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SESSION STATUS

At 3:26 p.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., unless sooner recalled.
 At 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., unless sooner recalled.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

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

Senate

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

WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

ADMINISTRATION OUTLINES EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE COMMONWEALTH

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | January 7, 2019

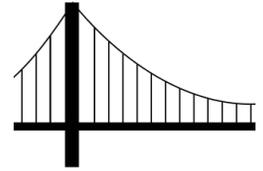
January is recognized as “Human Trafficking Awareness Month” and today representatives from several state agencies including the Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and the Governor’s Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, along with advocates held a news conference to discuss efforts by the Wolf Administration to combat human trafficking and educate the public on the issue. PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards said, “We are here to raise awareness about this horrible practice and highlight how we are working to end modern day slavery here in Pennsylvania.”

Sec. Richards went onto say, “When I became secretary, I never would have guessed that I would be working on combatting human trafficking.” She continued, “Since the beginning of Gov. Wolf’s administration I have made it a priority to educate myself, PennDOT employees, and the public about the dangers of human trafficking.” Sec. Richards observed, “Human trafficking happens everywhere, it can happen to anyone and yes it is happening right now in Pennsylvania.” She explained that “the National Human Trafficking hotline (1-888-373-7888) is a 24/7 resource for victims and service providers that also collects data about human trafficking for every state and the District of Columbia.” Sec. Richards reported that since 2007, the hotline has received almost 4,000 calls that generated more than 1,000 cases in Pennsylvania. She also reported that in 2017 there were 562 calls placed that led to 199 reported cases. Sec. Richards noted, “The majority of people who placed those 562 calls were concerned community members, not the victims themselves nor nonprofit or government representative.” She asserted, “These numbers just reinforce how much concerned citizens can do if they know what to look for and who to contact.”

Also noting PennDOT is one of the first agencies in the nation to educate its employees on human trafficking, Sec. Richards pointed out that the department has trained all 500 driver license center employees and all of the staffs at the commonwealth’s 14 welcome centers on the signs of potential trafficking. She also pointed out that as of July 2018 all transit agency employees (approximately 15,000) have been trained as well. Sec. Richards explained that the training defines the different kinds of trafficking; what qualifies as force, fraud and coercion and instructs employees on how to report to the authorities and also educates employees about [Act 105 of 2014](#). She further explained the training is available to employees at other state agencies and the general public through the department’s [website](#). Sec. Richards concluded, “I am so proud of the work that PennDOT is doing and we have done so far. I know together we can help end human trafficking here in Pennsylvania.”

DHS Deputy Secretary for Children, Youth and Families Cathy Utz, commented, “As understanding of the scope and impact of human trafficking evolves, we recognize it is a complex web of exploitation effecting individuals representative of diverse demographics, backgrounds and communities.” She added, “It knows no boundaries and it doesn’t discriminate based on income status, educational attainment, race, gender or faith.” Utz also told reporters, “Given the pervasive nature of trafficking and the fact no community





is immune, Pennsylvania must ensure a multidimensional and inter-disciplinary plan and approach to the identification, protection and provision of comprehensive and coordinated services to our victims.” She stated, “It is imperative that first responders, child welfare agencies, law enforcement officials, child serving professionals and child welfare mandated-reporters be properly trained and equipped with the necessary tools and resources to identify and to respond effectively to these victims.” Utz also said, “Despite growing awareness of this crime, human trafficking continues to thrive because of its covert nature, misconceptions about its prevalence and what types of individuals are vulnerable to becoming victims and a lack of awareness about its indicators.” She explained that DHS has focused efforts on two forms of human trafficking of children: commercial sexual exploitation and victims of labor trafficking. Concluding her remarks, Utz said, “No one agency or organization can eliminate human trafficking alone which is why we must stand together in this fight to identify strategies to protect our most vulnerable citizens.”

