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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.

At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018 the House met briefly in non-voting session and now stands adjourned until Monday, September 24, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

September 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

OFFICIALS OUTLINE PREPARATIONS FOR EXTREME WEATHER IN PENNSYLVANIA

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | September 19, 2018

As part of National Preparedness Month, officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the state Insurance Department briefed reporters on how the Wolf Administration is analyzing and preparing for extreme weather in the commonwealth and provided information available to Pennsylvanians.

Jim Ritzman, PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning, commented, "With recent and ongoing events, extreme weather, especially flooding, is on a lot of peoples' minds." He added, "That is why we are here today." Ritzman told reporters, "We would like to outline what the Commonwealth has done and is doing with regard to extreme weather and to offer resources to Pennsylvanians." He reported that PennDOT has initiated a multiphase effort aimed at better anticipating the consequences and impacts of extreme weather events and to develop strategies to improve transportation system resilience.

Ritzman explained the department's *Extreme Weather Vulnerability Study* which analyzed past department flooding-related data, traffic volumes, federal and national weather and flooding resources and identified roadways susceptible to flooding based on that data. According to Ritzman, the study also projected potential future flooding vulnerabilities in Allegheny, Delaware and Lycoming Counties. He reported that the study was shared with planning partners, PEMA, federal highway officials, and department staff for reference in maintenance and project work, and to complement the data PennDOT already uses in planning future projects. Ritzman said the next phase of the study will identify potential mitigation strategies to use on projects in Allegheny and Delaware counties. He noted the next phase was made possible with state and federal matching funds and the study may be found at www.penndot.gov.

George McAuley, PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration, observed, "I am sure it is obvious to all of you that 2018 has brought record breaking rain to much of Pennsylvania." He continued, "Many roads and bridges have been damaged, several have been closed for extended periods of time and at one time we had about 100 bridges closed due to flooding." According to McCauley, "Our design manuals, our processes, and our computer programs are based on historic information and include safety factors."

Data from PennDOT indicates, as of September 13 of this year, an estimated \$105.5 million in flood and significant slide damage to state-maintained roads and bridges in 2018 alone. According to the department, this is roughly equal to the cost to resurface 105 miles of two-lane interstate and the highest cost in any single year in the past ten years. The department also reported that from April 2011 through early September 2018, there has been roughly \$212 million in flooding-event and significant slide damage to state-maintained roads and bridges.

PEMA Director Rick Flinn stated, "We've seen unprecedented rainfall totals this year, and many times we've seen flooding in areas that haven't seen it before." He said. "It just underscores the need for each of us to make sure that we as individuals are as ready as we can be and to help our neighbors and others in our community to be prepared as well."



Flinn provided an overview of the Commonwealth's [ReadyPA](#) program. He explained that the program encourages people to “be informed, be prepared, and be involved.”

State Insurance Commissioner Jessica Altman reminded consumers that homeowners, business and renters' insurance typically does not cover damage from flooding and so a separate flood insurance policy is usually required. She explained that homeowners living in what are called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) with federal government-backed mortgages and most other mortgages are required by their lenders to have flood insurance coverage. Altman encouraged people living outside of the SFHAs to also consider this type of insurance because flooding in the commonwealth occurs outside of these areas.

Altman told reporters, ““The good news is, because of changes in the federal government-run National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), private insurance is now selling both business and residential flood coverage,” She said. “In many cases, we have found comparable private insurance to be much more affordable than NFIP plans.” Altman noted her department created a one-stop flood insurance webpage which is available at www.insurance.pa.gov and includes information about NFIP and private insurance as well as a list of producers and insurers selling private coverage. She asserted, “I urge homeowners, renters, and business owners to visit this page and shop around to find their best deal for flood coverage, and protect their investments.”

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Committee News

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Bullet.in.Points

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Cosponsor Memos

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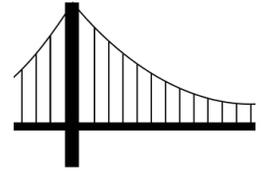
Bill Actions

[HR 1057](#) [Kaufer, Aaron\(R\)](#)

(PN 4018) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study for the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a stop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania. (Prior Printer Number: 3997)

Bill History:

09-14-18 H Filed
09-17-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
09-24-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Transportation -- House Transportation
09-20-18 H Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 4018
09-24-18 H Meeting set for 12:00 p.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Transportation -- House Transportation



SB 1254 Gordner, John(R)

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

Bill History:

09-17-18 S Filed
09-17-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Upcoming Events

Press Conference

September 22, 2018 - 12:15 p.m., Soldier's and Sailors Grove, Commonwealth Avenue (behind Capitol), Harrisburg
18th Annual Ride to Gettysburg. Contact Liane Leshe, 717-787-7895, lleshne@pahouse.net

House Commerce

September 24, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., Room 60, East Wing
To consider: [HB 2638](#) Stephens, Todd Amends Transit Revit. Investment District Act

House Transportation

September 24, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building
To consider: [HB 976](#) Masser, Kurt Amends Title 75 re jeep door removal [HB 2433](#) Saccone, Rick Act re John Emerick Memorial Bridge [HB 2486](#) Everett, Garth Amends Titles 27 & 75 re Keystone Tree Fund [HB 2547](#) Marsico, Ron Amends Title 75 re post-accident testing [HB 2615](#) Owlett, Clint (F Act re Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge [HR 1057](#) Kaufer, Aaron Resolution re LBFC study on hyperloop system [SB 888](#) Rafferty, John Amends Title 75 re disabled parking laws [SB 945](#) Brooks, Michele Amends Title 75 re Vet. Trust Fund donation

Senate Judiciary

September 24, 2018 - Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room
To consider: [HB 1152](#) Boback, Karen Amends Title 42 re Hot Car Immunity

Press Conference

September 24, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., Harrisburg Hilton, 1 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg
PA Press Club Luncheon with Guest Speaker Governor Tom Wolf. RSVP to info@papressclub.org; \$30/person; \$300/table of 10

Press Conference

September 25, 2018 - 2:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg
Rally for Legislation Around Loaded Guns in Cars (unconfirmed)

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

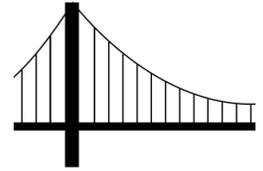
September 27, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 28, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Turnpike Commission

October 2, 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



Press Conference

October 2, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., East Wing Rotunda, Capitol, Harrisburg
Hazardous Nuclear Waste Transportation Update for PA (unconfirmed)

PA Public Utility Commission

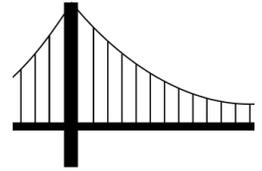
October 4, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA State Transportation Advisory Committee

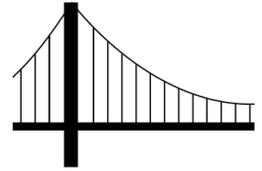
October 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

