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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

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

[PENNDOT: STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING](#)

The State Transportation Commission will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel, 3549 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. For more information, contact the commission at (717) 783-2262 or RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov.

[ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD: RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONTROL OF VOC EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL CLEANING SOLVENTS; GENERAL PROVISIONS; AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING AND REWORK; ADDITIONAL RACT REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SOURCES OF NOX AND VOCs](#)

The Environmental Quality Board amended Chapter 121 and 129 to adopt reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements and RACT emission limitations for stationary sources of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from industrial cleaning solvents that are not regulated elsewhere in Chapter 129 or Chapter 130. The final-form rulemaking corrects a numbering in the table of VOC content limits and provides additional RACT requirements for major sources of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and VOCs (RACT 2) to update the list of presumptive VOC RACT regulations for which RACT 2 does not apply and to clarify certain requirements. This final-form rulemaking will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval as a revision to the commonwealth's State Implementation Plan (SIP) following promulgation of this final-form rulemaking. This order was adopted by the board at its meeting on April 17, 2018 and will be effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The final-form rulemaking is available at the department's website www.dep.pa.gov.

For more information, contact Kirit Dala Chief, Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Quality, Rachel Carson State Office Building, PO Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468 at (717) 772-3436, or Jesse C. Walker, Assistant Counsel, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel, Rachel Carson State Office Building, PO Box 8464, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8464 at (717) 787-7060.

[IRRC: NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL RULEMAKING](#)

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission received the following regulations:

- #18-469 Department of Transportation: Hazardous Materials Transportation

IRRC scheduled to consider the regulations at their public meeting on September 13, 2018. The public meeting will be held at 333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA. To obtain a copy of the regulation, contact the promulgating agency. If a copy cannot be obtained from the promulgating agency, the commission will provide a copy or it can be viewed at www.irrc.state.pa.us.





Cosponsor Memos

HCO3625 Davis, Tina(D) Allows drivers to show proof of their vehicle registration through electronic means.

Bill Actions

HB 2587 Ortity, Jason(R) (PN 3899) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 980 over Robinson Run, McDonald Borough, Washington County, as the Fire Chief Scott Albertini Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-03-18 H Filed
08-07-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2592 Millard, David(R) (PN 3904) Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 339 in Columbia County as the Turner Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-08-18 H Filed
08-09-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

Upcoming Events

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

PA State Transportation Commission

August 16, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel, 3549 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

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

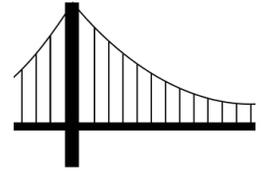
August 18, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

House Transportation

8/20/18 - 1:30 p.m., Senator John Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh
Informational meeting on Allegheny County Port Authority Busway Extension

House Transportation

8/21/18 - 9:00 a.m., Duquesne Club, 325 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh
Informational meeting on Briefing on Norfolk Southern Projects



House Transportation

8/21/18 - 10:00 a.m., Duquesne Club, 325 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh
Informational meeting on Briefing on PennDOT Region Priorities

House Transportation

8/22/18 - 10:00 a.m., Bedford County Airport, 697 Beldon Rd., Bedford
Informational meeting on Drones

PA Turnpike Commission

August 21, 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

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

August 23, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Department of Transportation

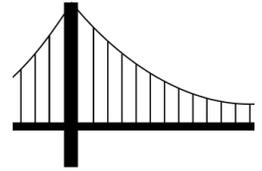
August 29, 2018 - 12:30 p.m., Turnpike Commission, Executive Board Room, 700 Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown
Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-8645

In the News

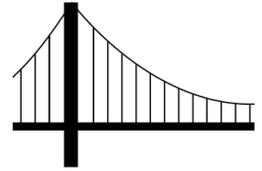
- 08-09-2018 [PennDOT Unveils Plan to Upgrade Guiderail, End Treatments](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2018 [Wolf Administration Announces Funding for Coal Cleaning Plant and Rail Line...](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2018 [AG DePasquale Targets Transportation Efficiencies at Pittsburgh School District](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2018 [Koppers Holdings Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2018 Results](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2018 [Treesdale pedestrian, bike trail to be built with grant money](#)
Treesdale residents will soon have a new pedestrian and bike path connecting their community to Pine Community Park. Pennsylvania State Rep. Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) and Pine Township manager Scott Anderson announced plans to build the asphalt path using money from a... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-09-2018 [Getaround, the Airbnb for cars, comes to Philly](#)
A car-sharing company that lets people rent their cars to strangers has arrived in Philadelphia, bringing a growing industry that's been billed as the Airbnb for vehicles. San Francisco-based Getaround expanded last week into Philadelphia — its 15th market since launching in 2011. There are roughly 20 cars... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



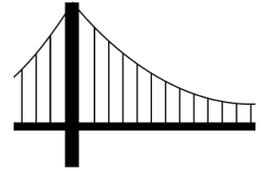
- 08-09-2018 **'I was like their mom': Fare collector's instincts took over during train derailment**
Princess Ferguson usually likes her regular Sunday shift as an off-board fare collector at the Port Authority's Station Square platform. Unless there's a sporting event, it's less busy than weekdays and there's no rush-hour crush. But that changed about three hours into her shift Sunday... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Grant will help fund Maxatawny project**
The Maxatawny Township supervisors have learned that Berks County, through a low volume road maintenance grant of \$158,968, will pay the bulk of the cost to elevate and flood-proof Hottenstein Road. The township's cost for the project will be only \$14,548, Township Engineer... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-09-2018 **PennDOT rail freight grant program opens application period**
In the last grant period, PennDOT awarded \$32 million for 27 rail freight projects. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has opened the application period for the 2018-19 Rail Transportation Assistance Program and the Rail Freight Assistance Program.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-09-2018 **PennDOT set to repave seven miles of Route 113**
Downingtown >> State Sen. Andy Dinniman, D-19, announced that PennDOT is set to begin work on repaving seven miles of Route 113 in Chester County. Construction is scheduled to begin later this summer on a \$2.5 million project to repair and resurface on Route 113 (Uwchlan Avenue) between... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 08-09-2018 **PennDOT to repair 7 miles of Route 113**
State Sen. Andy Dinniman, D-19th Dist., announced that PennDOT is set to begin work on repaving seven miles of Route 113 in Chester County. Construction is scheduled to begin later this summer on a \$2.5 million project to repair and resurface on Route 113 (Uwchlan Avenue) between... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Speed display signs placed in Howard, Snow Shoe**
CLEARFIELD –Two radar-controlled speed display signs have been placed in Howard and Snow Shoe, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). One sign is on Route 26 (Howard Narrows Road) north of Park Road in Howard Borough and the second on Route 144 (Sycamore Street) north of Third Street... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Rail freight grant program opens 2018-19 application period**
HARRISBURG-Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways has opened the application period for the 2018-19 Rail Transportation Assistance Program and the Rail Freight Assistance Program, Secretary Leslie S. Richards said today.... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Elon Musk's Pitch to Take Tesla Private Has Wall Street Salivating**
A day after Elon Musk declared that he might try to convert Tesla into a private company, Wall Street banks raced to figure out how such a transaction might work and how they might get a piece of the action. Executives at banks including Goldman Sachs and Citigroup are discussing... - [New York Times](#)