Captain Derek Baker, director of the PSP’s Special Investigations Division, said, “Human trafficking is a problem facing law enforcement in the communities we serve every day.” He continued, “Human trafficking has no borders, affects all communities and all cultures.” Baker also said the State Police remains dedicated to enforcing human trafficking laws. He provided an overview of a recent case investigated by the PSP’s Organized Crime Unit involving a 21-year old female. According to Baker, the victim was rescued thanks to an Uber driver in the Philadelphia area who was trained in spotting indicators of human trafficking at her local church. He asserted, “We ask everyone hearing this message to remain vigilant and proactive as that Uber driver so we can ensure countless victims from these horrific acts are taken care of.” He concluded, “It is important for our citizens to recognize these indicators and possess the courage to act when necessary.”

Tiffany Chang Lawson, executive director of the Governor’s Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, stated, “Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world.” She continued, “It targets the most vulnerable in our communities and it is destroying the lives of an entire generation of victims. Lawson concluded, “It is a human rights crisis and it is one that cannot be fought alone by local law enforcement agencies, and that’s why partnerships like these around training are so incredibly important.

Shea Rhodes, director of the Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, told reporters, “The institute is grateful to partner with the Commonwealth agencies including the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Department of Human Services in developing policies and protocols to ensure we are providing our survivors of sex trafficking the necessary tools in order to lead productive lives.” Tammy McDonnell, a survivor leader, said, “Human trafficking in America is real and it is not something that only happens overseas in third world countries.” She cautioned, “Sex trafficking occurs right here throughout our commonwealth in rural, suburban and urban areas and anyone can be targeted and victimized.”

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WOLF ADMINISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS INITIATIVES FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY

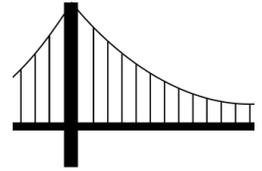
By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | January 10, 2019

Gov. Wolf, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Sec. Leslie Richards, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Sec. Dennis Davin, and York County Economic Alliance (YCEA) CEO Kevin Schreiber joined together to discuss the key initiatives strengthening Pennsylvania’s economy.

“We are here to highlight the strides that we have made in Pennsylvania to make Pennsylvania the best place to start and grow a business,” Gov. Wolf said.

Gov. Wolf stated that for the past four years he has worked hard on three things in particular: modernizing and improving Pennsylvania’s education system, investing in community and economic development, and prioritizing investment in infrastructure.

He continued that businesses are only as strong as their employees and that is why he created Manufacturing PA. Gov.



Wolf explained the initiative responds to the needs of the manufacturing community as it gives manufacturing the resources it needs to adapt to business climate. He noted workforce training is just one component to build a strong economy and Pennsylvania needs to eliminate barriers, which is why he chose to phase out the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax.

Gov. Wolf also explained Pennsylvania's One-Stop Shop now gives businesses what they need with one website and one phone call. He said in less than one year it has helped 86,000 entrepreneurs and business owners in Pennsylvania.

In combination with improving the intangible, Pennsylvania must make strategic investments in the tangible, Gov. Wolf said. He stated that in the last four years the administration has improved 2,400 bridges and more than 24,800 miles of roadways. Gov. Wolf noted he announced the \$2.4 billion investment in the road maintenance initiative. He added the administration has invested \$300 million in Philadelphia, not just on roads and bridges, but also the Port of Philadelphia.

"I want Pennsylvanians in every corner of our commonwealth to feel proud of their region and their communities," Gov. Wolf said.

Sec. Richards added PennDOT has worked to make sure goods and people can move about the state in the best way possible. She explained that since Gov. Wolf took office the department has put out 1,162 bridge projects and 2,583 projects for roadways and other improvements. Sec. Richards noted they awarded \$2.5 billion in highway and bridge contracts. She said the department is also investing in multi-modal pedestrian and bicycle improvements and \$30 million into the Erie Bay fund.