In the News

- 09-20-2018 **[Senate Republican Policy Committee Public Roundtable Agenda for Sept. 21, 2018](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-20-2018 **[Gov. Wolf Announces Broadband Expansion to Over 9,200 Rural Homes & Businesses](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-20-2018 **[PennDOT, PSP Highlight National Child Passenger Safety Week, Urge Seat Checks](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-20-2018 **[Court tosses out Pa. ban on political donations from casino interests](#)**
A federal court has overturned the state's ban on political contributions from people involved in the gaming industry, ruling that the law aimed at curbing the influence of casino interests was too broad. The suit was brought by Pasquale "Pat" Deon Sr., a Bucks County businessman... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 09-20-2018 **[Man jumps from Rankin Bridge](#)**
Police are searching for the body of a man who apparently stopped his car and jumped off of the Rankin Bridge Tuesday afternoon. Rankin Police were dispatched to the bridge just before 1 p.m. in response to 911 calls from multiple witnesses who saw an African-American man jump... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 09-20-2018 **[Wertzville Road traffic woes: Widen it? Or add stoplights, reduce speed limit so people avoid it?](#)**
Wertzville Road in the area of the Interstate 81 interchange in Hampden Township seems near its bursting point. At peak times, area residents have trouble pulling out of their housing developments. Traffic exiting I-81 has backed up onto the highway. People sometimes have to wait through through multiple cycles of the traffic... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 09-20-2018 **[Reading's outgoing managing director warns of the city's worsening reputation](#)**
Former Reading Managing Director W. Glenn Steckman III at a press conference Wednesday described a city in chaos, where facts are made up and people get fired for petty reasons. On top of that, Steckman said, the city is being run by a mayor who can't remember in the afternoon important information he was told that morning.... - *Reading Eagle*



- 09-20-2018 **City, county get 56 applications for EMTA board seats**
Erie Mayor Joe Schember and Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper will review the applications before suggesting new appointees. The city of Erie and Erie County government received 56 applications from people who want to serve on the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Johnstown police officer suspended, accused of sexual relationship with informant**
A Johnstown patrolman previously assigned as a drug detective had a sexual relationship with a confidential informant and lied to department leaders and prosecutors to protect the relationship and keep the woman out of trouble, state investigators said. Daniel Fisher Jr., 44, of Johnstown, started a relationship with the woman... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Target DUI repeaters**
Like most states, Pennsylvania has toughened its drunken-driving laws over the years. And, like most states, it has taken a broad view, reducing the impermissible blood alcohol level for a driver from .10 to 0.08 while engaging in broad-based enforcement such as DUI roadblocks.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Scranton School Board to review law, policies for handling employees named in grand jury presentment**
The Scranton School Board plans to review state law and district policies to determine how to handle employees mentioned in a grand jury presentment. A day after the grand jury found former fleet manager Daniel Sansky routinely overbilled the school district and charged the district for work... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Option for troubled I-83/Mount Rose project: Close overpass**
One of the largest contractors in the country has assumed oversight of the troubled Mount Rose Avenue/Interstate 83 interchange reconstruction and is proposing a drastic measure to get the project back on track: Completely close the heavily traveled overpass in central York County.... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 09-20-2018 **EDITORIAL: Now is the time to register to vote**
Tick tock. Time is running out. Pennsylvanians have until Oct. 9 to register to vote in the Nov. 6 election. It's never been easier to register to vote in Pennsylvania, although other states make it even more simple. You can go to [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov](#) to register online. Or you can go... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Parent company stepping in 'a good sign'**
As crews continue to work on the Interstate 83/Mount Rose Avenue interchange, which remains behind schedule, the parent company of the contractor has stepped in and is working with the state Department of Transportation to get the project done. Tutor Perini, the parent company of Cherry Hill Construction Inc. of... - [York Daily](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Parents ask Hazleton Area School Board for more school buses**
HAZLE TWP. — Before asking for more school buses, Brendalis Lopez described one student whom she saw walking to Heights-Terrace Elementary/ Middle School in Tuesday morning's rainstorm. "The umbrella was taking him," Lopez told the Hazleton Area School Board on Tuesday evening.... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)



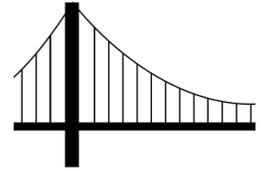
- 09-20-2018 **Massive Limerick project nearly hits speed bump over traffic light vote**
LIMERICK — The proposal to build a 450-unit combination development of senior housing, townhouses and a retail strip on 30 acres at the intersection of Ridge and Swamp pikes nearly hit a speed bump Tuesday night. With Supervisor Thomas Neafcy absent, a looming 2-2 vote threatened to put... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 09-20-2018 **End of a Car-Selling Era as AutoNation's Chief Steps Down**
For decades, car dealerships were mostly family-owned local businesses with little hope of pushing back against manufacturers. In his nearly two decades as the chief executive and chairman of AutoNation, Mike Jackson is credited with changing that — and showing... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Much damage from truck spillage**
Metal shavings that spilled out of a truck and onto area roadways last week has caused tire damages to more than 100 vehicles. On Monday, Sept. 10, a scrap metal truck that was enroute from Warren to New Castle began losing small bits of scrap metal out of its truck bed.... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 09-20-2018 **No date yet for final permit for Bradford Twp. brine facility**
A draft industrial pretreatment permit has been issued to Advanced Water Services LLC for the proposed wastewater disposal facility in Bradford Township, but no decision has been made yet as to the possible date for a final permit. That's the word from Rick Brocius, executive director of the Bradford... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 09-20-2018 **'Nastiest I've Ever Seen It': Residents Along Cape Fear River Brace for Record Floods**
WILMINGTON, N.C. — J. Michael Hutson stood with his neighbors at the edge of the Northeast Cape Fear River on Tuesday morning, watching as its menacing brown waters advanced on their homes. "This is the nastiest I've ever seen it," Mr. Hutson, 66, said of the tributary of the famed 202-mile river, the biggest in North... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Eucharistic Procession will alter city traffic Saturday morning**
Members of three Lancaster city Catholic churches will march in a Eucharistic procession through city streets Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of St. Padre Pio's final Mass. The two-hour procession will begin at 9 a.m. from St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph St., and proceed to Historic St. Mary's Catholic... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-20-2018 **One in five Americans plan to buy an electric vehicle: AAA**
HARRISBURG - Rashmi Shah pulled up to the Tesla charging station at the Union Station Shopping Center to recharge his new car. He bought the Tesla Model 3 in June. "I love it," Shah said. "I bought it mainly because I want to be good to the environment. I also save on gas, and it's a really smooth ride. It's... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Philly to consider new class of officer to fight Center City gridlock**
A new class of traffic enforcement officer is expected to be proposed Thursday in City Council to tackle gridlock afflicting Center City. The officers would not carry firearms or have the power to arrest people, said Council President Darrell L. Clarke, but would be able to assist in... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 09-20-2018 **'Mindhunter' filming Friday, Saturday in Wilkinsburg, but not everyone is happy**
Several Wilkinsburg streets will be closed Friday and Saturday for the filming of the Netflix series Mindhunter. Street closures will start early Friday morning and run through Saturday. Several borough parking lots will also be closed to the public. Borough manager Donn Henderson said the series is expected to film a scene... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Port Authority committee recommends 48 display terminals to improve service**
Port Authority committee recommends 48 display terminals to improve service Port Authority expects to make it easier for riders find their way around the area using the transit system beginning next summer. A committee Thursday recommended a \$981,250 contract with CHK America to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Young girl injured in crash sues city over police chase**
PITTSBURGH (AP) — A young girl seriously injured after a high-speed chase with police ended in a head-on collision is suing the city of Pittsburgh and the Port Authority Transit of Allegheny County... - [AP](#)
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- 09-20-2018 **Wagner wants to examine airport authority votes, records**
Allegheny County Controller Chelsa Wagner intends to examine the actions and votes of airport authority board members in the wake of disclosures that two of them invested in OneJet. In a statement Thursday, Ms. Wagner said she is requesting authority board and committee meeting minutes, financial disclosure forms of members and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-20-2018 **Inbound Parkway East work scheduled this weekend**
The inbound Parkway East will be reduced to one lane from Edgewood-Swissvale to Second Avenue from 9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday for repaving and other work. The work, which also will include bridge dam replacement, also will close these ramps according to the following schedule:... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Senate Committee holds hearing on Flooding & Landslides**
(Press Release)
- 09-19-2018 **Southeastern PA Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Board Agenda for Sept. 27, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 09-19-2018 **Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) & PATCO September 20, 2018 Meeting Agenda**
(Press Release)
- 09-19-2018 **Wolf Administration Discusses Trends and Preparations for Extreme Weather...**
(Press Release)
- 09-19-2018 **KTFC Update Vol. 7 Issue 6**
(Press Release)