- 08-09-2018 **[New York City Caps Uber and Lyft Vehicles in a Crackdown](#)**
New York became the first major American city on Wednesday to halt new vehicle licenses for ride-hail services, dealing a significant setback to Uber in its largest market in the United States. The legislation passed overwhelmingly by the City Council will cap the... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[LOWER MAKEFIELD: Ramp changes, new traffic lights to greet motorists exiting onto Taylorsville Road from the new I-295](#)**
LOWER MAKEFIELD >> Starting this week two new sets of signals at Taylorsville and I-295 (formerly I-95) have been placed on flash. On Tuesday August 14 at 1 a.m. the traffic signals will be set for normal operation (barring weather delays). Until the new ramps are complete, traffic will use a combination of... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[Borough seeks funds for culvert](#)**
SALTSBURG — Borough officials said they are trying to figure out where to get another \$26,000 sought by PennDOT for a 3-by-6 box culvert that is supposed to be built under Route 286 near the Saltsburg fire hall. That's what borough street supervisor Don Kelly told Saltsburg Council... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[The legislator and the Twitter trolls](#)**
State Sen. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento) has been a target of vaccine skeptics since he first proposed SB277, which abolished the “personal belief exemption” to the requirement that public school children must be vaccinated. This was in 2015, shortly after a measles outbreak among... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[Delaware taxpayers contribute millions to BPG sports complex](#)**
The Buccini/Pollin Group, Wilmington's largest developer, is relying on millions in taxpayer dollars to build a \$26 million sports complex that officially broke ground on Wednesday. The public assistance includes a \$1 million grant from Wilmington and a \$3 million handout from the state.... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[Jockeying begins over Lehigh County's proposed \\$5 vehicle registration fee](#)**
Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong kicked off his public lobbying for his \$5 vehicle registration fee with a presentation to Lehigh County commissioners Wednesday night. Last month, Armstrong clued commissioners in on his plan, which would see most drivers in Lehigh County pay \$5 more when they register their vehicle... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[The big and small of working at a tech startup. One intern got his name on a patent application.](#)**
Melaney Chen spends most of her day designing 3D models of camera parts that help Uber's autonomous vehicles see objects on the road. She then sends the specs downstairs to the machine shop, where they're built and tested. “I'll design something today and have a prototype tomorrow or the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-09-2018 **[Uber and the False Hopes of the Sharing Economy](#)**
Not long ago arrived word of a new start-up, Wonderschool, which as its website explains, is a “network of boutique, in-home early childhood programs” — the Airbnb or Rover of preschool. Already established in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, with significant capital behind... - [New York Times](#)



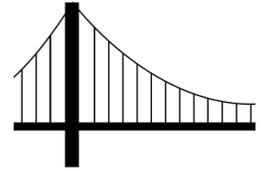
- 08-09-2018 **Maybe next year? Southwestern Pa.'s summer gas rule lives on**
Southwestern Pennsylvania's boutique summer gasoline mandate was expected to expire next Tuesday, but the rule will likely live out the season because of last-minute comments opposing the change. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said this week that it is... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Port Authority finds 'extensive damage' to its tracks in Norfolk Southern derailment**
Engineers have found "extensive damage" to the tracks for the Port Authority's light-rail system near its Station Square station as a result of debris and cleanup efforts from Sunday's derailment of seven Norfolk Southern cars from railroad tracks above the authority's... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-09-2018 **In train derailments, what happens to all that stuff?**
During this week's train derailment, cardboard boxes were seen littered on the hillside, on the road, and pouring out of shipping containers. The question Norfolk Southern said it is fielding is, "What happens to those goods?" The short answer: It's up to the owners to decide.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Freight train derailment in New York sends fuel into Delaware River**
A freight train derailment in New York's Southern Tier sent two empty railcars into the Delaware River early Thursday morning... - [AP](#)
- 08-09-2018 **Jockeying begins over Lehigh County's proposed \$5 vehicle registration fee**
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- 08-09-2018 **Port Authority gets 1st look at derailment damage to its light rail tracks**
The Norfolk Southern freight train that derailed Sunday near Station Square in Pittsburgh caused extensive damage to the Port Authority of Allegheny County's light rail tracks and electrical lines, a PAT spokesman said Thursday. PAT must replace 1,600 feet of track and 4,000 feet of overhead electrical... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Triumph Aerospace Structures Secures C130J Follow-Up Contract**
(Press Release)
- 08-08-2018 **PennDOT: 2018-19 Rail Freight Grant Program Opens Application Period**
(Press Release)
- 08-08-2018 **Solomon Creek wall project to be delayed by more than a month**
WILKES-BARRE — Switching contractors will delay the first phase of the Solomon Creek wall reconstruction project by more than a month, according to an updated schedule the consulting engineer provided city council Tuesday. Work on the new retaining wall along Brook Street from Waller to South... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Olyphant to review nearly \$120,000 bid for paving project**
OLYPHANT — Borough council voted Tuesday night to review a nearly \$120,000 bid for the borough's 2018 paving project, which will mill and pave more than 7,000 square yards of Olyphant roads. At their monthly meeting, council members opened two bids for the paving... - [Scranton Times](#)



- 08-08-2018 **No train, but 'hyperloop'?**
Former U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski was all for restoring passenger rail service between Scranton and New York City. His only criticism of the idea was that its proponents thought too small. Rather than conventional rail service, Kanjorski said, the project should establish high-speed rail.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Our view: Getting around Erie isn't just for people in cars**
The issue: Transportation access limited. Our view: Get past Erie's car culture. As with a lot of suburban areas that burgeoned in the second half of the 20th century, the lay of the land in Millcreek Township reflects post-World War II America's love affair with the automobile — and the... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-08-2018 **EMTA demands aides on Erie student buses**
Transit authority's latest request for Erie School District increases tension over contract negotiations. EMTA will bus students in 2018-19, but terms are in flux. The Erie School District is dealing with another surprise from the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Local airports granted subsidy waivers**
The U.S. Department of Transportation granted waivers Tuesday to 21 airports, including the Altoona-Blair County Airport and the John P. Murtha Cambria County Airport in Johnstown, to remain in the Essential Air Service program, which subsidizes the cost of providing daily passenger flights.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Bridge dedication planned**
BEDFORD — Rep. Jesse Topper, R-78th District, will recognize a Korean War prisoner of war by dedicating the Churchview Road bridge over Beaver Creek in South Woodbury Township as the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge during a ceremony at 11 a.m. Aug. 17.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Lower Bucks homeless advocates raising \$45K for new van**
The 15-passenger van will replace a small school bus that Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need previously used. The old bus has been out of commission for several months. Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need could use some help to continue its missions.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Airports receive waivers; Commercial air service to continue in Johnstown, Altoona**
Johnstown's airport has been granted an Essential Air Service waiver, ensuring subsidized commercial flights will continue in 2019. Among 25 airports across the nation that fell short of federal program benchmarks last year, the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport in Richland... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Are Pittsburgh city planners overestimating how many people drive to the Strip?**
Many visitors pack the sidewalks of Penn Avenue every weekend in the Strip District, and most people assume they arrive there by car. Pittsburgh city planners are proposing a plan to redesign Smallman Street to accommodate that alleged demand. But some Pittsburghers are wondering whether a... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)