The department is investing over \$2 million in paving and maintenance programs due to the Road MaP Program, Sec. Richards said. She stated they also have expanded the use of recycled and sustainable materials. Sec. Richards added the department dealt with \$125 million in added cost due to flooding in 2018.

"We firmly believe that every dollar we invest in a PennDOT project is a dollar we are investing in the community where that project is located," Sec. Richards said.

Sec. Davin noted one of Gov. Wolf's goals is to create an environment where economy, businesses, and residences can thrive. He said in addition to One-Stop Shop, Manufacturing PA and the PAsmart initiative, the administration has increased broadband access and assisted more than 5,000 technology-based and life science businesses with funding or technical assistance.

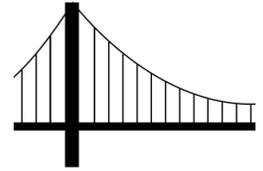
He added Pennsylvania was recognized by Amazon, who put Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in the top 20 for HQ2. Sec. Davin stated five communities have exited Act 45 status and have pulled themselves out of financial distress.

"For these economic and community development efforts paired with PennDOT's commitment to roadway and bridge improvement initiative like the RoadMaP initiative, we are improving our residents' quality of life and providing a better business environment," Sec. Davin said.

Schreiber explained York County has worked closely with the Wolf administration, and last year York has had \$200 million in economic activity, 1,400 new jobs created, and 3,900 jobs retained. Support from the commonwealth allows York to directly connect with multinational companies and niche growing companies, Schreiber said. He noted DCED has programs to help improve a community's quality of place, which helps companies have the ability to attract and retain trained employees.

Schreiber commended Gov. Wolf and his administration for the work they do for all local citizens to improve communities across the commonwealth.

"These past four years have been incredibly successful for our Keystone State economy," Schreiber said. "Private investment is up, job growth is steady, unemployment is down and confidence continues to grow in our commonwealth, our county and most certainly our state government."



Questions were taken from the media.

With not winning the Amazon lottery, what will the administration do to make sure the next corporation does select Pennsylvania?

Gov. Wolf responded that he believes it was a mistake to not choose Pennsylvania. He said it gave the administration a greater sense of who Pennsylvania is and that it is the kind of place that can grow the next Amazon. He noted the selection was not about incentives but looking for a place that was good for their employees.

Will you work to lower the Corporate Net Income (CNI) Tax?

Gov. Wolf said he has been consistent in wanting to reduce the CNI Tax.

Are there any thoughts you can share on addressing the big obligation that the Turnpike has to fund the transportation system?

Gov. Wolf stated transferring money from the Turnpike is unsustainable, so they have to come up with a better way to improve infrastructure. Sec. Richards added there are a few components involved she cannot share because of litigation, but she is concerned with how the Turnpike will move forward.

Is there a contingency plan if the federal government shutdown continues?

Gov. Wolf replied it does not affect every agency, so right now the administration is trying to put together a plan and look at how it might affect specific agencies. He commented Pennsylvanians are being affected and he urged the people in Washington to bring the shutdown to an end.

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Committee News

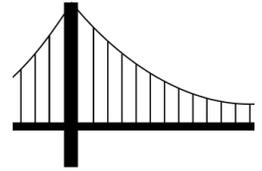
No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

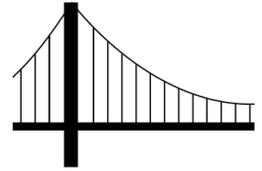
No Bullet.in.Points this week.

Cosponsor Memos

HCO 457	Davis, Tina(D)	Permits motorists to carry either a digital or paper copy of their vehicle registration card.
HCO 462	Cruz, Angel(D)	Creates a check box for Selective Service System registry on driver's license and learner's permit applications.
HCO 466	Cruz, Angel(D)	Requires undocumented immigrants to obtain a Pennsylvania driver's license.
HCO 479	Nesbit, Tedd(R)	Allows for an annual hauling permit to be issued for the movement of agricultural liming materials, agricultural seeds, and fertilizer.
HCO 489	Boback, Karen(R)	Waives the fees associated with replacing critical state documents for victims of domestic violence.
HCO 504	Miller, Brett(R)	Directs the Department of Transportation to plant native vegetation along highways.
HCO 506	Driscoll, Michael(D)	Requires wheelchairs and other electrical mobility devices to have red reflectors.



