Mr. Musk has wasted that goodwill by behaving in a self-serving and crass way on Twitter.... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**State Street is deadliest road in nation, experts say**](#)
HARRISBURG--The number of deaths on State Street in Harrisburg makes it the deadliest stretch of road in the nation, according to national traffic safety experts. Four pedestrians and a bicyclist have died on a .68 mile stretch near the Capitol in the last 20 months.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Work to replace second East Deer bridge delayed into August**](#)
While work to replace one bridge on Freeport Road in East Deer is underway, the start of work on another nearby has again been delayed. Construction to replace the bridge over Baileys Run, in front of the Creighton post office, is now scheduled to start the week of Aug. 13,... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Did Mayor Kenney diss Jay-Z over Made in America?**](#)
Pope Francis, Rocky Balboa, and the Eagles are some of the legends that have made the Benjamin Franklin Parkway an iconic gathering place for the city and the world. Celebrating there is a part of Philadelphia's DNA. Since 2012, Jay-Z has added the Made in America music festival to the... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Jermyn police report less ATV complaints after implementing new deterrent initiative**](#)
JERMYN — ATV complaints are down after police began a new initiative to aid enforcement and deter reckless riders of the vehicles on borough streets, the borough police chief reported to borough council at a meeting Thursday night. Chief William Arthur said his department now has an officer on patrol on an... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Nanticoke business designs truck for promotion honoring Eagles**](#)
NANTICOKE — It was a big deal for a small business in Luzerne County. Eclipse Fleet Service in Nanticoke was commissioned by Penn Beer, Bud Light, the NFL and the Philadelphia Eagles to design a truck with a decal for the "Philly Philly" commemorative pack that will be in stores... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Bieber may be shut out of Port Authority over money owed to agency**](#)
The only company that provides regularly scheduled bus trips between Berks County and New York City will soon lose its berth at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan over more than \$200,000 in unpaid bills, according to the agency that runs the transit hub.... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)



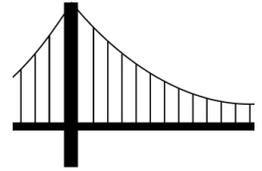
- 07-20-2018 [**Officials unveil new plan to address safety on Warren Street Bypass in Reading**](#)
PennDOT and consulting transportation engineers and planners on Thursday showed a new proposal for making the Warren Street Bypass safer. Traffic accidents, mostly rear-end collisions, have plagued the stretch of highway from the Carbon Street on-ramp to the westbound lanes of the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Restrictions planned for Route 222 roundabout in Richmond Township**](#)
The traffic pattern is changing again at the new roundabout at the intersection of Routes 222 and 662 in Richmond Township, PennDOT says. The roundabout has been temporarily functioning as a single-lane intersection in all directions since it opened May 22. Thursday night workers began the process of opening additional lanes of the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Routes 22/36 project work continues**](#)
PennDOT has announced that two new phases of work will begin on the Route 22/36 intersection improvement project in Hollidaysburg. From 6 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday, Peoples Natural Gas will begin to replace a gas line within the project limits. Work will occur on Blair... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Bill Tracker: Using technology to reduce DUIs**](#)
Each legislative session thousands of bills and amendments are introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature. Only a fraction become law, and an even smaller portion receive wide media coverage. These bills impact the lives of people living in Pennsylvania every day.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Norristown council mulls new parking system, approves go-ahead for Elmwood Park Zoo parking plan**](#)
NORRISTOWN >> Municipal council considered a new and more efficient parking and ticketing system and also approved the initial stages of a plan to expand parking at the Elmwood Park Zoo during their Tuesday night work session. Council members heard from Kevin Adolph from Kelley and Ryan Parking about... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Bieber bus warns it may be kicked out of Port Authority New York City terminal**](#)
The Port Authority has told Bieber bus riders that the local bus company will not be operating out of the New York City station starting July 28. Steve Haddad, president of Bieber Transportation Group, said the company was still running buses to the Port Authority bus terminal and planned to... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Plan for Busy Ferry Base Roils Crowd of Hoboken Residents**](#)
HOBOKEN, N.J. — The hundreds of residents gathered in this small river city on Wednesday night insisted they were not opposed to a ferry maintenance hub in a town that was once defined by its waterfront docks and factories. They just don't want it next to a park and playground on a swath of... - [New York Times](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**County looking for \\$25M road grant**](#)
The county's application for a \$25 million federal Department of Transportation grant is complete and on its way to Washington. The commissioners at their Wednesday meeting approved submitting the application for the federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage... - [Butler Eagle](#)



- 07-20-2018 [**Car Engineers Scoff at Enthusiasts' Modifications. But Not Always.**](#)
When Aaron Otstott began researching a new car, he wanted to know something many buyers don't care about: How easily could he make it faster? "I bought it from the beginning knowing that I would be doing modifications," he said. He settled on a 220-horsepower Volkswagen GTI, a vehicle beloved for its... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**On Trump's Car Tariffs, Companies Are United in Dissent**](#)
WASHINGTON — Richard Smallwood describes himself as a "pretty far right-wing conservative" and a longtime supporter of President Trump. But like many in the auto industry, Mr. Smallwood, the president of the tire company Sumitomo Rubber North America, has been puzzled and dismayed... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Tariffs Imperil a Hometown Business in South Carolina: BMW**](#)
SPARTANBURG, S.C. — In the middle of David Britt's campaign to get BMW to put a car factory in this city, a man grabbed him by the tie while he was in a restaurant. "Don't give that land to the Germans," the man hissed to Mr. Britt, a county official. Two decades later, the automaker has become the most important local job... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Maryland officials approve \\$60 million expansion at BWI Airport over Franchot's objections**](#)
Maryland officials on Thursday approved a \$60 million renovation and expansion project at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport over the objections of Comptroller Peter Franchot and residents who live near the airport. The Board of Public Works voted 2-1 to fund the project — which airport... - [*Baltimore Sun*](#)
- 07-20-2018 [**Proposed bill allocates \\$10 million for volunteer fire stations to build living quarters**](#)
A state lawmaker introduced legislation in July that would allow volunteer fire departments to build living quarters at their stations by allocating \$10 million into a new fund. State Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Bridgeville, said he was inspired by a conversation he had a few years ago with Rennerdale Volunteer Fire Chief... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
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The Allegheny County Airport Authority has hired two firms to design the new landside terminal as part of a \$1.1 billion overhaul at Pittsburgh International Airport. The board voted Friday to hire San Francisco-based Gensler and Omaha-based HDR to design the new landside terminal for \$15 million.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
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