- 09-19-2018 **Pennsylvania Earns Third National Award for State Government Innovation**
(Press Release)
- 09-19-2018 **Officials Outline Preparations for Extreme Weather in Pennsylvania**
(Around the Capital)
- 09-19-2018 **A fight over SEPTA's natural gas generator continues, even as construction nears its end**
SEPTA's natural gas power generator in Nicetown is nearly finished. Construction of the \$26.8 million facility is 80 percent complete, SEPTA officials said, and the generator, being built on the same property as the Midvale Bus Depot near the Roosevelt Expressway and West Hunting Park... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Attorney General files felony counts against ex-fleet boss for Scranton schools**
HARRISBURG — Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced first-degree felony charges Tuesday against the former fleet manager for the Scranton School District in connection with an alleged scheme that involved overbilling the district for work performed, billing for work done on the... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority believes Sterling lot is unfair competition**
WILKES-BARRE — When Tom Torbik looks at the dirt parking lot on the site of the former Hotel Sterling, he doesn't see a level playing field for the Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority. Torbik, executive director of the authority, blasted what he called an "illegal" operation permitted by the city that's taking away... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Road closures due to sewer project negatively impacting businesses in W-B**
WILKES-BARRE — Football season is usually the busiest time of year for Patte's Sports Bar, but not this year. Since sewer work has closed a busy stretch of North River Street between Maple Street and Courtright Avenue for the last five weeks, owner Pat Patte... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-19-2018 **AG: Former Scranton School District fleet manager overbilled taxpayers, made up invoices**
As fleet manager for the Scranton School District, Daniel Sansky routinely overbilled taxpayers and charged the district for work on the personal vehicles of at least a dozen employees or their family members, a statewide grand jury found. The grand jury charged Daniel Sansky, 67, of Cortez Road, Jefferson Twp.,... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Old-school corruption**
Even within the context of a town accustomed to public corruption, the latest case involving the Scranton School District is particularly filthy because it is so unabashedly brazen. Following a five-month investigation through a statewide grand jury, Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced multiple felony charges Tuesday... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-19-2018 **New airline and new jets to soar at Johnstown airport**
New jets, a new airline and a new travel destination have Johnstown airport leaders looking up for the future. An advance team from Boutique Air is expected in Johnstown next week to prepare for the San Francisco-based airline to take over commuter service Nov. 1, airline committee chairman Mike Parrish said during Tuesday's... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)



- 09-19-2018 **Not every old structure is historic**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation received 10 comments about the environmental impact on the still evolving path of the southern section of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway. During the public review of the plan, one individual noted electric transmission towers along the alternate... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Disputed decision to declare road public is legal, Northumberland County commissioners say**
SUNBURY — A Coal Township road can be declared public because it was written into an agreement that was approved at a public meeting in May, according to Northumberland County Commissioners Rick Shoch and Sam Schiccatano. The two majority commissioners, in a public statement on Tuesday, responded... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Carlisle water main replacement project on Carlisle Springs Road begins Oct. 1**
A water main replacement project is scheduled to begin Oct. 1 in Carlisle. About 2,000 feet of water main on Carlisle Springs Road between E Street and the railroad tracks will be replaced, according to a post on the borough's Facebook page. The post indicates that the road will not be closed during the work.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Mount Holly awards \$27,375 bid to design intersection safety improvements**
A York County firm has been hired to design safety improvements for two key intersections along North Baltimore Avenue in Mount Holly Springs. The borough council last week awarded a \$27,375 bid to C.S. Davidson Inc., to design crosswalks, handicapped ramps and other improvements for the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Coventry Woods development moves ahead in Springfield**
SPRINGFIELD — Commissioners approved a conditional use and land development application for the Estates at Coventry Woods on State Road. The long range plan by National Realty Corporation (NRC) has created interest for much more than the three-story medical office building, which... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Borough Council Approves Overnight Parking Changes**
State College Borough Council on Monday approved long-debated changes to overnight parking that include a permit system pilot project for the Highlands neighborhood on Penn State football weekends and during other special events. Council previously approved changes to overnight parking restrictions, but... - [State College News](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Environment a concern at final town hall**
Issues tied to the environment were foremost on the minds of several residents attending a town hall meeting in Eldred Township Tuesday night. Property taxes and the state budget also were discussed during the last of five such events hosted by state Rep. Garth Everett, R-Muncy, in recent... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-19-2018 **What happened moments before fiery wreck that killed 3? New details emerge**
Drivers of two Ford Mustangs traveling southbound on a four-lane road in Monroe County both lost control of their vehicles and one swerved into the road's northbound lanes, causing a head-on collision with a Subaru Forrester in a Sunday night wreck that killed three.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