HCO 539	Knowles, Jerry(R)	Increases the minimum amount of required property damage insurance on an automobile policy.
HCO 546	Cruz, Angel(D)	Requires all public officers and employees operating government vehicles to provide proof of a valid license.
HCO 565	Gabler, Matt(R)	Allows for variations in the display name of an organization for a special organization license plate.
HCO 566	Gabler, Matt(R)	Authorizes the use of revolving and flashing yellow lights for school vehicles.
HCO 579	Cruz, Angel(D)	Prohibits drivers from operating a motor vehicle while holding an animal.
HCO 582	Cruz, Angel(D)	Requires a tow truck operator to photograph a vehicle to document the violation for which it is being removed.
HCO 600	DeLuca, Anthony(D)	Makes it a violation to consider an individual's education level or occupation when underwriting or rating auto insurance coverage.
HCO 607	Cruz, Angel(D)	Promotes a public education campaign on state and local solicitation laws.
HCO 609	Cruz, Angel(D)	Establishes a year-round waste tire removal program that addresses the safe and adequate removal and disposal of waste tires.
HCO 611	Kenyatta, Malcolm (F)(D)	Removes license suspension for failing to make custody payments.
HCO 612	Cruz, Angel(D)	Requires school buses to include a video monitoring system.
HCO 613	Brown, Rosemary(R)	Prohibits the use of hand-held interactive wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle on the roadways of the commonwealth.
HCO 617	Cruz, Angel(D)	Requires side underride protection systems be equipped on certain vehicles.
HCO 618	Cruz, Angel(D)	Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and administer the Speed Hump in School Zone Pilot Program.
HCO 619	Cruz, Angel(D)	Provides for the suspension of vehicle registration for failure to respond to a citation.
HCO 636	Owlett, Clint(R)	Provides for an exemption for people with disabilities regarding vehicle registration.
HCO 641	Bullock, Donna(D)	Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on requiring dual license plates on all vehicles in Pennsylvania.
SCO 381	Killion, Thomas(R)	Extends Good Samaritan civil liability to a person who, in an effort to save a child, breaks a window or forcibly enters a parked, locked vehicle.



Bill Actions

HB 40 Snyder, Pam(D)

Amends Title 75, in registration of vehicles, providing for special plates for children with autism.

Bill History:

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Upcoming Events

PA Public Utility Commission

January 17, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Turnpike Commission

January 18, 2019 - 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

House Appropriations

February 11, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission

Senate Appropriations

February 25, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Dept. of Transportation

House Appropriations

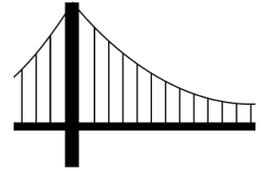
February 26, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation

House Appropriations

March 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary - Office of the Governor/Executive Offices

Senate Appropriations

March 7, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary/Governor's Executive Office (if necessary)



