



WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

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Committee News

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Bullet.in.Points

[PENNSYLVANIA PUC: IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 58 OF 2018 ALTERNATIVE RATEMAKING FOR UTILITIES](#)

The Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission announced a tentative implementation order to permit the commission to approve an application by a utility to establish alternative rates and rate mechanisms. The tentative implementation order can be viewed on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The commission indicated they are seeking comments on the proposed implementation. Written comments referencing Docket No. M-2018-3003269 may be submitted within 30 days of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Attn: Secretary, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments may also be filed electronically through the commission's e-File System. Written reply comments referencing Docket No. M-2018-3003269 may be submitted within 70 days of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* to the address listed above. The contact person for this Tentative Implementation Order is Kriss Brown, Assistant Counsel, Law Bureau, kribrown@pa.gov, (717) 787-4518.

Cosponsor Memos

No Cosponsor Memos this week.

Bill Actions

[HB 2615](#)

[Owlett, Clint \(F\)\(R\)](#)

(PN 3943) An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook, Troy Borough, Bradford County, as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-30-18 H Filed
09-05-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

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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

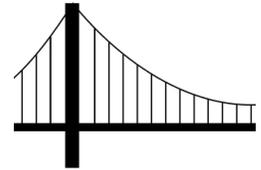
House

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





[HB 2616](#)

[Quinn, Chris\(R\)](#)

(PN 3944) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles. The bill establishes a vehicle may not pass inspection if less than 50 percent of the vehicle's head lamps or rear lighting with light-emitting diodes, except ornamental lights, fail to light properly. Effective in 60 days.

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Upcoming Events

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

September 13, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Fl. Conf. Rm., 333 Market St., Harrisburg

To consider the following regulations:

- Reg. No. 3155 Department of Transportation #18-469; Hazardous Material Transportation

PA Turnpike Commission

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

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

PA Turnpike Commission

September 18, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

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

PA Public Utility Commission

September 18, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., New Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 3444 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg
Public Input Hearings for Transource Transmission Line Case. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

September 18, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., New Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 3444 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg
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State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

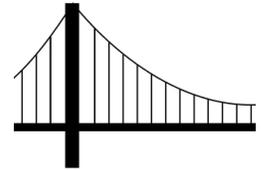
September 18, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

September 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 20, 2018 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137



Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Performance Oversight Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Public Utility Commission

September 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Public Utility Commission

September 20, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Airville Volunteer Fire Department, 3576 Delta Rd., Airville
Public Input Hearings for Transource Transmission Line Case. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

September 20, 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

Rally for Legislation Around Loaded Guns in Cars

September 25, 2018 – 2:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda

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

In the News

09-06-2018 [PennDOT: Wolf Administration Highlights Progress of Statewide 'Resurface PA'...](#)

(Press Release)

09-06-2018 [Report: PA Consumers Saved More Than \\$30 Billion over 10 Years from Lower...](#)

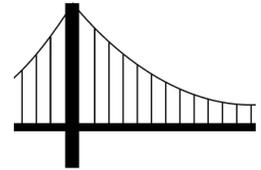
(Press Release)

09-06-2018 [Rep. Daley: Get pre-verified now for your REAL ID](#)

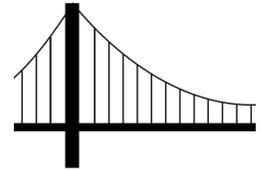
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09-06-2018 [For Port Authority workers, a heat wave](#)

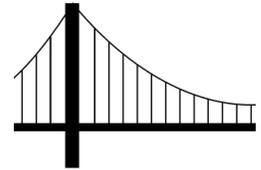
You know it's hot when you can see the heat. A Port Authority crew labored in oppressively high temperatures on Wednesday — it reached into the 90s yet again — as work continued on the Blue Line in the South Hills. According to the Port Authority, the group was replacing and surfacing the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