- 09-19-2018 **Lawrence Township: Residents oppose proposed drug treatment facility**
Residents packed the Lawrence Township Supervisors meeting last night to voice their opposition to a new drug treatment facility being proposed at the former Wise Gas building in Hyde. Accessible Recovery Services CEO Brett McGinnis was at the meeting to answer questions from residents and found that many in attendance were... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-19-2018 **PennDOT, Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Project Offer Child Passenger Seat Checks**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Project will offer free child passenger safety seat checks Wednesday, Sept. 26, as part of Child Passenger Safety Week. The event will be held at the PennDOT District Office located at 70 PennDOT... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Additional banner placement need PennDOT's okay**
The City of Warren has – subject to PennDOT permission – agreed to the installation of a new street pole banner location during Monday's meeting. City Manager Nancy Freenock said that council was contacted by the Warren Players, who said they have had difficulty reserving more than one of the... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Local police officer killed in car crash**
Residents and emergency responders lined sidewalks throughout downtown St. Marys to honor the life of the late Officer Patrick Charles Straub, 33, of Kersey, who was killed in a two-vehicle crash Monday evening. On Tuesday evening, a procession weaved through St. Marys along state Route... - [Saint Marys Daily Press](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Two killed in SR219 accident, including DuBois City Police officer**
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP — Two men, including a DuBois City Police Department officer, were killed in a two-vehicle motor vehicle accident that took place at 7:10 p.m. on Monday on State Route 219 in Washington Township, according to a report issued by the DuBois-based Pennsylvania... - [Punxsutawney Spirit](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Blue Ridge Village gets green light to proceed at former golf course**
These days the site of a former Lower Paxton Township country club is planted with soy beans instead of golf course grasses, but early next year a housing community designed for the age 55+ crowd will begin to take shape. Lower Paxton-based Triple Crown Corporation on Tuesday night received... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-19-2018 **BMW, Daimler and Volkswagen Face Collusion Investigation in Europe**
Germany's biggest carmakers were already facing public criticism after an emissions cheating scandal at Volkswagen. Now, they are under formal investigation. The European Commission opened an inquiry on Tuesday into possible collusion among BMW, Daimler and Volkswagen to prevent the development of... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Parent questions safety of crowded Parkland bus**
The parent of a Parkland ninth-grader says in the first days of school her son's bus was so crowded there were three or four kids on some seats. Laurie Lebo of Upper Macungie told the school board Tuesday that the overcrowding was a safety concern because with that many high school... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



- 09-19-2018 **Passenger rail project between Southern California and Las Vegas has a new backer**
A longstanding plan to build a passenger rail system between Southern California and Las Vegas has a new financial backer, a company operating a privately funded rail project in Florida. Miami-based Brightline, whose rail service will connect Miami to Orlando by... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 09-19-2018 **More 'Gridlock Alert Days': Don't Even Think of Driving in Manhattan**
There are bad traffic days in New York City — many of them. And then there are gridlock alert days. These are the worst-of-the-worst days, when pedestrians outpace cars, streets morph into parking lots and road rage flares at every turn. But in another sign that the city is getting more crowded, the annual... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-19-2018 **Crowded school buses in Lehigh Valley: Federal rules offer little guidance**
Parents in Bethlehem Area, Northwestern Lehigh and Parkland are among those who've spoken up this school year about what they say are overcrowded buses. But federal regulations aren't much of an ally for parents looking to make a case for districts to reduce the number of students on a given ride.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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The parent of a Parkland ninth-grader says in the first days of school her son's bus was so crowded there were three or four kids on some seats. Laurie Lebo of Upper Macungie told the school board Tuesday that the overcrowding was a safety concern because with that many high school... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Dallas roundabout down to single lane**
DALLAS — Traffic through an ongoing roundabout construction in Dallas was down to a single lane Monday, and could remain that way all week as long as heavy rains stay away. The single-lane pattern will let contractors work continuously for a week. The pattern will slow traffic. Motorists are urged to find another route.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-18-2018 **PennDOT launches pilot program**
HARRISBURG — An area project is included as part of the Small Business Set Aside pilot program. PennDOT is aiming to increase opportunities for Small Business Enterprises through the new pilot program where SBEs can compete to work as prime consultants on federally-assisted engineering and design agreements on at... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-18-2018 **York Bike Night 2018: Motorcycle event returns**
Although motorcycle enthusiasts, HOG owners and everyday bikers are expected to begin showing up days before, York Bike Night is back, and this time it's on Saturday. The switch came, according to organizers, after years of feedback from people who wanted to attend the event and the Harley-Davidson open house... - [York Daily](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Railcar donation will highlight history of coal at SU**
The Franklin County Commissioners passed a resolution recently to authorize the donation of a B&O Railroad hopper car to the Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails Council (CVRTC). The railroad car, currently located in the parking lot at Hood and King streets, will be relocated near to the steam... - [Shippensburg News-Chronicle](#)



- 09-18-2018 **Chester County Highway dedicated in memory of fallen Trooper Iwaniec**
AVONDALE – A memorial was unveiled Monday in honor of fallen Trooper Kenton Iwaniec, who “lived to serve and protect our community.” A portion of Pennsylvania Route 41 (Gap Newport Pike), between state Route 926 (Street Road) and U.S. Route 1, in London Grove and Londonderry... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Pottstown CARES cleanup set for Saturday**
POTTSTOWN — This year’s Pottstown CARES fall cleanup will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Also, several other CARES and Hobart’s Run-related projects are in the works, including an Historic Edgewood Cemetery community-wide cleanup and volunteer engagement event on Saturday, Oct. 20 (see more below).... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Recycler pleads to fewer citations, lesser fine**
The owner of the Ben Weitsman metal recycling plant on Moravia Street in New Castle said he ... A New York-based metal recycler has pleaded guilty to 17 out of 325 citations against him for allegedly not sending titles of flattened vehicles to the state. Attorney Matthew T. Mangino, representing the Ben Weitsman company on... - [New Castle News](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Letter: Vote Out Those Who Support Anti-Driving Bills**
In an election year, the Pennsylvania General Assembly will foolishly try to enact multiple anti-driving bills soon. If this occurs, vote them out. These bills are supported by lobbyists, special-interest groups, and others inside the revenue stream. The worst is speed cameras (SB 172). An Ohio judge called these devices... - [State College News](#)
- 09-18-2018 **College officials happy with Gateway project moving forward**
A year from now, Lycoming College and the city of Williamsport can expect to put the final touches on a project expected to better connect the school with the community. Most recently, it was announced that 80 percent of the funding for the \$25 million East Third Street/Old City Gateway Revitalization project has been... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Jim Thorpe reviews Carbon office building plans**
Carbon County has cleared another early hurdle on the way to constructing a new office building in downtown Jim Thorpe. Jim Thorpe Borough Council on Thursday night granted preliminary conditional approval for the county’s land development plan. The project includes demolishing the former archives building and... - [Lehigh Times News](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Land plans are topic for board**
HAZLETON — Another developer is interested in constructing a big speculative building in Humboldt Industrial Park along Interstate 81. Joe Lettiere, vice president of CAN DO Inc., told the economic development organization’s board of directors Tuesday that the developer’s... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 09-18-2018 **When Being Separated From Your Luggage Is a Good Thing**
The days of dragging suitcases to and through the airport may be numbered. Consider the experience of Manolo Almagro, a managing partner at Q Division, a retail technology consultancy based in Austin, on a flight last fall from London to Copenhagen. Mr. Almagro made a reservation a day before his flight with AirPortr, a... - [New York Times](#)