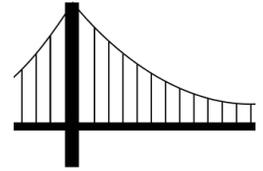
- 08-08-2018 **North Side residents concerned a train derailment could ruin their neighborhood**
On Aug. 5, a Norfolk Southern double-stacked freight train derailed and crashed into the Station Square T station. Had a light-rail car been present at the station, dozens of people could have been killed or injured. Instead, no injuries were reported. The train was filled with boxes of... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Boro hears report on school bus traffic**
Tunkhannock Borough Council heard a presentation from the Tunkhannock Area School District concerning the bus schedules at the local school buildings. Superintendent Heather McPherson and administrator Kelly Carroll explained that things will not be perfect when students return to classes in... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Kittanning residents voice concerns about road conditions**
Before Kittanning Borough Council's Monday evening meeting began with public comment, there was a matter of business for the council to address — a resolution limiting visitors to speaking for five minutes. Council easily passed the resolution 7-1, with only the Rev. David Croyle, borough... - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Governor's cabinet announces health care forum at KCAC**
Members of Gov. Tom Wolf's cabinet are returning to Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, this time for "Health Care in Your Community" on Aug. 15 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne, who was a late scratch from the... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Improvement projects planned for Aultman**
GRACETON — A construction project aimed at soon curing a stormwater drainage problem in Aultman won't be the last of the work planned for improving the conditions for drivers and residents in the village along Route 286 in Center Township. The township's board of supervisors on Monday agreed to dedicate the... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 08-08-2018 **PennDOT to host job fair in Hollidaysburg**
HOLLIDAYSBURG — The state Department of Transportation is hosting a job fair on Aug. 14 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 1620 Juniata St. in Hollidaysburg. PennDOT is recruiting employees for the following positions: - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Butler Twp. road paving to begin**
Butler Township road paving projects will begin this week and continue through August as weather permits. No work will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays. The following roads are scheduled to be milled and paved and will be completed in the following order: Buttercup Road, Highland Avenue, South... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Research finds roundabouts cause less injuries, fatalities**
We suspect just about everyone in Warren has an opinion about a potential roundabout at the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave. and Market St. What does the research say? In part, it depends on where you look. But serious injury or fatal crashes do appear to occur less in roundabouts... - [Warren Times Observer](#)



- 08-08-2018 **City road closures expected overnight Thursday**
Major road closures in the city are to be expected overnight on Thursday. According to Superintendent of Public Works Joe Reinke, the Hickory Street Bridge, as well as Pennsylvania Ave. from Liberty to Hickory Streets, will be shut down starting 11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Federal waiver helps airport move forward**
The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced Venango Regional Airport received an Essential Air Service waiver, which ensures the airport continues to receive support through a federal subsidy for operation. In order to qualify for EAS status, the airport is required to fly a... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Airport contracts for promotional videos**
The Clarion County Airport is contracting for promotional videos to create awareness of what the airport offers. Independent filmmaker Colin Giering of Clarion recently presented his artistic abilities in a minute-long demo reel to the Clarion County Airport... - [Clarion News](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Elon Musk Says Tesla May Go Private, and Its Stock Soars**
Elon Musk has become one of the world's most prominent chief executives, and a billionaire several times over, by boldly making big bets on ideas that few others thought possible. He started a private rocket company that sends materials into space, and plans to send astronauts soon. He is creating machines to bore giant... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-08-2018 **'No silver bullet': It's hard to predict where floodwaters will rise when heavy rains strike Lancaster County**
When heavy rains hit Lancaster County, a portion of Manheim will probably be underwater. "There's no silver bullet," borough manager James Fisher said Monday, two days after several roadways in Manheim were closed by high waters around Chiques Creek. "With the big (rain events), it's pretty hard to do much about... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Tesla's Elon Musk tweets that he wants to make the carmaker private, sending stock soaring**
Tesla founder Elon Musk stunned investors when he tweeted Tuesday that he would push to take his all-electric automaker private in a deal worth billions of dollars, further highlighting the unpredictability of America's most valuable car company — and its billionaire celebrity... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-08-2018 **California lawmakers grill DMV official over ballooning wait times**
The leader of the state Department of Motor Vehicles apologized on Tuesday for a recent steep increase in hours-long wait times at the agency's locations across California, as complaints over excessive delays sparked new scrutiny from legislators. "The wait times you are experiencing are not what we ever want our... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Patching work on I-81 in Cumberland County will mean traffic delays**
PennDOT is reminding motorists of ongoing patching and repair work on Interstate 81 in Cumberland County over the next several weeks. Crews are concentrating on the southbound lanes just south of the George Wade Bridge, and are working toward the exit to Wertzville Road, PennDOT... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



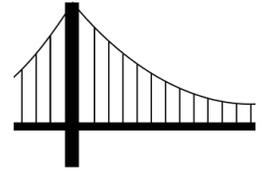
- 08-08-2018 **One railroad track reopens after Station Square derailment**
Freight trains are moving again in Pittsburgh. Norfolk Southern reopened one of its two mainline tracks in South Side at about 4 a.m. Wednesday, according to railroad spokesman Jonathan Glass. The tracks have been closed since a freight train derailed Sunday... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Did Elon Musk Violate Securities Laws With Tweet About Taking Tesla Private?**
Elon Musk, right. Experts are questioning Mr. Musk's statement on Twitter that he had secured the financing needed to take the carmaker Tesla private at a price of \$420 a share. Credit Kiichiro Sato/Associated Press Elon Musk had better be right. Mr. Musk's audacious offer Tuesday to take private Tesla, the... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Port Authority worker recounts actions during train derailment**
Princess Ferguson usually likes her regular Sunday shift as an off-board fare collector at the Port Authority's Station Square platform. Unless there's a sporting event, it's less busy than weekdays with no real rush-hour crush. But that changed about three hours into her shift Sunday afternoon when she... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-08-2018 **You better pay E-ZPass: Debt collectors can pursue unpaid tolls, appeals court rules**
If you stiff E-ZPass, you won't get a pass from debt collectors. The U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that unpaid highway tolls aren't covered by a federal law that imposes limits on third-party debt collectors. That's because tolls are like taxes that fall outside the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Where are you most likely to be killed by a car in Philadelphia? (Hint: Not Center City)**
The 20 or so people lining 22nd Street's bike lane on a gorgeous morning in July earned high fives, cheers, and a few bicycle bell rings from passing cyclists. The predominantly white demonstrators were protesting poorly painted lane markers and motorists' tendency to park in the bike lane to pick up coffee... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Ford celebrates production of 10 million Mustang sports cars**
Ford Motor Co. marked production of the 10 millionth Mustang with celebrations Wednesday at the automaker's headquarters and at the Flat Rock Assembly Plant where the iconic sports car is made... - [AP](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Goldman Sachs fund pays \$170M for Chestnut Hill Village rental complex in northwest Philly**
The Chestnut Hill Village rental complex in northwest Philadelphia has been acquired by a private investment unit of New York's Goldman Sachs Group. The 821-apartment property sold on July 27 for \$170 million, a spokeswoman for seller Apartment Investment & Management Co., or Aimco, of Denver said... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-08-2018 **Baggage area evacuated, terminal temporarily closed at HIA**
The baggage claim area has been temporarily evacuated, and the terminal is temporarily closed at Harrisburg International Airport. The airport announced on its Facebook page at 1:20 p.m. that "an unattended bag was found in the bag claim area and police are exercising an abundance... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