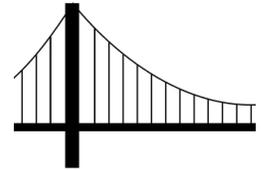
- 09-06-2018 [**Pittsburgh poised to allow companies using drones to film in parks**](#)
Filmmakers would be permitted to use drones for shooting scenes and photographs over Pittsburgh-owned property, including parks, under legislation City Council is considering. Council on Wednesday unanimously approved the bill during a preliminary vote. A final vote is expected Tuesday... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Decade of improvements for Erie VA hospital**](#)
Expansion and renovation projects started in 2008 and will continue through at least 2020. Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center has undergone a decade of almost constant construction as it evolves from a 1950s-style hospital to a modern health-care campus. New buildings have popped up on the Erie VAMC grounds in recent years,... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Monaca to remove parking meters**](#)
MONACA — Visitors to the Monaca business district don't need to scrounge for change anymore. The Monaca Parking Authority agreed Monday to eliminate the parking meters downtown, borough Manager Mario Leone said. The meters hadn't been enforced since the borough's meter enforcement officer was laid off... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Group wants to save historic Watts Mill Bridge from sale or demolition**](#)
SOUTH BEAVER TWP. – An effort is underway to preserve a historic bridge that could be demolished if nobody steps up to save it. A broad coalition, which includes a nonprofit group from Iowa, has rallied to save the Watts Mill Bridge, a pin-connected iron pony truss bridge built... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Plowing pact moves mega project forward**](#)
LIMERICK — A majority of township supervisors reluctantly agreed Tuesday night to making the township responsible for plowing a traffic circle no one wants to ensure a massive 30-acre development project at the intersection of Ridge and Swamp pikes moves forward.... - [*Pottstown Mercury*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Delco man pleads guilty in 'road' rage' murder of Bianca Roberson**](#)
WEST CHESTER — The Delaware County man whose “cat and mouse” highway encounter with a Westtown teenager turned into a deadly road rage incident admitted on Wednesday that he fired the shot that left her dead by the side of the road. As the victim's family looked on in a state of emotional turmoil, David... - [*West Chester Daily Local News*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**District plans for one-way road change on Euclid**](#)
A new city ordinance is expected to go into effect later next week that would limit Euclid Avenue to one way in front of George Washington Intermediate School during school hours. That change is to alleviate traffic around the school while students are being picked up and dropped off, according to acting New Castle Area School... - [*New Castle News*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**York County roads remain closed because of storm damage**](#)
As of Wednesday afternoon, this is the most recent list of roads that are either closed to traffic or open with lane restrictions because of flooding and storm damage, according to York County spokesman Mark Walters: Chanceford Township Dellinger Road: closed between Lucky and Pomraning roads.... - [*York Dispatch*](#)



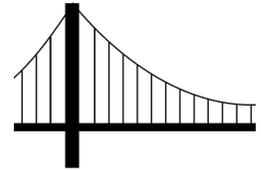
- 09-06-2018 [**Development plans for last remaining farm in Middletown to be revised**](#)
A proposal to build 124 homes on Stone Meadows Farm originally was scheduled for discussion Wednesday evening before the township's planning commission, but developer Metropolitan Development Group withdrew from the meeting, telling the township it would modify its plans to address... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Half of Lehigh Tunnel on Pa. Turnpike to close on Thursday**](#)
The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will again close northbound lanes of the Lehigh Tunnel for inspections. The I-476 northbound tunnel will be closed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. Traffic will be diverted through the southbound tunnel. The tunnel sits between the Lehigh Valley exits and Mahoning Valley... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**State recognizes NEPA bike route**](#)
The state is making roads in the region more bicycle friendly. Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation and Department of Community and Economic Development designated a new U.S. bicycle route that cuts through the region. USBR 36 extends 398 miles across Pennsylvania, from Ohio to New York.... - [*Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Flooding issues addressed at Fox Twp. meeting**](#)
Fox Township residents posed concerns about flooding near their homes during the Fox Township Supervisors meeting Wednesday evening. Following the recent heavy rain event Tuesday, Aug. 21, which caused flooding throughout Elk County, some Fox Township residents experienced... - [*Saint Marys Daily Press*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Biglerville ponders cost of handicap parking spots**](#)
Biglerville Borough is bearing the cost of adding handicap parking spots for various residences around town, and the cost is mounting. Council authorized a handicap parking space at 72 Fourth St. Tuesday, and began the process of establishing another at 45 Penn St. Council has... - [*Gettysburg Times*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Historic covered bridge sold for \\$1, will be moved and restored \(at a much higher cost\) at the Star Barn site**](#)
Tierney Abel, who famously told her husband, David, to save the Star Barn — which he did — decided last year they should buy a covered bridge. "My wife said, 'I really believe we need a covered bridge on the property,'" Abel said Tuesday. "I told her, 'That's... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**Delta Air Lines wants to sell a stake in its Trainer refinery**](#)
Delta Air Lines has hired investment bankers to find a joint venture partner for its Monroe Energy refinery in Trainer, the airline's adventurous experiment in aviation fuel. Delta announced Tuesday night that it is working with Barclays Bank and Jeffries LLC to explore joint-venture opportunities at the Delaware County... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**NTSB says plane flew 200 feet over another in Philadelphia**](#)
Investigators say a small plane that was aiming to land on a taxiway instead of the runway came within about 200 feet of striking another plane on the ground in Philadelphia... - [*AP*](#)