In the News

- 01-10-2019 **Gov. Wolf Showcases First Term Advancements in Economic Development...**
(Press Release)
- 01-10-2019 **Markel Corp. Appoints New Vice President of Sales and Business Development**
(Press Release)
- 01-10-2019 **Triumph Group Completes Sale of APU Repair Product Line**
(Press Release)
- 01-10-2019 **Wolf Administration Highlights Initiatives For A Stronger Economy**
(Around the Capital)
- 01-10-2019 **Get Atlantic City rail line back on track | Editorial**
South Jersey residents have been known to talk about seceding from the state because of the lousy treatment the south gets from the north. The latest gripe is over the shutdown of the Atlantic City Rail Line and lack of information about when trains will begin running again.... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 01-10-2019 **Residents show signs of opposition to Camp Hill Chick-fil-A**
The proposed construction of a Chick-fil-A restaurant did not appear on Camp Hill Borough Council's Wednesday meeting agenda, but those in attendance were greeted by the issue at the door. There, Zach and Maxine Wenrich handed out yard signs reading "Safe Streets for Students." They did so while representing the community group... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 01-10-2019 **Local tourism to be focus of new Westmoreland County visitor center on Route 119**
Westmoreland County will open a visitor center next month as part of a renewed push to promote tourism. On Thursday, county commissioners are expected to approve an \$81,000 contract with the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau to operate the facility in a plaza on Route 119, north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike interchange... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 01-10-2019 **Pittsburghers for Public Transit to recommend Mon Valley transit improvements**
The next plan for improving Port Authority service might not come from within the transit agency at all, but rather from a grassroots group that has fought against service cuts. After identifying public transportation problems in the Monongahela Valley last year, Pittsburghers for Public Transit is expanding its advocacy role... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 01-10-2019 **Grant to fund Lakemont dredging**
The Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee has received a \$195,000 grant to help pay for dredging the pond at Lakemont Park — the centerpiece project of an ISC plan to reduce the amount of sediment entering area streams by 1.4 million pounds per year, as required by the state Department... - *Altoona Mirror*



- 01-10-2019 **Mohnton council discusses parking change, animal control costs**
Mohnton Borough Council on Wednesday heard from a resident who is concerned about a change in parking regulations on Northridge Drive East. Christy Barnhart, who lives on the street, a cul-de-sac, expressed concern that an ordinance passed in December prohibiting parking on the south side... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Leesport mayor says Wall Street Bridge could open soon**
Leesport Mayor Granville Sandridge announced that the Wall Street Bridge may open as early as next week to ambulance and police vehicles, depending on weather conditions. "They are making good progress, and it looks real good," he said Wednesday. The bridge was closed in the fall of 2017 so a PennDOT contractor could... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Berks, Lehigh fire officials demand state help with I-78 crashes**
Volunteer fire companies are becoming unable, and increasingly unwilling, to shoulder the brunt of handling traffic control at major crashes on Interstate 78 in Berks and part of Lehigh counties, officials of four squads said Wednesday at a meeting in Virginville.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Court to rule on rant over Erie-area school buses**
A PennDOT worker was fired, then reinstated, over a Facebook post in which she said she would crash into a school bus. The case started with a Facebook rant against school bus drivers in northwestern Pennsylvania. Nearly three years later, the case has the potential to set precedent... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Pennsylvania's truck stop gambling should get started this year. One Lehigh Valley site plans to jump in**
Exit 45 off Interstate 78 in Weisenberg Township already offers travelers the opportunity to grab a bite at New Smithville Diner, fill up their gas tank or book a room at the Super 8 by Wyndham. Later this year, a new offering will make Exit 45 the western Lehigh... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Firm secures parking variance in Humboldt**
HAZLE TWP. — A firm that develops speculative buildings for real estate and investment companies in the eastern United States secured a parking variance from the zoning board Tuesday for a 1.2 million-square-foot distribution center that it plans to build along Route... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Commissioners vote to buy Lackawanna Avenue parking lot for \$192K**
SCRANTON — Lackawanna County commissioners on Wednesday agreed to buy a Lackawanna Avenue parking lot located near the county's new headquarters at the former Globe store. Commissioners voted unanimously to pay Robert and Karen Pollack of Clarks Summit \$192,000 for the roughly 25-spot lot at 321 Lackawanna Ave., which... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-10-2019 **State climate goals doable**
Market forces already have set Pennsylvania on the path to achieving some of the anti-pollution goals that Gov. Tom Wolf recently established in an executive order. That, rapidly advancing energy technology and emerging public policy, make the goals practical and achievable.... - [Scranton Times](#)