- 08-08-2018 **Indiana trail bridge over Route 22 would benefit region's hikers, bikers**
Within two years, planners hope to close a gap in a regional hiking and biking trail network by adding a new pedestrian bridge over Route 22 in Indiana County. Project plans will be unveiled publicly Thursday at an event from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Blairsville High School cafeteria.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-08-2018 **East Carson Street, Smithfield Street Bridge could reopen in time for afternoon commute**
Pittsburgh hopes to reopen East Carson Street and the Smithfield Street Bridge in time for Wednesday's afternoon rush hour now that Norfolk Southern has removed derailed freight cars from a hillside above the street near Station Square. The railroad has restored limited freight travel on temporary rails along... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Mount Airy Announces Plans to Break Ground on World Class Casino Destination...**
(Press Release)
- 08-07-2018 **Oakmont Speedway clears hurdle to sell beer, wine**
Beer and wine sales may be coming soon to Speedway in Oakmont as borough officials approved a liquor license transfer. Council voted 4-3 at a special meeting Monday night after a public hearing during which nearly a dozen residents voiced opposition. "It's a great location for Speedway, it's a bad location for... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Which way on CAFE? There must be good reason to freeze fuel standard**
The Trump administration has made its case for freezing the so-called CAFE requirement for increased fuel economy in American automobiles. But the argument is less than fully persuasive. The proposal rolled out last week by the Department of Transportation would... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-07-2018 **How close is close? Derailed freight train was minutes from striking Port Authority T, agency says**
Wreck-cleanup crews Monday registered some success in removing derailed railroad freight cars from a steep hillside above the Station Square T station. About 8:15 p.m., following a day of fits and starts, a single car was pulled down, the doors of one of its containers popping open and dumping... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Public meeting on bridge project in Huntington Twp.**
HUNTINGTON TWP. — PennDOT will hold a public meeting on the bridge rehabilitation/replacement project on Sunshine Road, State Route 4010, at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Huntington Township Municipal Building. The bridge crosses a tributary to Huntington Creek and the project team... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Stephens bill could change bail conditions for repeat DUI offenders**
The PLS Reporter sat down with Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery) to discuss his legislation, HB2538. The bill would authorize courts to require an individual to wear an alcohol monitoring device as a condition of bail, for repeat DUI offenders. Tags: DUIRep. StephensbailHB 2538... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)



- 08-07-2018 **Casino headed for Beaver County, not Mercer County**
MOUNT POCONO, Pa. — Months of pitching Mercer County as the potential site for a mini casino came to an end Monday as Mount Airy Casino Resort chose a location in Beaver County instead. The mini casino will be built near Interstate 376 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, with an estimated opening date of late 2019.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Mount Airy to build mini casino in Beaver County**
MOUNT POCONO — Luck ran out Monday morning for Lawrence County's bid for a mini casino as Mount Airy Casino Resort announced plans to build in Beaver County near Interstate 376 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike with an expected opening date in late 2019. "We're thrilled to bring our four-diamond customer service, high... - [New Castle News](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Residents appeal Drexline Plaza zoning variances**
MEDIA COURTHOUSE >> Upper Darby's approval to redevelop almost all of the 17.5-acre Drexline Shopping Center in Upper Darby to a mixed-use area is being appealed by three township residents. Bonnie Hallam, Janice Haman and Donald Fields filed a civil appeal in the... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 08-07-2018 **PECO to close Hanover Street for utility improvements**
PECO is planning to close Hanover Street between Brianna Circle and Lenape Crossing in North Coventry Township on Monday, Aug. 13 through mid-October, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for utility installation, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced. During the weekday closure, Hanover Street motorists will be detoured over... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 08-07-2018 **City Council repeals part of fire code to accommodate bike lanes, development**
The Baltimore City Council voted unanimously Monday to repeal parts of the fire code that officials say were preventing the creation of bike lanes and new development projects. The measure now goes to the desk of Mayor Catherine Pugh. Her spokesman did not immediately respond to a question Monday evening about whether she... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Are Pittsburgh city planners overestimating how many people drive to the Strip?**
Many visitors pack the sidewalks of Penn Avenue every weekend in the Strip District, and most people assume they arrive there by car. Pittsburgh city planners are proposing a plan to redesign Smallman Street to accommodate that alleged demand. But some Pittsburghers are wondering whether a... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Pa. State Rep Considers Changing Law Following CBS3 Investigation Into PennDOT's Data-Selling Program**
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Walk into the DMV, and the one thing a lot of us might worry about is how our pictures might look on our licenses. But Pennsylvania state Rep. Robert Matzie, D-16, of Beaver and Allegheny Counties, is now raising other concerns after watching an Eyewitness News... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Another Use for Drones: Investigating Car Wrecks**
When police investigators tried to figure out what caused a multi-vehicle crash that killed an elderly woman in Morton, Illinois, last month, they looked to the sky for help. Like a growing number of police agencies throughout the country, the sheriff's office in Tazewell County relied on a drone to quickly take... - [Stateline.org](#)