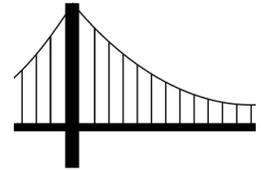
- 09-06-2018 [**Ford recalls 2M pickup trucks: seat belts can cause fires**](#)
Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, Ford is recalling about 2 million F-150 pickup trucks in North America because the seat belts can spark and cause fires... - [AP](#)
- 09-06-2018 [**With a weekend fatality, Roosevelt Boulevard on pace for most deadly year in recent history**](#)
It's becoming a particularly deadly year on Roosevelt Boulevard. Eleven people have died this year in as many crashes on the Boulevard as of this week, according to Philadelphia police data. Another died this year on the Roosevelt Expressway, a stretch of the road that is a limited-access... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**The DOTcom - PennDOT Newsletter, Summer 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-05-2018 [**PennDOT Settles EPA Multi-Site Construction-Related Stormwater Case...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-05-2018 [**Gov. Wolf Orders Commonwealth Flags at Half-Staff to Honor Blair County...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-05-2018 [**SEPTA Celebrates Completion of Yardley Station Improvement Project**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-05-2018 [**LCTA will run buses to county fair this week**](#)
The Luzerne County Transportation Authority will run a special Luzerne County Fair Express route this week, starting today. Authority officials decided to offer the route again this year after its inaugural run last year proved to be a success, according to authority... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**Drivers urged to use caution with students back in school**](#)
With most students in the Burlington, Montgomery and Bucks counties returning to school this week, traffic will be increasing on all the local roads and drivers should take caution for children getting on and off buses. With schools opening across Burlington, Bucks and Montgomery counties this... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**Jim Mayer trail receives national distinction**](#)
Christine Mayer Bragg remembers her dad, Jim Mayer, as a man passionate about the outdoors. She shared memories of a family trip across the United States in the summer of 1967 in a station wagon that had no air conditioning. "Six of us in a station wagon pulling a pop-up camper across America... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**York County officials: Call 2-1-1 for help cleaning up from storm**](#)
Following Friday's punishing storm, York County officials are directing residents to contact PA-211 to help arrange crisis cleanup services and reminding them to use an online tool to report damages. As of Sunday, according to county spokesman Mark Walters, officials knew of... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**Hundreds report damage, seek help**](#)
Phones are "ringing off the hook" at the York County Office of Emergency management as callers continue to report damage from flash flooding on Friday. The office had received about 200 calls as of early Tuesday afternoon, according to county spokesman Mark Walters.... - [York Daily](#)



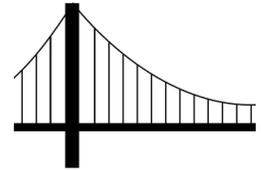
- 09-05-2018 [**Stormwater plan approved in Kelly**](#)
LEWISBURG — Kelly Township supervisors approved a subdivision plan Tuesday night which partly clears the way for a poultry barn. The stormwater plan, first presented several months ago by Charles Axtman, covers a retention basin in Kelly Township. All structures associated with... - [*Milton Standard*](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**A Push to Modernize Airports to Fuel More Shopping**](#)
This summer, while traveling from New York to Denver, Marc Stewart noticed that the Delta Air Lines terminal at La Guardia Airport felt unfamiliar. “Usually, I fly United, which means you are in the old concourse where there are not even enough bathrooms. So, I was pleasantly surprised when I... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**Want the 'subway to the sea' running by the 2028 Olympics? The feds need to show us the money**](#)
2028 is not all that far away. And as the Summer Olympics that will be held in Los Angeles that year draw ever closer, the track to keep an eye on isn't on the field. It is — or will be — underground, as engineers and construction crews hustle to finish the final and crucial leg... - [*Los Angeles Times*](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**Lancaster County eyes federal funds for flooding damage in Mount Joy, Rapho Township**](#)
Lancaster County could receive federal funding to help pay for extensive damage to roads, bridges and residences caused by flooding Friday. Despite several other county flooding events this summer, Friday's was the first time a state of emergency was declared for a municipality.... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 09-05-2018 [**Pittsburgh could lose \\$4.6 million if Council fails to act on North Side bridge replacement**](#)
Pittsburgh could lose about \$4.6 million in federal and state highway funds if City Council fails by Sept. 20 to allocate the money for construction of a new bridge on West Ohio Street that crosses Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks, a city official said Wednesday.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Revenue Department Releases August 2018 Collections**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-04-2018 [**CCAP Legislative Bulletin - Number 18, August 30, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-04-2018 [**E-ZPass Accepted on Orlando-Area Toll Roads Starting Tomorrow**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-04-2018 [**Governor Wolf Provides Update on Flash Flooding and Road Closures**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-04-2018 [**Governor Wolf Provides Update on Yesterday's Flash Flooding and Ongoing...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-04-2018 [**Weekly Update: Enhancing Opportunities, Investing in Infrastructure, Making...**](#)
(Press Release)