- 09-18-2018 **Brock Long's Woes Mount as House G.O.P. Launches Travel Inquiry**
WASHINGTON — House Republicans will investigate reports that Brock Long, the administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, repeatedly misused government vehicles to commute from Washington to North Carolina, where his family resides. Representative Trey Gowdy, Republican of South Carolina and the chairman of... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-18-2018 **To lease or not to lease?**
A downtown developer asking for parking space on city property drew discussion at Monday's meeting of Warren City Council. HIY, Inc., whose president is Ruzhdi Bakalli, petitioned the city for parking on a city-owned gravel parcel at the base of Liberty Street in... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Business leaders warn that the Washington region's inadequate bus system is stifling growth**
A group of chief executives from the greater Washington region has identified deficiencies in the area's bus service that it says are holding back growth. The region's bus network possesses valuable assets, including more than 3,800 buses and a growing system of limited-stop service and bus rapid... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Search-and-rescue, FedEx, Uber and pet whisperer: Coast Guard works to evacuate North Carolina town**
LUMBERTON, N.C. — It's the mailboxes you really have to watch for when you are boating through suburbia. Many were just under the surface of the opaque brown water as the Coast Guard motored through Mayfair, a comfortable neighborhood far from the ocean but too close to the Lumber River.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Florence: Storm keeps pounding Carolinas with rainfall, flooding rivers**
Florence, the once-powerful hurricane that swept across the Carolinas in recent days, has prompted a widespread emergency across all of North Carolina, from the ocean east to mountain west. Floodwaters are expected to push many rivers to all-time highs and could spur life-threatening... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Florence: Rivers, death toll and environmental hazards still rising in Carolinas as flooding sets records**
WILMINGTON, N.C. — The death toll from Hurricane Florence rose Monday to 32, and the misery in the Carolinas might be many days from cresting. The historic storm has disrupted life for millions of people, and the surging floodwaters have spawned an environmental calamity across a vast... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-18-2018 **The Saudi wealth fund bought Tesla stock. Now it's investing in Lucid, a Tesla competitor**
Lucid Motors, the Bay Area electric car start-up, has been struggling to raise money for more than a year. Now it appears to have found some: more than a billion dollars from Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. If the deal announced Monday closes as Lucid expects, the company said it... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 09-18-2018 **New Port Authority of Allegheny County buses to start next week**
The Port Authority of Allegheny County will start putting new buses on the roads next week. The transit authority is getting 69 new buses as part of a replacement program to deliver more reliable and environmentally-friendly service throughout the county, spokesman Adam Brandolph wrote in a news release.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 09-18-2018 **Liberty Bridge reconstruction work just about finished**
Drivers can expect 'as needed' lane restrictions for one more week Tuesday is the re-scheduled end date for the 2½-year-long Liberty Bridge reconstruction project, but motorists may encounter "as needed" lane restrictions for one more week. Two items remain on the list for the bridge project — sidewalk sealing... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-18-2018 **Justice Department Is Examining Tesla After Musk Comment**
Tesla said on Tuesday that the Justice Department had contacted the company for information after its chief executive, Elon Musk, abruptly announced that he had lined up funding to take the electric-car maker private. The request for information appears to indicate that the department has... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **State Agencies Monitoring Possible Impacts from Florence**
(Press Release)
- 09-17-2018 **Blue Line Library light rail service restored after downed tree blocked tracks**
The Port Authority's Blue Line Library light rail service has been restored between Lytle Station and Washington Junction after a downed tree interrupted service between the two stations. The Library line had just re-opened full operations Sunday after a June 20... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Pittsburgh trying to save tunnel mosaic under Bigelow Boulevard**
Pittsburgh preservationists and government officials hope to save an abstract mosaic that graces an obscure Downtown pedestrian tunnel slated for demolition during the building of a cap and public park over the Crosstown Expressway. The mosaic, created in 1964 by late Pittsburgh artist Virgil Cantini, is... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-17-2018 **PennDOT crews will be at work on Erie area roads this week**
The schedule includes patching portions of interstates 90 and 86. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation maintenance crews will patch portions of Interstate 90 in Harborcreek and Springfield townships and portions of Interstate 86 in Harborcreek this week.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Structurally-deficient bridges will benefit from Erie County's \$5 fee**
The extra \$5 it costs to register a vehicle in Erie County will fund repairs to bridges in the worst condition. The county expects to receive \$1.2 million annually from the local-use fee, which took effect April 1. A steering committee of the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization met this past week to further discuss... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Water woes**
Will Graham of Munhall loves his summer home on Camp Chalybeate Road in Bedford Township, where he can sit on the porch and watch Dunnings Creek flow by, 75 feet away, in pastoral surroundings that are nevertheless conveniently close to Bedford Borough's commercial district.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)



- 09-17-2018 **Southern Alleghenies offers paver training to Gallitzin**
GALLITZIN — Gallitzin officials may be able to receive free training to learn how to operate a pavement spreader, which they voted to purchase last month. Brandon Peters, a transportation program manager with Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission, attended Borough Council's... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-17-2018 **12th Street pedestrian bridge to be closed for rehabilitation**
The 12th Street pedestrian bridge that connects the area near the Post Office with the area near the Railroaders Memorial Museum will be closed starting Monday through December for rehabilitation, according to a city news release. The work will include rehabilitation of the steel stair towers, new precast... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Lackawanna County Fair Board reviewing proposals for venue**
The Lackawanna County Fair Board is reviewing proposals from operators of two Montage Mountain venues targeted as possible sites for next year's inaugural county Heritage Fair. Scheduled to run from May 29 to June 2, the fair could be held at the Pavilion at Montage Mountain, operated by concert-promoter Live Nation, or... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Rostraver Airport to receive funding for taxiway project**
Rostraver Airport will receive money from a federal grant to address the rehabilitation of a taxiway at the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently announced \$616.9 million in airport infrastructure grants, as part of the total \$3.18 billion in... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Traffic restrictions planned for rain-damaged Tunnelhill road**
Temporary traffic signals will be placed on Sugar Run Road, which connects Tunnelhill Borough to Altoona, this week so that motorists can travel on one lane of the road, according to Anthony Scalia, PennDOT District 9 safety press officer. Currently closed, the road was damaged by heavy rains and flooding that... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Sharon, Farrell unite for Division-Stambaugh paving projec**
SHARON, FARRELL – Sharon and Farrell officials are beginning to iron out the details on the two cities' first collaborative effort in over a decade. Officials from both municipalities met last spring to discuss paving and and landscaping the intersection of Division Street and Stambaugh Avenue,... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 09-17-2018 **PennDOT: Aging electric towers reviewed for historical significance**
SHAMOKIN DAM — PennDOT officials have been reviewing the historical nature of electric transmission towers in the alternate route to avoid fly ash basins as part of the \$670 million Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project. Matt Beck, a PennDOT assistant plans engineer, said that one of 10 people... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-17-2018 **After 3 years, Phoenixville to pave cobblestone street**
PHOENIXVILLE — Some consider Church Alley, or Church Avenue depending on who you ask, a charming vestige of a bygone era in a town trading on its history and historic architecture. To others, it is a dangerously outdated remnant made even more so in the rain, sleet and snow.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)