- 08-07-2018 **Study contends U.S. cities have built too much parking**
American cities have a huge oversupply of parking, according to a first-of-its-kind study of Philadelphia and four other metropolitan areas. Decades of "monumental investments" have resulted in supplies sharply at odds both with current needs and the likelihood of shrinking future demand,... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Where's the traffic?: Update on the summer road projects in central Pa.**
Road work seems to be everywhere you look (and drive). We're about halfway through the road construction seasons. Here's a look at projects underway in central Pennsylvania, and the chokepoints you might want to avoid. Some roads will need flood repairs As of Aug. 6, some area roads are still recovering from the flooding... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Train strikes car following domestic dispute**
What started as a domestic dispute ended in a train crash. Details are scarce right now about the incident that occurred in Plains Township near Wilkes-Barre this morning, but WNEP reports it started with the driver of a car and his girlfriend arguing. At one point, a shot was fired, and the car got stuck on the railroad... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Train derailment still slowing commutes in Steel City**
A freight train derailment on Sunday is still causing traffic headaches today. The train derailed Sunday afternoon in Pittsburgh's Station Square, where authorities are still involved in a cleanup that could take up to 72 hours, WTAE is reporting. The Norfolk Southern freight cars were transporting shipping containers... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-07-2018 **American Airlines to end nonstop flights from Pittsburgh to Boston in December**
American Airlines is ending its service to Boston in December, the latest cutback at Pittsburgh International Airport by the carrier that includes the former US Airways. At the same time, another European carrier — Aer Lingus — may be ready to take a chance on the Steel City.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-07-2018 **California Strikes Back Against the Trump Administration's Auto Pollution Rollback**
Last week, the Trump administration unveiled one of its most consequential environmental rollbacks yet, a plan to let cars pollute more while stripping California of its right to set its own air-quality rules. On Tuesday, California opened its counteroffensive, laying out in a report... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Around-the-clock work continues on Route 322 construction project**
Because of PennDOT's Potters Mills Gap Transportation Project, a one-mile stretch of Route 322 will be restricted to one lane in both directions through the first half of Penn State's football season. The good news is, a detour for westbound traffic could be lifted as early... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-07-2018 **Cleanup, T interruptions continue at South Side derailment site**
The Port Authority of Allegheny County suspended light rail passenger service Tuesday morning between Downtown and the South Hills junction station as crews removed debris from a Norfolk Southern freight train that derailed Sunday on Pittsburgh's South Side near Station Square.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 08-07-2018 **[Here's what happens when a train car's shipping container loses its lunch](#)**
While crews moved around shipping containers left over from Sunday's train derailment, one of them popped open Tuesday, its guts spilling onto the roadway below. Cool mint-flavored Listerine. Kibbles 'n Bits. Sweet chili-flavored PopCorners. Pampers Swaddlers. Snyder's of Hanover snacks.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2018 **[Stateline Daily: Another Use for Drones: Investigating Car Wrecks](#)**
(Press Release)
- 08-06-2018 **[Leg Reg Review #25 - 08/06/2018 Provided by Phillips Associates](#)**
(Press Release)
- 08-06-2018 **[New road cover to improve safety on Route 30, other crash-prone intersections](#)**
PennDOT plans to spend about \$1 million to help motorists in four Southwestern Pennsylvania counties stay under control as they stop and navigate selected roads — including Route 30, which agency data shows had more severe accidents than any other roadway in Westmoreland County... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-06-2018 **[Lanternfly a buzzkill for local winery](#)**
Barbara Christ has been vigilant on her property at State College's Happy Valley Vineyard & Winery. She is looking for a red-and-black spotted warning sign — a non-native insect that has found its way to Pennsylvania, destroying crops as it spreads. "The insect has adapted quite well to living here," she said.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-06-2018 **[Will busy Erie corridor ever be suitable for walkers, wheelchairs?](#)**
Erie Times-News reader asks about the accessibility of upper Peach Street. Kenneth Young of McKean relies on a scooter to get around. Before his health limited his mobility, Young, 72, said he learned to appreciate the challenges the disabled face in his professional life. Young... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-06-2018 **[Local police to take part in statewide aggressive driving enforcement](#)**
The Pennsylvania State Police, along with 62 municipal police departments from Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties and Philadelphia, will take part in the wave to target motorists exhibiting aggressive-driving behaviors including running red lights, failing to stop... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 08-06-2018 **[With citizens' voice, new Muncy boat launch a possibility](#)**
MUNCY —Residents of the Muncy area are being urged by Rep. Garth Everett, R-Muncy, to take a part in resolving the issue of the closure of the Muncy boat launch by writing to Gov. Tom Wolf to release funds for the project. According to Everett, the state Fish and Boat Commission said they would... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2018 **[Franklin bridge replacement scheduled](#)**
Construction on the Hickory Bridge Road bridge replacement project will begin on Monday, Aug. 13 Franklin Township Road Foreman Curt MacBeth said during Thursday's meeting. "Everyone's been notified and the signs are in place," he told supervisors. "All we need is some dry weather."... - [Gettysburg Times](#)



- 08-06-2018 **Gettysburg considering limits on reserving downtown parking spaces**
With the goal of preventing retail businesses from blocking downtown parking spaces, ordinance revisions are under consideration by Gettysburg borough officials. Outcomes could potentially include: banning the practice of placing barriers in spaces; increasing the price of “bagging” a meter for... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 08-06-2018 **After long-time flooding concerns, PennDOT planning drainage work in Windham Township**
WINDHAM TOWNSHIP — Calling it a win for his rural section of Bradford County, which was hard hit by flood waters last summer, Windham Township Supervisor Gale Bowen said the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is moving forward with work to expand some areas of drainage and shore up the... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Trump picks a science adviser — then ignores the facts on fuel efficiency**
LAST WEEK began with some uncharacteristic good news on the environment from the Trump administration. It ended with a depressing reminder that President Trump remains as determined as ever to undermine public health and humans’ natural habitat. After a disturbing and record-setting year-and-a-half-long vacancy, Mr.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Drone attacks are essentially terrorism by joystick**
Bernard Hudson is the former director of counterterrorism at the CIA and is a nonresident fellow at Harvard University’s Belfer Center. A failed assassination attempt against Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro on Saturday was mounted with explosive-armed drones, according to news... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Contractors claim Union Pacific is delaying bullet train project**
The most ambitious rail project of California’s future is increasingly dependent on the cooperation of the very railroad that shaped the state’s past — and there are signs their relationship is growing strained. Contractors building a 31-mile section of the high-speed rail project in... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Another Use for Drones: Investigating Car Wrecks**
When police investigators tried to figure out what caused a multi-vehicle crash that killed an elderly woman in Morton, Illinois, last month, they looked to the sky for help. Like a growing number of police agencies throughout the country, the sheriff’s office in Tazewell County relied on a drone to quickly take... - [Stateline.org](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Council looks at stiffer reviews for development near Howard’s scenic roads**
Councilwoman Jen Terrasa is co-sponsoring legislation that would require more reviews and public meetings for developments that have more than 99 units planned near any of the more than five dozen roads that are designated as scenic in Howard County. “It’s the basic problem of more traffic causing more safety... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Horse-and-buggy crashes: How many Lancaster County has and how to prevent them**
Lancaster County has the largest Amish population in the United States — a fact that brings lots of tourists, and also extra hazards on the roadway. From 2008 to 2017, state data show 189 crashes here involving horse and buggies that resulted in injuries, including four deaths — the most... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)