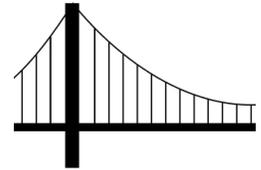
- 09-04-2018 [**Last sections of the Southern Beltway: Over, under, around and through**](#)
The remaining two sections of the Southern Beltway, where construction hasn't started yet in an area near Interstate 79 and the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, are a study in contrast. One section, which includes the relocation of Morgan Road near the entrance... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**A house for healing: Nonprofit wants to build home for human trafficking victims in Berks**](#)
Paul Sewell, a Reading man who called himself God, was the kingpin of an online prostitution ring involving about 20 females, including minors, that operated out of a city home in 2010. Now serving a federal prison term for sex trafficking, Sewell was so brazen... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**West Finley firefighters looking to borrow fire engine**](#)
Steve Emery admits to being just a bit worried. His concerns could be alleviated, though, if he could find a fire engine to borrow for about six months. Emery, who has been the West Finley Volunteer Fire Co. chief for 29 years and a member for 41 years, said the department has to send its 1997 Spartan... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Steamtown parking lot still 'a little barren' after beetle infestation**](#)
SCRANTON — Visitors to Steamtown National Historic Site for this weekend's Railfest 2018 may have noticed something missing from the parking lot. Scores of somethings, actually. Since last fall, the National Park Service has taken down about 100 dead or dying ash trees in and around the lot after discovering they were infested... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**York County officials: Call 2-1-1 for help cleaning up from storm**](#)
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- 09-04-2018 [**Sharon paving may be delayed**](#)
SHARON – PennDOT officials will be back in Sharon to discuss road construction this week – this time in regard to the city's planned paving of several streets near Highland Road. As the work on PennDOT's East State Street reconstruction and paving project continues into the 2018-19 school year, officials are focusing on... - [*Sharon Herald*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Full Janus fallout hasn't hit unions for state workers yet**](#)
HARRISBURG — A U.S. Supreme Court decision barring states from requiring government workers to make fair-share payments to public sector unions has not translated into an immediate exodus of Pennsylvania government workers fleeing labor organizations, according to state data... - [*Meadville Tribune*](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Local waterfront 'a special place for all'**](#)
LOCK HAVEN – It's official: The combined waterfront of Lock Haven and Woodward Township is among the top four public spaces in all of Pennsylvania. That honor was officially bestowed on Saturday at – where else – but the opening of the annual Lock Haven Area Jaycees Labor Day Regatta,... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)



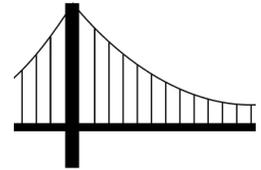
- 09-04-2018 [**Over 20 drivers cited for driving on closed roads due to flooding: Police**](#)
Over 20 drivers were cited for violations after police say they drove on roadways that were closed due to flooding. The Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department issued the citations due to the risk posed to the drivers and occupants of the vehicles when driving through standing water.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Cranberry developer seeks 'Main St.' appeal**](#)
CRANBERRY TWP — Developer Rob Bowman wants to give Cranberry Township a community with “main street” appeal. Details on the proposed residential development and how traffic concerns about the project would be addressed were outlined Thursday during the supervisors meeting.... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**DEP annual oil and gas report**](#)
The department’s efforts last year included launching a mobile app for inspections; streamlining the form submission process; and beefing up on-site inspections. Pennsylvania is a busy state for oil and gas development. It was second in the nation last year in terms of natural gas production.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**East Cocalico, school district consider tax incentive program targeting Route 272 corridor**](#)
East Cocalico Township and the Cocalico School District are considering a tax incentive program that aims to draw new business and spur commercial improvements along the Route 272 corridor or beyond. At a school board work session Aug. 27, a township official outlined the... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Tropical Storm Gordon extending most expensive summer at gas pumps in 4 years**](#)
Labor Day marked the end of the most expensive summer at the gas pump since 2014, a petroleum analyst said. Gasoline averaged \$2.87 per gallon from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 55 cents higher than 2017, but 71 cents cheaper than 2014, said Patrick DeHaan, head... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-04-2018 [**Report: Pittsburgh drivers among worst in nation**](#)
Yinz can’t drive very well. At least that’s what Allstate’s latest report on America’s Best Drivers says. Out of 200 U.S. cities, Pittsburgh ranked 171st — four spots better than last year. (So, at least there’s improvement, right?) Among the factors considered by Allstate in their ranking was average years... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**How long should young children ride backwards? As long as they fit in the car seat, pediatricians say**](#)
Drivers with young children take note: Hang on to those rear-facing car seats as long as you can. That’s the updated recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which previously specified that children should remain in rear-facing car seats at least to age 2.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