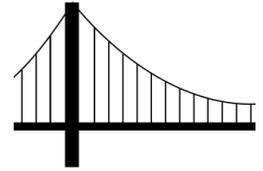
- 01-10-2019 **Back on the table: PennDOT wants 6 lanes for I-81**
PennDOT this week highlighted an updated feasibility study on widening Interstate 81 to six lanes. Such a project would expand the highway from the Maryland line north to the I-78 split, with the Harrisburg area where six lanes already exist left out. The plan attracting attention now is a refreshed version of a plan released... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 01-10-2019 **How does Lebanon County and PennDOT decide which intersections get fixed?**
It isn't hard to figure out which Lebanon County intersections locals think are dangerous. When we asked, 106 Facebook users in all named 50 different intersections. That long list begs the question: "Why aren't they fixed to be less dangerous?" The short answer to that question is deciding where to allocate resources... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Carlisle intends to keep working to secure rights-of-way for road project 'amicably'**
Carlisle borough officials anticipate taking action on an ordinance at its January meeting that would authorize the use of eminent domain to acquire rights-of-way and easements related to the Carlisle Connectivity Project. But they said that doesn't mean eminent domain is inevitable.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Longwall mining to cause I-70 restrictions near W.Va./Pa. line**
WHEELING – Expect to see lots of orange, fluorescent green and slow-moving traffic on Interstate 70 at the West Virginia/Pennsylvania state line over the next four-plus months. The orange will be from the traffic barrels that on Tuesday closed one lane of I-70 in each direction for about a mile. The fluorescent green will be... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Uniontown City Council concerned about rail crossing surfaces along Beeson Avenue**
Uniontown City Council noted concerns from the city's public works director about the safety of a major downtown thoroughfare's crossing surface and what he and other city officials say is a distressing lack of action from the railroad company that abandoned the rail line.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Snowstorm hits one day after rare January tornado**
FRENCH CREEK TOWNSHIP — The National Weather Service rarely conducts tornado surveys in the snow. In fact, Fred McMullen, a meteorologist from the weather service Pittsburgh office, said Tuesday's storm was just the sixth recorded January tornado in Pennsylvania since record-keeping began in the early 1950s.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Lowman S. Henry: Gov. Tom Wolf's latest tax grab**
Pennsylvania motorists already pay one of the highest state gasoline taxes in the nation thanks to what was effectively a 30-cent per gallon tax hike during the Tom Corbett Administration. Now, a new multi-state compact advocated by radical environment interests threatens to add to that tax... - [Phoenixville News](#)