- 08-06-2018 **8 tips for driving safely in Amish country**
Here are eight tips to ensure everyone's safety while driving through Amish country: Slow down If you are approaching a horse and buggy, leave plenty of room to pass where it is safe and allow at least 20 feet in front of the horse before returning to the travel lane.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Freight train derailment complicates commute in Pittsburgh**
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Commuters in Pittsburgh who use its light rail system are feeling the after-effects of a freight train derailment... - [AP](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Commercial air service in Lancaster sets 5-year high**
Southern Airways said its July passenger count at Lancaster Airport was the highest monthly figure in five years. Southern, which came to Lancaster in March 2016 by acquiring Sun Air, said 1,045 people either got on or got off its planes here that month. With July's upturn, monthly passenger counts in Lancaster have risen... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Tired of sitting in traffic? A state rep wants Pa. to consider jumping onboard a hyperloop**
Has state Rep. Aaron Kaufer spent too much time during the Legislature's summer break reading sci-fi books or becoming infatuated with "Star Trek" episodes watching Captain Kirk say "beam me up, Scotty"? He says no. He prefers "Star Wars" to "Star Trek." Regardless, he does have... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Hempfield bridge over Sewickley Creek complete, reopened to traffic**
The Route 136 bridge spanning Sewickley Creek in Hempfield is complete and reopened to traffic, PennDOT officials announced on Monday. The new crossing, which reopened on Friday, Aug. 3, is longer and wider than the previous bridge, and has been designed with a projected 100-year... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Train derailment near Station Square impacts commuters**
Passengers using Port Authority Transit rail service will get a free ride Monday to expedite boarding and disembarking of passengers as a result of the disruption of service caused by the freight train derailment near Station Square on Pittsburgh's South Side, PAT said shortly before 9... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Mount Airy to build mini-casino in Beaver County**
A casino and resort in the Poconos announced Monday it will build a satellite, mini-casino near I-375 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Beaver County. Mount Airy Pittsburgh will be built on about 100 acres in Big Beaver, according to a news release from the casino.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Can a tight labor market tilt fortunes for workers with criminal records?**
Once he got out of juvenile detention, Carl Schmidt frequently heard employers promise to call him back when he sent out job applications he hoped would turn his life around. But after applying to roughly 50 jobs, Mr. Schmidt, 20, became accustomed to closed doors instead of interview offers. He had a rough idea why.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 08-06-2018 **Super-fine frack sand swirls in Stowe, and health concerns grow**
On an early morning bicycle ride in May, John Detwiller was pedaling across the McKees Rocks Bridge when he noticed white sand drifted into small piles against the bridge support beams and a haze hanging low over barges on the Ohio River. On a subsequent bike ride, along Island Avenue in Stowe after a July... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Commuters affected by train derailment start days with 'hectic' trips to work**
As crews assess the damage and clean up the wreckage that resulted from Sunday's train derailment, commuters starting their workweeks Monday found that getting to work was made slightly more challenging. Motorists and people traveling from the South Hills via public transit... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Beaver County site near PA Turnpike chosen for Mount Airy mini-casino**
Mount Airy Casino Resort will locate its Western Pennsylvania mini-casino just off a Pennsylvania Turnpike exit in northern Beaver County, its officials said Monday in announcing a project they expect will add a hotel and other amenities besides gambling. Officials of Mount Airy said they are preparing to complete the purchase of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Pa. government officials' salaries: Listing the highest paid**
74, 30, 74, 22, 74, 26, 90, 67, 59 People might think that the man at the top of the state government hierarchy would get the biggest paycheck. But, as far elected officials go, Gov. Tom Wolf doesn't have the highest salary, according to the state's PennWATCH.... - [York Daily](#)
- 08-06-2018 **'We came very close to having a tragedy:' Freight cars derail above Station Square T stop**
A westbound freight train traveling along the Norfolk Southern Railway main line near Station Square derailed Sunday afternoon, forcing Port Authority to suspend light-rail service at that station and close the Smithfield Street Bridge and the nearby section of Carson Street.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Pittsburgh freight train derailment complicates commute**
Commuters in Pittsburgh who use its light rail system are feeling the after-effects of a freight train derailment... - [AP](#)
- 08-06-2018 **Negotiations continue to move PennEast pipeline in Bethlehem Township**
Negotiations are continuing over moving a section of the PennEast pipeline slated to run about 200 feet from a Bethlehem Township housing complex. Residents of the Hope Ridge development off Hope Road have deep concerns because of the pipeline's proximity to dozens of the neighborhood's... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-06-2018 **First container removed from South Side train derailment**
It took contractors about seven hours Monday morning to remove the first container from atop a derailed freight train near Station Square on Pittsburgh's South Side. Workers used chains and straps to attach the container to a crane capable of lifting 450 tons and slowly set it down on the side of East Carson... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



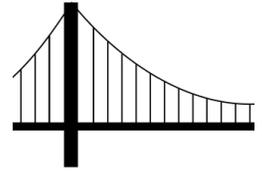
- 08-06-2018 **Mount Airy to build mini-casino in Beaver County**
It was called the biggest thing to happen in Big Beaver since 1992 when the Beaver Valley Expressway — now Interstate 376 — opened. That’s how the president of this tiny borough with a population just under 2,000 near the Beaver-Lawrence county line described Monday’s... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Commentary about Norfolk Southern plans was off base**
Regarding the July 29 Forum article “Pittsburgh: Think Twice About Allowing More Rail Traffic to Roll Through the City”: While the assumptions and logic behind this commentary by three Carnegie Mellon colleagues regarding rail emissions deserve a more detailed reply, I... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Brian O’Neill: The plain shame of our lame train service**
Millions of government dollars have been tossed lately to airlines to persuade them to fly across oceans to get to Pittsburgh, but the state can’t find the money to even study how to get another train from here to Harrisburg. Mind you, there already is one — just one — Amtrak train a day from... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Historic flight: first nonstop Shanghai to Pittsburgh flight arrives**
The flight is one of two that China Eastern will operate between Shanghai and Pittsburgh this month; the other will arrive next Saturday. Local officials hope the flights will lead to more in the years ahead — and eventually to regularly scheduled commercial trips.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-05-2018 **22 former Justice Thomas clerks have jobs thanks to Trump**
While the spotlight is on the two former clerks to Justice Anthony Kennedy whom President Donald Trump has nominated to the Supreme Court, the influence of the court’s most conservative justice, Clarence Thomas, is felt more widely throughout the Trump administration... - [AP](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Atlantic City-Philadelphia rail line to shut down in September**
NJ Transit plans to shut down the Atlantic City Rail Line in September through the end of the year, and possibly longer. The news, first reported by the Bergen Record after it obtained an internal email, was confirmed Friday in a news release from the transit agency.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-05-2018 **No driver’s license, no photo ID? Philadelphia will issue municipal ID cards starting next year**
A stage-3 breast cancer patient couldn’t get treatment and support services at her hospital, because she didn’t have identification. Another woman couldn’t go to her child’s parent-teacher conference, because the school wouldn’t let her in without a government-issued ID.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-05-2018 **A 64-year-old document is reigniting traffic concerns in Montgomery County**
Philip Seltzer has been dead for a decade. But the real estate developer has become an unlikely component in an ongoing debate over traffic congestion in a Montgomery County township. An agreement Seltzer signed in 1954 with Henry Lee Willet, then president of Upper Dublin Township’s board of commissioners, has become the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