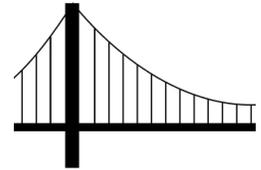
- 09-02-2018 [**Chester's Amtrak crash leads to new safety protections for rail workers nationwide**](#)
It's been more than two years since an Amtrak train killed two track workers in Chester. Now, that event — and the harsh criticism from federal authorities that followed — has led to new safety standards designed to protect workers doing track maintenance. The new standards will protect Amtrak workers nationwide, and makes good on... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Port Authority announces service changes starting Sunday**](#)
Port Authority bus riders will want to be on the look-out for changes to their routes. The transit agency adjusts its service four times a year. A slew of changes are effective this Sunday. The changes are: 2 Mount Royal ; 4 Troy Hill ; 7 Spring Garden; 8 Perrysville ; and 12... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**State recognizes bike route through region**](#)
The state is making road in the region more bicycle friendly. Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation and Department of Community and Economic Development designated a new U.S. bicycle route that cuts through the region. USBR 36 extends 398 miles across Pennsylvania, from Ohio to New York.... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Our view: Credit WWV for tackling bus issues**](#)
No matter how you slice it, this is always hard. A parent complains a child had a traumatic school bus experience that could have been avoided. In this case, it was a kindergarten student on her first day of school at Wyoming Valley West, but the problem pops up almost every... - [*Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Another big bill for WB Area consolidated school: Traffic improvements**](#)
Even before the protesters crowded into the conference room, the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board was discussing the high school consolidation plan. During a work session before the regular meeting in front of a nearly empty room that would be overflowing an hour later, Solicitor Ray Wendolowski... - [*Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Railfest attracts generations of train buffs**](#)
As historic trains slowly rumbled through the Steamtown National Historic Site railroad yard Saturday afternoon, cameras clicked away and tripods panned as enthusiasts young and old from across the country captured pieces of American history at Railfest 2018.... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Our view: EMTA meltdown hinders progress**](#)
Reporter Valerie Myers' coverage of the Monday night Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority fracas was extraordinary and also embarrassing. Myers described hearing the raised voices of EMTA board members debating matters during a closed executive session and the premature exodus of three... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**In Erie County, you're paying more to register your vehicle. Here's why**](#)
A decision could be made soon on how additional revenue from a new \$5 fee on vehicle registrations will be used. When Jeff Pierce of Harborcreek Township went to renew the registrations for his two vehicles in May, he was surprised to find that the cost had gone up.... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)



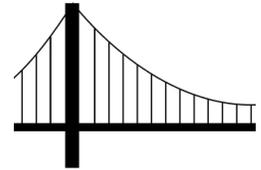
- 09-02-2018 [**EMTA board's vice chairman resigns, creating more uncertainty**](#)
3 other board members are disputing their resignations. If the resignations stand, the 9-member transit authority board will have 5 vacancies. The vice chairman of the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority board is stepping down, and the resignation is for real.... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Some PennDOT driver's licenses and ID cards need to get real**](#)
Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card or an acceptable alternative identification as approved by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to board domestic commercial flights or enter a federal facility.... - [*Uniontown Herald-Standard*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Murphy says N.J. gas tax increase is frustrating but warranted**](#)
Gov. Phil Murphy on Friday said he's frustrated New Jerseyans will have to pay higher gas taxes this fall, but that it's needed to fund the state's road and rail projects. The message comes a day after his administration announced drivers will pay 4.3 cents more per gallon to gas up beginning Oct. 1. That's because... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Amtrak to resume regular service on Sunday following area floods**](#)
After heavy rains and flash flooding hit the area on Friday, the Amtrak Keystone Service and Pennsylvania trains will resume all scheduled services on Sunday, officials said. Amtrak has been operating on a modified schedule since the flooding in Lancaster County on Friday.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**How much rain did we get? Friday's downpours led to surprise floods**](#)
Friday's downpours led to flash flooding in some parts of central Pennsylvania. Some of that flooding has persisted into Saturday morning, and caused a number of road closures in certain counties. Here's how much rain fell in some areas of central Pennsylvania on Friday,... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Flooding caused nearly six-hour delay on Amtrak ride between Harrisburg and Lancaster**](#)
Water rushed onto the rail bed as Ken Myers and a train full of riders sat still on railroad tracks in Mount Joy. The train offered service from Pittsburgh to New York, but Myers, who lives in Ephrata, got on in Harrisburg as a part of his regular commute home.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**2 counties declare disaster after Pennsylvania flooding**](#)
State emergency officials are working with local authorities to help with recovery from flash flooding in south-central Pennsylvania that led to water rescues and evacuations and prompted two counties to issue disaster declarations, Gov. Tom Wolf said... - [*AP*](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Anne Arundel prosecutor cites light rail in drug overdose crisis**](#)
With Anne Arundel County in the middle of its deadliest year for opioid overdoses, the top county prosecutor says light rail stops in Glen Burnie and Linthicum are potential hubs where people addicted to drugs travel into Baltimore to buy more. State's Attorney Wes Adams told community activists calling for the... - [*Baltimore Sun*](#)