- 01-10-2019 **11 Turnpike toll hikes in a row – payoff not obvious**
For the 11th year in a row, motorists' tolls on the 359-mile Pennsylvania Turnpike are going up. So that's more than a decade of annual increases to drive the turnpike. The tolls went up 6 percent starting Sunday, meaning for passenger vehicles traveling the length of the Turnpike the increase goes from \$55 to \$58 for... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Interim financing extended for project**
Though they're still in the waiting process to receive bids for the scaled-down expansion building project at the Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center, members of the Joint Operating Committee announced some great news Tuesday night that will help them moving forward.... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 01-10-2019 **11 Pa. turnpike toll increases in a row**
For the 11th year in a row, motorists' tolls on the 359-mile Pennsylvania Turnpike are going up. So that's more than a decade of annual increases to drive the turnpike. The tolls went up 6 percent starting Sunday, meaning for passenger vehicles traveling the length of the turnpike the increase goes from \$55 to \$58 for... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Fleet get their own identity**
Lewistown Borough recently purchased a new, 2018 International Chassis garbage truck and the vehicle is taking to the streets today with a special, community selected name — Optimus Grime. Inspired by "Optimus Prime," the lead transformer in the popular "Transformers" franchise, the name was selected after the borough... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Highway and transit projects grind to a halt as the shutdown continues**
Highway construction projects across the country have been jeopardized by the federal shutdown as state officials hesitate to authorize projects planned for 2019 without the assurance of federal funding. "If this continues to drag on it will have real impacts, not only on a... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-10-2019 **California set a goal of 100% clean energy, and now other states may follow its lead**
It's been less than four months since California committed to getting all of its electricity from climate-friendly sources by 2045. But the idea is already catching on in other states. At least nine governors taking their oaths of office this month, from Nevada to Michigan to New York, campaigned on 100% clean energy, or have... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Giving revenue to people can calm the carbon pricing angst seen in France | Opinion**
In a well-intentioned effort to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions that cause climate change, the French government announced it would increase fuel taxes to discourage driving and encourage low-carbon transportation. It did not go over well. Violent demonstrations erupted in Paris and other French cities, forcing... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 01-10-2019 **Direct flights to Birmingham, Memphis, Hartford coming to Pittsburgh airport**
New year, new airline. That was the message officials had Wednesday when they announced a new carrier would be adding three new nonstop flights from Pittsburgh International Airport in the coming months. "It's a perfect match," said Allegheny County Executive Rich... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Must PennDOT rehire worker fired over Facebook 'rant'? Pa. Supreme Court to decide**
Did PennDOT violate a worker's freedom of speech rights when it fired her for an off-duty Facebook rant about school bus drivers? And must she be rehired? A Commonwealth Court panel answered "yes" to both questions in June. Now, the state Supreme Court is taking up that debate.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Is chaos ahead for transportation funding in Pa.? | Opinion**
A nasty storm could be brewing for Pennsylvania's transportation funding regimen, says a scholar at the Allegheny Institute for Public Policy. And it's all been fueled by dubious state legislation that long has milked the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) for millions of dollars... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-10-2019 **Yes, \$1.7 million worth of fentanyl was seized at the Port of Philadelphia**
During his prime-time pitch for a border wall on Tuesday, President Trump said the U.S. border with Mexico is a "pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs including meth, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl." Now, social media is lighting up over a report from last summer about a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-09-2019 **PennFuture Applauds Gov. Wolf on Climate Leadership after Executive Order...**
(Press Release)
- 01-09-2019 **DHS: Employment and Training Innovation Grant Recipients Announced**
(Press Release)
- 01-09-2019 **Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: Turnpike tolls rise for the 10th...**
(Press Release)
- 01-09-2019 **Harrisburg, Central Dauphin schools could lose millions to railroad in tax dispute**
The Harrisburg School District raised taxes on residents last year by the maximum amount allowed by law, to generate an additional \$1.4 million to cover rising costs. But the bulk of that tax increase could be erased if the Norfolk Southern Corporation prevails in a property tax dispute with Dauphin County. The... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Capital Beltway plans include 12-lane I-83: PennDOT**
As part of a decade-long effort to improve Interstate 83, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation engineers are looking at widening the highway to 12 lanes -- adding three in each direction -- between Paxton Street and Second Street. PennDOT officials said the aim is to alleviate traffic congestion and... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