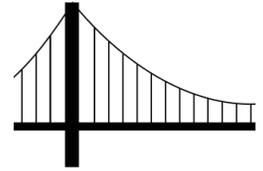
- 08-05-2018 **Charter flight from China makes historic first landing at Pittsburgh airport**
Pittsburgh International Airport welcomed its first nonstop flight from China on Friday. A China Eastern Airlines' Boeing 777-300ER flying in from Shanghai was greeted by a water cannon salute after it landed and taxied on the tarmac. Kids from a local martial arts group gave a demonstration as passengers... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Capitol Roundup: Parents urged to vaccinate children before new school year starts**
As Pennsylvania students prepare to head back to school this fall, the Wolf Administration urges parents and guardians to get their children vaccinated for protection against life-threatening diseases. "Now is the perfect time to get your children up-to-date on their... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-05-2018 **LCTA receives two new CNG buses**
The Luzerne County Transportation Authority on Friday welcomed its first two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses. CNG vehicles are cleaner burning and more fuel efficient than traditional diesel transit buses. LCTA officials said they will fuel the buses at a local CNG filling station... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Plaintiffs object to dismissal of McBride Viaduct lawsuit**
The dismissal request came from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the state's Public Utility Commission. Lawyers representing a group of local plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit that aims to halt demolition of the McBride Viaduct previously filed court... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Long-term bridge projects slated in Berks County**
Two secondary roads in southern Berks County will be closed for several months for bridge work, according to PennDOT. Red Corner Road will be closed between Sycamore and Hallman roads in Union Township to replace the bridge over a tributary to the Schuylkill River.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Population swells in 3 Chester, Montgomery county townships**
Trimming the rosebushes on a warm morning outside her two-story gray and white house with a spacious front porch reminded Karen Sullivan why she moved to the Weatherstone development in West Vincent Township, Chester County. Sullivan, 62, loves living within walking distance of the Henrietta Hankin... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Letter: State should focus on finishing road projects**
Editor: I would like to address the Pennsylvania Department of Starting Road Projects. It seems to be fully staffed and working around the clock. It seems to be producing road projects, orange barrels, barriers and detour signs and hiring green-suited people to cover the roads with these pests... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-05-2018 **CACLV takes on 'zombie' subdivision | Turkeys and Trophies**
Thomas Perez, a part-time employee for the Stewartsville Post Office, rescued a 64-year-old man who was pinned under a motorcycle in his garage in Asbury, Hunterdon County. Perez, an Easton resident, heard the cries of Jack Anderson, who had been trapped for a half-hour under the heavy bike,... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



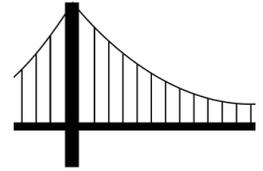
- 08-05-2018 **Flood warning: Waters rise after heavy rains throughout Lancaster County, sinkhole repaired on Route 283, Route 222 affected by flooding**
Another few inches of rain that began Friday night caused headaches throughout Lancaster County on Saturday — flooding roads and basements, closing highways including Route 222, causing a sinkhole along Route 283 and stranding motorists who tried to drive through the floodwaters.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Democratic candidate for governor Ben Jealous rides bus system in Baltimore, declares it 'broken'**
Democratic candidate for governor Ben Jealous boarded a Maryland Transit Administration bus Friday in downtown Baltimore to prove a point. Joined by City Councilman Brandon Scott and local union leaders, Jealous declared the state-run bus system that serves Baltimore to be... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-05-2018 **How Big a Deal Is Trump's Fuel Economy Rollback? For the Climate, Maybe the Biggest Yet**
President Trump's proposal this week to weaken fuel-efficiency standards for cars and light trucks could be his most consequential climate-policy rollback yet, increasing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by an amount greater than many midsize countries put out in a... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-05-2018 **Experts question logic of Trump administration's 'low gas mileage saves lives' claim**
The Trump administration claimed Thursday that in addition to lowering the price of vehicles, it can save 12,700 lives by weakening Obama-era emissions standards for cars and trucks. But that estimate relies on assumptions that have been questioned by experts in and out of the federal... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-03-2018 **Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for August 3, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 08-03-2018 **Study: Full build-out of Interstate 81's Exit 49 could ease traffic, boost development in Carlisle region**
To the wish list of improvements to the Interstate 81 corridor through Cumberland County now add: * A full build-out of the Exit 49 (High Street) interchange near Carlisle to provide all-direction access to the interstate. A task force led by Cumberland Area Economic Development Corp. is... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-03-2018 **It's out there: The search for the Malaysian plane cannot end**
If the recent rescue of 12 Thai soccer players and their coach from a flooded cave proved anything, it's that remarkable things can be accomplished when the best minds and equipment from around the world come together to tackle a problem. That same ingenuity, that same persistence, must be applied to solve the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-03-2018 **Philadelphia International Airport now offering a 'Quiet Room'**
For those who feel overwhelmed by traveling or may need a moment to themselves, the Philadelphia International Airport now offers a 315-square foot "Quiet Room" open 24 hours every day, the airport announced Thursday. The airport described the room as "a place of silence, which all... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



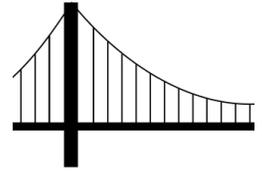
- 08-03-2018 **[Pennsylvania's no-bid computer contracts keep growing briskly](#)**
A fast-growing part of Pennsylvania's IT budget known as ITSA has a compelling feature: It enables state agencies to bring on outside computer firms as needed, without competitive bidding. Expand icon Advertisement of Gallery: The information technology program, which has grown fivefold in seven years... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-03-2018 **[Truth's low mpg](#)**
The Trump administration's commitment to fossil fuel industries is well-established, from contrived national security threats as the means to preserve obsolete coal-fired power plants to using foreign policy to dun Europeans into buying more American natural gas.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-03-2018 **[Search for fugitive wanted for alleged threats against Trump heads south](#)**
A search for a McAdoo man running from federal authorities veered into West Virginia on Thursday. Deputy Robert Clark, supervisor of the U.S. Marshals fugitive task force, said authorities are processing a school van found Thursday morning in Nitro, West Virginia, which is 460 miles from where it was stolen Sunday... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 08-03-2018 **[Amity supervisors approve emergency roadwork](#)**
The Amity Township supervisors have approved an emergency expenditure of \$40,000 to repair a sewer line at a busy intersection to save the road from caving in. David Wheeler, wastewater treatment plant superintendent, told the supervisors at their meeting Wednesday that a decades-old 110-foot stretch... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-03-2018 **[West Reading posts Reading Radsport parking restrictions](#)**
Traffic and parking restrictions in West Reading will go into effect Saturday morning as the borough prepares to host the Reading Radsport Festival. Signs announcing the street closures were posted Thursday. Officials announced the following: Crews will start street closings at 6 a.m.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-03-2018 **[Asphalt plant proposed for Ontelaunee Township](#)**
The Ontelaunee Township supervisors have learned that Allan Myers has plans to build an asphalt plant along Leesport Road. Allan Myers is a large mid-Atlantic region general contracting and construction materials company headquartered in Worcester, Montgomery... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-03-2018 **[Expediting land bank smart move](#)**
Units of government oftentimes bog down proposals by trying to stuff too much into one measure. A Mirror editorial on Sunday noted one such situation involving the Pennsylvania General Assembly, which has failed to pass a Senate bill authorizing speed cameras in active work zones, in part due to a proposed... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
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Lake Erie Cyclefest is collaborating this week with Erie's Blues & Jazz Festival. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie Richards led more than 200 bicyclists in Thursday's Lake Erie Cyclefest Slow Roll Ride through Erie. Cyclists gathered at Perry Square in downtown Erie and departed shortly... - [Erie Times-News](#)