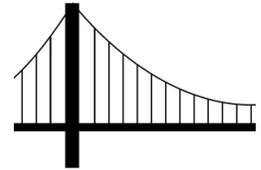
- 09-02-2018 [**Trump Approach on Nafta Relieves Automakers' Worst Fears**](#)
As the Trump administration sought trade concessions from Mexico in recent weeks, automakers and their suppliers feared that manufacturing costs could increase by billions of dollars. Now, they are breathing a sigh of relief. The auto industry is still waiting to learn details of the preliminary... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-02-2018 [**Trump stands by disparaging remarks on Canada and trade**](#)
President Trump on Friday stood by disparaging remarks he made about Canada and its trade relationship with the United States, saying publication of comments he had deemed off the record was "okay because at least Canada knows how I feel." Trump, diverting attention from the focus of his scheduled event,... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for August 31, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-31-2018 [**OneJet conflict: Airport authority members must not be investors**](#)
Service on a public board requires certain sacrifices. For those serving on the Allegheny County Airport Authority, that should mean refraining from business relationships with airlines or companies having contracts at Pittsburgh International Airport or the smaller county airport in West... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Port Authority launches digital system for tracking buses and light rail trains in real time**](#)
Pittsburgh public transit riders now have cell phone access to bus and light rail schedules through a new digital initiative announced Thursday by the Port Authority of Allegheny County. Riders can access the information through a landline, any type of cell... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Couple who raised \\$400K for homeless Johnny Bobbitt have until Friday afternoon to turn over the money**](#)
A judge on Thursday gave a South Jersey couple less than a day to hand over what's left of the \$400,000 they raised through a GoFundMe campaign for Johnny Bobbitt Jr., the homeless man who last fall gave the woman his last \$20 to help her out in a pinch. Superior Court Judge Paula T. Dow in Mount Holly ordered Kate McClure, 28,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**No pajamas, no scissors, no air conditioning. It's back to school: Nancy Eshelman**](#)
August is miserable. Hot. Humid. Like walking into a sauna. So, naturally, we choose to send kids back to school in the dog days. The weather was so miserable in the last days of August that some school districts sent kids home early. This begs the question: Why are there schools with no air-conditioning?... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**South Valley Parkway stretch near Nanticoke opens today**](#)
NANTICOKE — Two more miles of the South Valley Parkway — the last stretch connecting to Luzerne County Community College — are open to traffic. The latest section of the ongoing road construction project opened today. Motorists coming from Wilkes-Barre can now reach Kosciuszko Street on the... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)