- 09-17-2018 **Betting Against Tesla: Skeptics Make Their Case**
For the past year, Elon Musk has waged a bitter war of words with short-sellers, the investors who are betting billions of dollars that Tesla will fail. On Twitter and in interviews, he has called them haters and jerks who know little about electric cars. He has accused them of spreading false... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Hydrogen-Powered Trains Roll Out, and a Snapshot of the Housing Market**
TRANSPORTATION Hydrogen-powered trains begin service in Germany. In a breakthrough for a green fuel, two hydrogen-powered trains are expected to go into commercial service Monday on a rail line in northern Germany near Hamburg. The trains, which will serve cities including... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Traffic stops help fight bigger crimes**
To some, blue and red lights flashing in the rearview mirror may signal a hassling traffic stop that costs money and time, but other people have much more to lose when pulled over. A seemingly benign traffic stop on the open road, in congested traffic and in parking lots in communities across America can lead to criminal arrests... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Lansford residents want Panther Valley bus stop moved**
A school bus stop in Lansford is aggravating residents. Now the borough is planning a meeting with officials from Panther Valley School District to see if the stop can be moved. At a borough council meeting Wednesday night, Councilman John Turcmanovich reported that two residents raised complaints during a recent meeting of... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 09-17-2018 **City explores which streets will qualify for CDBG funding**
There are strings to how the City of Warren can spend federal Community Development Block Grant funds. But officials are working to identify – and bring to fruition – the next series of projects designed to specifically benefit low-to-moderate income people. A public hearing was held this week to discuss the CDBG process, generally,... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Graham Township discusses ways to reduce homeowners insurance**
MORRISDALE — At a recent Graham Township Supervisors’ meeting, Dave Glass from Allstate insurance discussed how homeowners in Graham Township could reduce their cost of homeowners insurance for fire. Residents in the south end of the township (Centre Hill Grange Area) are... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Stewart Airport Show Has Taken Off. The Payoff? Free Publicity.**
NEW WINDSOR, N.Y. — Through his headset on the sun-baked runway, Air Force Maj. Ray Geoffroy listened as the lead Thunderbird pilot commanded the F-16s above: “Ready, now pull. All. The. Way.” The noisy fighter jets rolled in unison and started a steep, rocket-like... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Elon Musk’s Chicago Tunnel: A Breakthrough or a Pipe Dream?**
CHICAGO — When Elon Musk agreed this summer to build a futuristic tunnel to Chicago’s busiest airport on his own dime, many Chicagoans voiced doubt. The idea sounded fanciful: Electric pods hurtling under the city at 150 miles per hour. And experts questioned whether Musk’s company could dig... - [New York Times](#)



- 09-17-2018 **Road Warrior: State troopers saw surge in DUI crashes in Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley**
Pennsylvania State Police responded to a surge of crashes last year in which at least one driver was under the influence of drugs, alcohol or both. According to recently released data, state police were called to 5,180 crashes involving DUIs in 2017, a 14.6 percent spike from 2016.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Carolinas turn into an archipelago of island communities as Florence's rain causes widespread flooding**
KINSTON, N.C. — Communities across the Carolinas became cut off and turned into virtual islands Sunday as floodwaters blocked roads, ports remained closed and officials warily monitored damaged utility systems and 3,300 “hog ponds” loaded with manure. The rivers continue to rise,... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Florence: At least 17 deaths reported as storm slogs across Carolinas**
Tropical depression Florence continued its march through the Carolinas on Sunday, dumping torrential and historic amounts of rain. Floodwaters are expected to push many rivers to all-time highs and could spur life-threatening landslides as the storm's remnants move into the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Florence: Storm keeps pounding Carolinas with rainfall, flooding rivers**
In storm-battered North Carolina, authorities said Monday morning that nearly half a million power outages remained while scores of roadways across the state were still closed. For those seeking refuge at home, power outages are a lingering issue. More than 486,000 power outages were reported by 9:20 a.m., according to the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Anger in California's carpool lanes as up to 200,000 drivers set to lose clean-air decals**
For some California commuters, cutting down on carbon emissions isn't a sexy enough reason to buy an electric car. But the ability to bypass freeway traffic without having to carpool — that's another story. So there is grumbling in high-occupancy-vehicle lanes across California... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Property owners in path of the Mon-Fay Expressway begin receiving offers**
Ken Vegely and Tim Fuga are going through the same situation, but their descriptions of that experience couldn't be more different. Mr. Vegely, who has owned Vegely Welding on Route 837 in Duquesne for about 25 years, has to move his business to make way for the next leg of the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Revised BRT plans call for more reliable — not more frequent — service between Downtown, Oakland**
As Port Authority moves ahead with the next step of design for the Bus Rapid Transit system between Downtown Pittsburgh and Oakland, one thing seems clear: There won't be as many changes going forward as there were in the first 30 percent of the project. Ten days ago, the agency submitted the revised \$195.5 million project to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



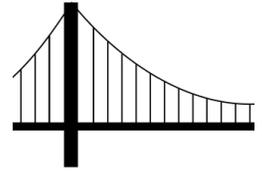
- 09-17-2018 **Yet Another Worrisome Subway Statistic: More People Are Going on the Tracks**
The man stood casually on the subway tracks, his face showing no sign of terror as he stared down a 360-ton train. The train operator spotted him and stopped the train just in time, sparing his life. Then the man climbed onto the platform and disappeared. “It was totally bizarre how he was so calm,” Doug Latino, a subway... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Winter gasoline, lower demand to drive prices lower; Florence impact 'next to nothing'**
Winter gasoline across most of the country and lower demand in the weeks ahead will push gasoline prices lower, said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “With several areas of tropical weather moving away from the U.S. comes some breathing room for energy markets, with oil prices under pressure as... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-17-2018 **Lardintown Road reopens after bridge replaced in Clinton Township**
Lardintown Road in Clinton Township has reopened after a bridge was replaced, PennDOT announced Monday. A bridge carrying the road over Lardintown Run south of Hidden Hill Road had been closed since June 18. PennDOT’s Butler County maintenance crew did the work.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-16-2018 **With Sussex County trail, Delaware continues bike path building boom**
A week after opening a \$20 million 345-foot wooden bicycle bridge near Wilmington, the state on Wednesday awarded a contract for construction of another pathway, this time in southern Delaware. It is the second phase of the larger, incremental Georgetown to Lewes... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Main Street Program grant application lacks support in Monongahela**
MONONGAHELA – Monongahela Council decided Wednesday not to back a grant application by the city’s Main Street Program for money to improve empty downtown storefronts. A motion for council to write a letter of support for the project was made by Councilman Ken Kulak, but none of those present would second it and it... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Region's rainfall has already surpassed yearly expectations**
A wet August catapulted the region past its average annual rainfall with about three months still left in 2018. So far this year, 42.12 inches of rain fell as measured at the Wilkes-Barre /Scranton International Airport, said Dave Dombek, senior meteorologist for... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Train and truck collide Saturday morning at Upper Leacock Township crossing**
A freight train and a tractor-trailer collided Saturday morning in Upper Leacock Township. No one was injured in the collision, according to Bareville Fire Chief Randy Smith. Smith said he could not say anything more about the collision. The crash occurred at around 9:23 a.m. Saturday at the railroad crossing on... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-16-2018 **'Arrive Alive': Lancaster city spreads the word about pedestrian safety**
Lancaster officials want city pedestrians to “Arrive Alive.” That’s the name of the education and enforcement program recently launched by City Hall. Over the course of a month, the city will promote safe walking and driving through an advertising and social media campaign and “lunch and... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)