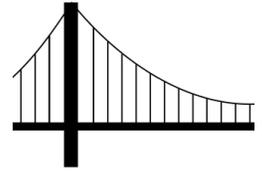
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Waiting in line can be torture for people. What torments some even more is when they watch others walk past them to the front of the line after paying for that privilege. The concept isn't new. It's perhaps best known at amusement parks, including Dorney Park, where you can buy a pass to bypass the regular line.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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Eleven acres of land on York Road will be split between an assisted living facility and a 28-unit, age-restricted townhome community. Warminster supervisors gave a thumbs-up to a plan to split an 11-acre section of land on York Road into an assisted living facility and an... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
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Drivers on Interstate 70 heading west between the south junction of Interstate 79 and the East Beau Street interchange can expect to see a change in the traffic pattern later this month. Work on a section of new concrete on a westbound lane is almost complete,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
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INDUSTRY — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will spend \$1.09 million to install a temporary repair to the “severely cracked and unstable” middle-lock wall at the Montgomery Locks and Dam, the agency announced Thursday. Previous estimations stated that the middle wall, which separates the... - [Beaver County Times](#)
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LOWER SALFORD >> With a standing-room-only crowd of about 250 on hand — most of whom were township residents opposing the plan — a hearing on a request to rezone two tracts of land to allow more homes to be built on the properties began at the Aug. 1 Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
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WEST CHESTER>>Complaints from outdoor diners on Gay Street led to a lively discussion among committee members and the police chief at the July meeting of the Public Safety, Events and Quality of Life committee meeting. Committee member Bernie Flynn said that noise generated by motorcycles and... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
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The Garner Street parking lot will soon cease to be a parking lot. When construction begins -- potentially this month -- on a new 12-story, mixed-used development at the site, its 108 parking spaces will no longer be an option for drivers in downtown State College.... - [State College News](#)
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A hospital conference room is an unlikely place to assess a budding transportation revolution, but a team of San Francisco trauma specialists and researchers who gathered there sees its work as essential to ensuring the safety of residents in a city of high-tech guinea pigs.... - [New York Times](#)



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The Trump administration's decision to try to weaken President Barack Obama's landmark 2012 agreement to increase fuel efficiency and decrease global warming emissions from automobiles is dismaying on so many levels that it is hard to know where to begin. The proposal from the current administration would freeze the average fuel... - [New York Times](#)
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To justify rolling back auto gas mileage and emissions rules, the Trump administration has fabricated a false conflict between safety and improved fuel economy. The administration is wrong. Americans must have both, and can. Encouraged by automakers to roll back President Barack Obama's stringent... - [New York Times](#)
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WASHINGTON . Can we improve fuel economy without sacrificing vehicle safety ? That's one contentious issue at the center of the debate over federal fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks. The Obama administration concluded the answer was yes and issued strict... - [New York Times](#)
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WASHINGTON . The Trump administration on Thursday put forth its long-awaited proposal to freeze antipollution and fuel-efficiency standards for cars, significantly weakening one of President Barack Obama's signature policies to combat global warming. The proposed new rules would also challenge the right of states, California... - [New York Times](#)
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Saying Ohio's economic competitiveness and residents' livelihoods are at stake, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray says he would ask Ohio voters to approve a \$1.8 billion-plus bond package to upgrade the state's crumbling infrastructure. If the Republican-controlled General Assembly refuses to place the measure... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
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The Democratic leader in the West Virginia House of Delegates wants to know if the Justice administration deliberately underestimated project costs to promote the "Roads to Prosperity" bond referendum last October. "It's certainly an issue worth exploring, and it's an issue to... - [Charleston Gazette-Mail](#)
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The most eye-popping moment in Tesla's earnings call with analysts Wednesday was not when Chief Executive Elon Musk apologized to the analysts he dissed on a previous call in May. It was not the fact that Tesla posted a \$717-million loss for the quarter, or cut down on its cash burn.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
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LOWER MERION >> The City Avenue Special Services District announced completion of a re-design of Presidential Boulevard. The project, in partnership with Lower Merion Township, includes a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk, allowing pedestrians on the east side of... - [Main Line Times](#)



- 08-03-2018 **Public meeting set to introduce plans for pedestrian bridge**
Years in the dreaming and designing, the plans to construct a pedestrian bridge as a link among the rail trails that converge in southern Indiana County are about to be introduced to the public. Area recreation officials told the Indiana County board of commissioners on... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 08-03-2018 **Airport Authority members review audit**
Members of the Titusville Airport Authority met with an auditor from the firm Felix and Gloekler to review rough draft forms of the airport's 2014, 2015 and 2016 audits. According to Authority President Don Frazier, the audits did not have any glaring errors in the finances, but he is waiting for the final version to... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 08-03-2018 **Norfolk Southern Train Derails Near Benjamin Franklin Parkway**
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) – Crews are working to restore train service after a Norfolk Southern train derailed near the Benjamin Franklin Parkway on Friday morning. Norfolk Southern says a single rail car derailed on the CSX tracks south of the parkway, near Race and Bonsall Street, around 8:15 a.m.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-03-2018 **Kennywood's Thomas train ride closed after 2nd derailment**
Kennywood's new Thomas the Tank Engine-themed train ride derailed for the second time in three days this week, according to a park spokesman. The ride has only been open for about a week. It was part of an \$8.5 million expansion at the West Mifflin park. Spokesman Nick Paradise said crews are working to correct the problem.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-03-2018 **TRAFFIC: Major water main break closes Brownsville Rd. in South Park; weekend Route 28 lane closures set**
A large water main break has shut down a portion of Brownsville Road in South Park Township Friday. Brownsville is closed . except for local traffic . between Piney Fork Road and Parkford Drive, Allegheny County officials said. The break damaged the roadway The break involves roadway damage of about 80 yards in length. The Water... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-03-2018 **High-tech McDonald.s, two more chains coming soon to Whitehall's MacArthur Road**
MacArthur Road in Whitehall Township is a constantly-evolving shopper.s paradise. Home to the Lehigh Valley Mall and several other shopping centers, the retailer-rich strip is changing yet again as a McDonald.s prepares to move into upgraded digs and two more chains . AutoZone and Mavis Discount Tire - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-03-2018 **Trump.s Inaccurate Claims About Highways, Immigration and Beyoncé From a Pennsylvania Rally**
President Trump said his campaign rallies drew larger crowds than concerts for Beyoncé, Jay-Z and Bruce Springsteen. That was one of 15 inaccurate claims he made. what was said .Highways would take 21 years to get approved. We have it down to two years, and it.s going to be one year very shortly..... - [New York Times](#)



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