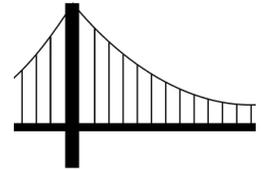
- 08-31-2018 [**Small group of vocal protesters rally against WB Area consolidation**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — Lois Grimm conceded it was a small turnout — only seven or eight people stood outside Meyers High School at the designated start of a protest against school consolidation. But those who came were passionate. “I’m here for choice,” Danette Bielecki said as she waited for... - [*Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Labor Day travel could be a pain at the pump**](#)
With the average price for regular gasoline hovering just below \$3 per gallon in Berks County, travelers on Labor Day weekend will find prices about 20 cents more expensive than a year ago. Agencies that monitor gas prices expect to see a slight increase as prices... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Editorial: A light at the end of Penn Street Bridge work**](#)
The Issue: Reconstruction of the span is more than halfway complete as crews start rebuilding its eastbound side. Our Opinion: We look forward to a more attractive gateway to Reading and a revitalized city to go with it. The Penn Street Bridge reconstruction project has reached a milestone. With... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**PennDOT employee killed**](#)
HOLLIDIAYSBURG — A PennDOT employee was killed Thursday while working along a Frankstown Township road, according to PennDOT. “First and foremost our concern is with the family, our thoughts and prayers go out to them,” District 9 Executive Thomas Prestash said... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Auditor General: Monessen School District financial missteps could impact future funding**](#)
A performance audit by the state auditor general shows that the Monessen City School District’s struggles to issue annual financial statements on time are potentially putting its financing and credit ratings at risk. Auditor General Eugene DePasquale said Monessen school directors and... - [*Uniontown Herald-Standard*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Bradford County: PennDOT issues update on long-term detours on flood-damaged roads**](#)
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on Wednesday released an update on the long-term detours it implemented by PennDOT on roads damage by flooding in Bradford County. * Route 187 between Route 6 in Wysox Township and Wyalusing/New Albany Road in Terry Township. The detour is Route 6 and Wyalusing/New Albany Road.... - [*Sayre Morning*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Sayre: Residential parking permit program expansion delayed -- Council to hold second vote next month to advertise ordinance**](#)
SAYRE -- The proposed expansion of the municipality's residential permit parking program area will happen, but not just yet, according to borough Manager David Jarrett. The council had voted last month to advertise an ordinance amendment that would expand that program area to include all streets south of Lincoln... - [*Sayre Morning*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Focus on future**](#)
Secretaries from four sectors of Pennsylvania government gathered Thursday at the Barrow-Civic Theatre in Franklin for a townhall-style meeting featuring the state's first all-female panel. "Cabinet in Your Community," a discussion of community issues throughout... - [*Oil City Derrick*](#)



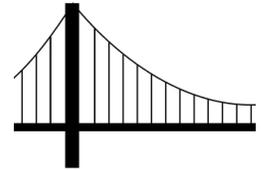
- 08-31-2018 [**Seniors will need SEPTA Key or valid ID for free rides**](#)
Starting Saturday, seniors will need a SEPTA Key Photo ID Card or other valid photo ID to get free rides on buses, subways, trolleys and Regional Rail trains. The transit authority will no longer accept paper PA Senior Citizen Transit ID Cards. Seniors 65 and older are eligible to participate in SEPTA's Senior Free... - [Philadelphia Tribune](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Roadwork Continues in Dist. 3-0**](#)
PennDOT continues with recovery efforts related to flooding that occurred since late July in District 3's north central region. Crews have completed damage assessments and bridge inspections, as well as shortterm repairs. There is more work to do, however, and numerous roads in the... - [Wyalusing Rocket-Courier](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Ellwood City might delay borough paving plans**](#)
ELLWOOD CITY — The borough might delay further paving work until next year. Ellwood City Council called a special meeting Thursday afternoon to award a bid for street paving this fall, but all did not go as planned. Joe Cioffi, interim manager, reported the borough only received two bids... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Wolf administration hosts open panel**](#)
The city of Franklin got a visit from Gov. Tom Wolf's administration Thursday, when four top state officials gathered for a discussion panel in which they responded to questions and comments from audience members. The panelists consisted of Cindy Dunn, Secretary for the Department of... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Brownfield restoration project eyed for county**](#)
A state Department of Environmental Protection pilot program to restore and repurpose brownfield sites includes remedial work needed to connect walking and bicycle trails in Lycoming County. The plan was briefly shared by Randy Farmerie, DEP environmental cleanup... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Huge crowd hears results of pipeline risk assessment study**](#)
WEST GOSHEN — As part of a risk assessment study, an expert told about 250 listeners at Fugett Middle School, Tuesday night, that the risk associated with the Mariner East pipeline is "unacceptable" in certain locations. As part of a consequence and risk analysis report, Jeff Marx, senior... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Dignitaries hold meeting on Mahantongo parking garage**](#)
POTTSVILLE — City leaders thanked officials Thursday from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the \$5 million loan for the Mahantongo parking garage. The city was awarded the 35-year loan about three weeks ago after applying earlier this year. The garage will be demolished and another built in its... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**East Norriton supervisors observe promotions of two officers**](#)
East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors meeting was packed for the swearing in of East Norriton Police Department Officer Cristie Soto to Investigator/Detective and well as Officer Thomas Douglas, who was promoted to sergeant. According to Chief Brandon Pasquale, Soto started as an administrative... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)