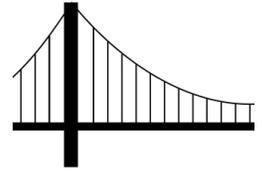
- 09-16-2018 **Parking rates to jump at convention center and North Shore garages and some lots**
Parking rates at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center Downtown and a garage and three surface lots on the North Shore are going up. At the convention center garage, the 15 - to 24-hour rate will jump from \$25 to \$30. The 8- to 15-hour rate will increase from \$14 to \$16. For... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Millfair roundabout wall is getting a rebuild**
The wall just didn't look right. It's being redone to be more aesthetically pleasing. The wall at the roundabout at Route 5 and Millfair Road in Millcreek and Fairview townships didn't look just right. It looked like it was leaning. So the wall is being rebuilt.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-16-2018 **A homeless vet, a charitable N.J. couple and \$400K. What you might not know about them**
Johnny Bobbitt Jr. played the lottery — but never hit the jackpot — long before he was homeless on the streets of Philadelphia. When a windfall of cash, just a little over \$400,000, came his way last year, it seemed Bobbitt had finally gotten his winning ticket, albeit one... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Pa. fugitive sought in Trump threats suspected in truck theft**
HAZLETON, Pa. — Federal authorities suspect a man accused of having threatened President Donald Trump and other officials may have stolen a truck overnight from the same northeastern Pennsylvania business he is believed to have burglarized earlier this month... - [AP](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Port Authority to restore Blue Line-Library service Sunday**
The Port Authority of Allegheny County plans to restore Blue Line-Library service Sunday. A four-mile stretch of the light rail line from Lytle to Library Station has been out of service since July when a severe rainstorm caused significant damage. The Library and West Library park and ride lots will also reopen Sunday,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-16-2018 **Age-old challenge persists in Evans City: How to get people to stop**
Last September Stephany Oliver opened the only coffee shop in Evans City, and most mornings Coffee Brake is buzzing with residents and the who's-who of town. But Ms. Oliver, 31, does not want to cater only to locals. The Butler resident is trying to broaden her business's appeal — and that of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Alliance for Retired Americans Friday Alert for September 14, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 09-14-2018 **PA Turnpike Commission Meeting Agenda for September 17, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 09-14-2018 **Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for September 14, 2018**
(Press Release)
- 09-14-2018 **PennDOT: Wolf Administration Expanding Small Business Opportunities through...**
(Press Release)



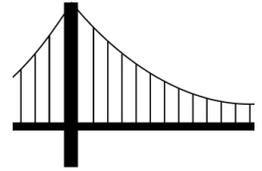
- 09-14-2018 **SEPTA Key Transition For Reduced Fare Riders To Be Completed Oct. 1**
(Press Release)
- 09-14-2018 **KBRA Releases Rating Report for Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Turnpike...**
(Press Release)
- 09-14-2018 **Neighbors of proposed Penn State Health hospital vent traffic worries**
Will they have to wait even longer in the morning when they have to share the only exit from their Hampden Township neighborhood with hundreds of overnight hospital workers? Will they get stuck behind tractors trailers and other delivery vehicles that will serve the 108-bed hospital Penn State Health plans to build along... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Bids opened to pave thruway's northern section as high water slows bridge work**
WINFIELD - High water slowed construction of the nearly mile-long Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway bridge on the day that bids were opened for the fourth and final contract on the highway's northern section. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. Thursday submitted the unofficial low bid... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx tapped by Carnegie Mellon University**
Carnegie Mellon University has tapped former U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx to help guide students and faculty in making connections between transportation and public policy issues, officials said Thursday. Foxx — who served as the nation's transportation chief under the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Berks task force has few options to help Bieber bus company**
They know the future of bus service from Berks County to New York City remains gloomy. They know the service Bieber Transportation Group offers is crucial to the economy and quality of life. And they want to help. A group of local community and business leaders have even created a task... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-14-2018 **St. Lawrence Borough Council ensures traffic light's repair**
St. Lawrence Borough Council made a motion that will ensure the replacement of several damaged parts of the traffic light at St. Lawrence and Perkiomen avenues. According to council, the mast arm, pole and control box were damaged when someone backed into the light.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Ordinance would create no-parking zone in Lower Alsace Township**
Lower Alsace supervisors on Thursday decided to draft an ordinance that would create a permanent no-parking zone on Prospect Street. The zone would only impact the eastbound, or the even-addressed, side of the street for two blocks between Carsonia and Brighton streets. The... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Section of Turnpike closing overnight**
Motorists are being advised that the Turnpike will be closed in both directions between the Bedford, Exit 146, and Breezewood, Exit 161, interchanges starting at 11:30 p.m. Saturday until about 5 a.m. Sunday, weather permitting, according to the Pennsylvania Turnpike... - [Altoona Mirror](#)



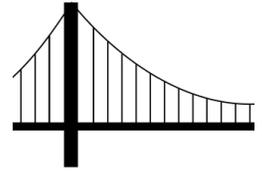
- 09-14-2018 **Seniors angered by cuts to CamTran**
EBENSBURG — Carson Wynn, a Patton-area senior citizen, used to enjoy trips to Bedford County apple orchards. “It was just a great day, a great outing,” he said. They were trips he and other seniors took by organizing free transportation from the Cambria County Transit Authority.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Forks Township developer says warehouse won't add many trucks to local roads**
A proposed warehouse project may not significantly add to the truck traffic in Forks Township, but local officials remain concerned about potential impacts. Asbury, N.J., developer J.G. Petrucci Co. is proposing a 105,000-square-foot warehouse bounded by Braden Boulevard, Uhler and Glover... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Hurricane should steer clear of flooded GC**
As the Southeastern region of the United States prepares for Hurricane Florence, Greene County must recover from Monday's flooding. The National Weather Service (NWS) reported that Greene County received five to 10 inches of rain leading up to Monday's floods.... - [Waynesburg Greene County Messenger](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Equip trucks to save lives**
Every year about 300 people die and 15,000 are injured in vehicles that are hit from behind by big trucks. That's all the more tragic because in many cases, modern technology can prevent those crashes. As reported by The Kansas City Star, the National Transportation Safety... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Ending lawmaker car leases on House agenda for fall session**
When 27 state House members drive back into Harrisburg in two weeks, they may be asked to vote on keeping the wheels that brought them to session. Multiple House Republican members and staffers expect HB482 from Rep. Brad Roae (R-Crawford) to come for a floor vote during the first week back. The... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 09-14-2018 **After 3 Years, Phoenixville to pave cobblestone street**
PHOENIXVILLE — Some consider Church Alley, or Church Avenue depending on who you ask, a charming vestige of a bygone era in a town trading on its history and historic architecture. To others, it is a dangerously out-dated remnant made even more so in the rain, sleet and snow.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Lowest bid to pave section of CSVT comes in at \$52.3 million**
The lowest bid to pave the Northern section of the Central Susquehanna Valley Through came it at a little more than \$52 million, according to Gov. Tom Wolf. PennDOT opened bids for the fourth contract for the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project with The unofficial low bid for Northern... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-14-2018 **PennDOT to close both lanes of Northumberland underpass overnight next week**
NORTHUMBERLAND — Traffic in both directions on Route 11 under the railroad bridge in Northumberland Borough will be detoured from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. for two nights next week. "There will be a full detour during nighttime hours to install beams for safety on the railroad bridge," said Mindy Foresman, Pennsylvania... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)