- 08-31-2018 [**In His 5th Year as Mayor, de Blasio Finally Acts on Horse-Carriage Pledge**](#)
On his 1,703rd day in office, Mayor Bill de Blasio directed his administration to move the Central Park location where horse carriages wait for passengers to five boarding areas within the park. In doing so, the mayor fell well short of fulfilling a 2013 campaign... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**You Don't Drive a Minivan? You Should. Here's Why.**](#)
We often shun the ones that can help our lives the most. Maybe out of pride. Perhaps ignorance. Many of us are looking for good solid family material, yet reject prospects that are committed and generous. I am, of course, talking about minivans. If you want to know more about... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**San Francisco Grants 2 Scooter Permits \(but Not to the Early Disrupters\)**](#)
Regulators in San Francisco have a message for freewheeling scooter start-ups: Those that "ask forgiveness, not permission," will not be forgiven. On Thursday, the city's Municipal Transportation Agency announced the results of a monthslong process to allow on-demand electric scooter... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Area communities struggle to maintain local roads**](#)
When the city of Powell held meetings last month to discuss crumbling roads and how to pay for repairs, several residents spoke quietly in the audience about their neighborhoods. Comments such as, "You think that's bad, you should see my street," could be heard from those trying to one-up each other in a... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Specter of Car Tariffs Forces Allies to Give Ground in Talks**](#)
FRANKFURT — President Trump's threat to impose tariffs on imported cars is working, sending foreign leaders from Mexico to Japan racing to the negotiating table to make deals. But their offers may not satisfy a president who has shown a willingness to embrace trade tensions in an... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**New Plan for City Streetcar: Shorter, Pricier and Not Coming Soon**](#)
The good news for fans of Mayor Bill de Blasio's Brooklyn-to-Queens streetcar project is that, speculation to the contrary, the city says it is still alive. The rest of the news is that it will cover less ground, cost more and take a lot longer to build than when it was proposed in 2016, city officials... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Democratic lawmakers call for hearings into denial of passports to Americans**](#)
MEXICO CITY — Congressional Democrats on Thursday called for hearings into the government's policy of denying U.S. passports to Hispanic Americans along the U.S.-Mexico border and questioning the citizenship of hundreds, and possibly thousands, of Americans.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**N.J. fuel-tax hike leaves cheap gas in the rear-view mirror**](#)
New Jersey will boost its gasoline tax by 4.3 cents per gallon on Oct. 1, catapulting it from the nation's second-lowest gas tax in 2016 to the ninth highest this fall. But don't worry Pennsylvanians: You're still Number One. Gov. Murphy's administration sought to distance itself from the tax... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Holiday weekend to feature high gas prices and hot, humid weather**](#)
The estimated 69.6 million Americans who are expected to travel by car during the Labor Day weekend will face the highest gasoline prices since 2014. Gasoline averaged \$3.04 a gallon this week, a price that has held steady for at least the past month, said Jim Garrity, public and community... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 08-31-2018 [**The city's startup incubator, PGH Lab, is accepting applications for its fourth cohort**](#)
The application period is now open for the fourth iteration of the city's popular startup incubator, PGH Lab. Through partnerships with the Department of Innovation & Performance, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the Housing Authority, the Pittsburgh Parking Authority and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development,... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**How long should young children ride backwards? As long as they fit in the car seat, pediatricians say**](#)
Drivers with young children take note: Hang on to those rear-facing car seats as long as you can. That's the updated recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which previously specified that children should remain in rear-facing car seats at least to age 2.... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**TRAFFIC: Outbound HOV lanes from Pittsburgh's North Side on I-279 reopen Friday afternoon**](#)
TRAFFIC: Outbound HOV lanes from Pittsburgh's North Side on I-279 reopen Friday afternoon The HOV lanes on Interstate 279 will reopen to outbound traffic at 3 p.m. Friday and remain open outbound through Labor Day. Since spring, the lanes have been used for regular traffic while crews... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**A tale of two bus rides to New York: Bieber vs. Trans-Bridge**](#)
It's 6:39 a.m. Wednesday in Wescosville and Joel Barker is already comparing travel scars with Sabrina Deweerdt as they board a Bieber Tourways bus. Barker, of Upper Macungie, teaches accounting at the Borough of Manhattan Community College in Tribeca. These days, that often means a 6-hour... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Trump Approach on Nafta Relieves Automakers' Worst Fears**](#)
Volkswagen, which has a factory in Puebla, Mexico, could face a new tariff on some of its small cars under the prospective terms of a trade agreement between the United States and Mexico.CreditCreditPedro Pardo/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images As the Trump administration sought trade concessions from Mexico in recent... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**Nafta Talks Between U.S. and Canada Turn Tense as Deadline Looms**](#)
WASHINGTON — Trade negotiations between the United States and Canada turned tense on Friday morning, as both countries struggled to reach agreement on several key issues and President Trump continued to disparage Canada and its trade practices. The sudden rocky patch came after days of optimism from negotiators in both... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 08-31-2018 [**United Airlines is raising baggage fees, matching JetBlue**](#)
United Airlines is raising checked-bag fees for many passengers, matching a move earlier this week by JetBlue Airways... - [*AP*](#)



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