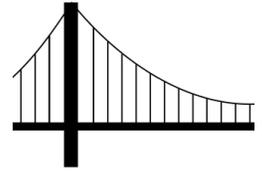
- 09-14-2018 **Seniors protest CamTran ride cuts**
EBENSBURG – Dozens of Cambria County senior citizens attended Thursday’s county commissioners meeting, hoping to urge their elected officials to reverse a recent decision by CamTran to eliminate special trips outside of its shared ride program service area. The service area was defined as Cambria County and Blair County, along with... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Trustees seeking a study of roads**
BROOKFIELD, Ohio – Trumbull County officials are considering studying a potentially dangerous intersection near the Pennsylvania state line. Gary Shaffer, Trumbull County deputy engineer, told Brookfield’s trustees this week the county is seeking funds for a study of the Addison... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Assistant public defender suspended after second DUI arrest**
A local attorney has been suspended without pay from his position as Lawrence County public defender because of two arrests for alleged driving under the influence. Dennis Anthony Elisco, 62, of 304 Florine Lane was charged Wednesday after state police pulled him over Sept. 1.... - [New Castle News](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Listie residents need road help**
Residents of Listie's Wells Creek development pleaded with the Somerset Township supervisors Thursday night to take over their pothole-riddled road. - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Droning motorcycles remind us to never forget Sept. 11, 2001**
The droning of motorcycles throughout much of Lycoming County Tuesday night served as our somber reminder of lives lost, valor, courage and everything that we Americans are supposed to be. The 18th annual ride to remember the tragedy of the 2001 terrorist attacks... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-14-2018 **DeWine, Husted propose technology advisory panel**
Republican gubernatorial candidate Mike DeWine wants to make Ohio a “smart state.” Thursday he said he would appoint his running mate, Secretary of State Jon Husted, to head up a private-sector advisory panel that would identify ways to make the Buckeye State a leader in emerging technology.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Clearfield finds money for East End paving project**
Clearfield Borough shifted some funds around at its meeting last night to complete the East End paving project this year. Last month, the borough opened bids for the project and the low bid was \$243,788, but the borough only had \$203,000 allocated towards the project.... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Authority looks to rebuild 2 city streets**
The Butler Redevelopment Authority wants to award a contract to reconstruct Kaufman Drive and part of Lincoln Avenue in the spring. At the authority meeting Thursday, Ron Olsen of Olsen and Associates of Butler updated board members on the bid specifications he is preparing for... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Low-cost veterans program starting at airport**
SMETHPORT — McKean County Director of Veteran Affairs Zach Pearson told the county commissioners Thursday about CARE Connector for Veterans, a new program that his office has negotiated with Southern Airways Express and the Bradford Regional Airport. The program provides low cost air fares from Bradford to Pittsburgh for... - [Bradford Era](#)



- 09-14-2018 **[Cranberry supervisors moving ahead on 322 zoning action](#)**
Cranberry Township supervisors are moving ahead on making a decision as to whether a stretch of Route 322 will be rezoned to allow a mix of residential homes and businesses. It will be a decision, said a township businessman who has pressed for the zoning change, that will show the California owners of the struggling... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[As Tesla struggles to exit 'production hell,' buyers complain of delivery limbo](#)**
There's no doubt in Richard Lam's mind: When he takes the wheel of his Tesla Model 3, he'll be thrilled with it. "I hear that owners, once they get their cars, are very happy," said Lam, 31, an electrical engineer from Diamond Bar. Getting it is the problem. Lam has been waiting more than two months.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[185 Lancaster County residents have submitted damage reports from Aug. 31 flooding](#)**
Preliminary damage reports on the Aug. 31 flood in northwestern Lancaster County show it affected at least 185 private properties, according to local officials. Lancaster Emergency Management Agency director Philip Colvin said 24 of those reports were labeled as affected, 120 as minor damage, 35 as major... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[Pa. cop charged with driving without a license in patrol car crash](#)**
Cops ask for a driver's license and registration all the time. But one officer in western Pennsylvania should have checked his own. That's because Pittsburgh police officer Richard Dilimone, 29, is facing criminal charges after crashing his patrol car into the rear of another car... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[Motorcycle Makers Try Minting New Riders With Youth Programs](#)**
Motorcycle sales went into a skid in 2008 and have been sliding toward the guardrail ever since. That slide started with the 2008 recession and has been hard to steer out of partly because of demographics: Almost 50 percent of motorcyclists are ages 50 and older — riders who don't necessarily have many bike... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[Your friendly neighborhood crossing guards could make your corners even safer — if only the city would let them | Opinion](#)**
Now that Philadelphia is officially back to school, many of us in our neighborhoods are welcoming back not only teachers and students but also our local crossing guards. Crossing guards in Philadelphia don't just keep students safe. All 897 guards reporting to corners all over the city... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[Baltimore sues bus operator Transdev, alleging it overcharged the city by \\$20 million](#)**
Baltimore is suing the operator of the city's free shuttle bus service alleging the company, Transdev North America, overbilled it by more than \$20 million. The lawsuit, filed in Baltimore Circuit Court, alleges that over the past eight years Transdev billed the city for thousands of hours more than were... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-14-2018 **[U.S. denying passports to American citizens along Mexico border](#)**
Editor's note: After this story was published on Aug. 29, the State Department issued a statement challenging the accuracy of the article and provided previously unreleased data on passport denials. That information has been added, as was indicated in a Sept. 1 editor's note. On Sept.... - [Washington Post](#)



- 09-14-2018 **Flight attendant survey says 61 percent worked flights where emotional support animal caused a disturbance**
A new survey found that nearly one of every four flight attendants has had to deal with an emotional support animal defecating or urinating in the cabin during a flight, while 13 percent reported passenger-on-passenger conflicts triggered by the presence of the animals.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Road repaving raises questions of where boundary is between Harrison, Fawn**
Some people on Echowood Drive still don't know where they live. And the same could be said for those on Jolly Hill Road and Route 908. All three roads cross the border of Fawn and Harrison townships, and officials still haven't decided where the boundary between the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Jeannette approves \$600k for 3 vehicle purchases**
Jeannette council this week approved spending nearly \$600,000 to buy three vehicles. Thursday's authorization includes: • custom pumper from Sutphen for the fire department, \$484,722. • Ford 550 Super Duty dump truck with plow from Stuckey Ford, \$80,426. • 2018 Ford Explorer from C. Harper for the police department, \$29,000.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Parkway East work scheduled around Pitt football, Steeler games this weekend**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will work around two football games at Heinz Field this weekend to get some paving work done on the Parkway East between the Fort Pitt Bridge and the Squirrel Hill Tunnel. Outbound traffic will be reduced to one lane from the bridge to the tunnel... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-14-2018 **Pittsburgh made more than \$170K selling used garbage trucks at auction**
Pittsburgh is pulling in cash by the truckload through online auctions of used city vehicles and equipment, the Mayor's Office said Friday. The city has received \$771,971 since starting the auctions through the company GovDeals in November 2014. The biggest sellers are used garbage... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



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