- 01-09-2019 **Schember puts Erie Parking Authority board seats in play**
The move is part of a plan to fill several expired seats on city authorities, boards and commissions. The Erie Parking Authority's five-member board of directors could see wholesale changes soon. Mayor Joe Schember is seeking applicants for all five board seats, even... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-09-2019 **PennDOT to share Lawrence Park bridge plans**
Plans to repair the Main Street bridge will be the topic of a Jan. 23 public meeting. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will discuss plans to improve the Main Street bridge over Four Mile Creek in Lawrence Park during a Jan. 23 public meeting. The bridge is located between Napier Avenue and Lawrence Parkway/Water... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Industry leader applauds state of U.S. energy**
You could feel the energy through your landline as Mike Sommers opened the program. "Our focus is on what we call America's 'Generation Energy,' because of the remarkable dual achievement of production at a high level while driving emissions down dramatically. This would not have... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Gov. Tom Wolf's emissions plan well received in state's environmental circles**
Calling climate change "the most critical environmental threat facing the world" today, Gov. Tom Wolf on Tuesday signed an executive order establishing the first statewide goal to reduce carbon pollution across Pennsylvania. Calling climate change "the most critical environmental threat facing... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Old Wesel Manufacturing building in Scranton is demolished for parking lot**
An old fabrication plant that once made equipment for the printing industry, specialty plastics and aerospace components has been demolished for parking. A company affiliated with Matt Burne Honda, the Burne Family Limited Partnership, bought the old Wesel Manufacturing Co. building, 1141 N.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-09-2019 **State's repeat DUI offenders get overdue tougher penalties**
The penalty for chronic offenders of Pennsylvania's driving under the influence laws just got stiffer. And well it should. Under a long-overdue revision passed by the Legislature in October and signed by Gov. Tom Wolf, the legal consequences for some repeat offenders... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Bicycle repair station installed near top of Johnstown Inclined Plane**
Two community groups have installed a bicycle repair station near the top of Johnstown's Inclined Plane, responding to the development of downhill biking trails on the hillside below the iconic funicular. The Rotary Club of Johnstown and the Friends of the Inclined Plane Trails... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Gov. Wolf calls for carbon pollution cuts in Pennsylvania**
HARRISBURG — Gov. Tom Wolf wants the state to cut its carbon emissions by 26 percent from 2005 levels over the next seven years and by 80 percent by 2050. The 2005 base year was used in the Obama administration's 2015 Clean Power Plan. Wolf's executive order also will establish the GreenGov Council to... - [Meadville Tribune](#)



- 01-09-2019 **Mahoning searching for funds to upgrade busy intersection**
MAHONING TWP. — The traffic signals at Bloom Road and Academy Avenue, the entrance road to Geisinger Medical Center, have not been updated in 15 years, township Supervisor T.S. Scott said. "They're supposed to be updated every five years," Scott said at the supervisors meeting this week. "They haven't been touched in 15 years."... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Warning: Slow-moving vehicles ahead**
The tragic loss of a 62-year-old man who died last month after a pickup truck struck his horse and buggy on Route 522 near McClure is a reminder to all who drive and encounter slow-moving vehicles on the rural roads of the Central Susquehanna Valley. The Ohio Department of Transportation calculated that if a car traveling 55... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Adams County police chief's BAC was twice the legal limit, court documents say**
An Adams County police chief, who was arrested for suspicion of DUI in November, had a blood alcohol content that was twice the legal limit, according to court documents. Charles Kellar, who serves as the Littlestown Borough Police Chief and borough manager, had a BAC level of 0.187 percent about an hour after being... - [Hanover Evening Sun](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Carlisle Area Chamber discusses growing price tag of I-81 expansion**
The grand total for widening Interstate 81 in Pennsylvania, from Maryland to I-78, is pushing \$3 billion according to the latest highway study revision by PennDOT. The new findings were presented Tuesday afternoon at a meeting organized by the Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce, where public officials and business... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce affiliate eyes purchase of Swarner building from Carlisle Area School District**
Pending the approval of a sales agreement, the Swarner House next to Lamberton Middle School could be the new home of the Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce. The Carlisle Business Education Foundation, an affiliate of the chamber, is engaged in talks with the Carlisle Area School District for the purchase of... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Nicholson Tourism Center renovations begin**
The building will undergo renovations until this fall. 2019 is already proving to be a great year for the Nicholson Heritage Association. Perry's General Contracting recently began work on a visitor center in Nicholson, which the association has been anticipating since 2014 when it... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 01-09-2019 **June hearings set for Winola Water Company**
Following an emergency order against Winola Water Company for failing to serve its customers, attorneys from the parties involved met with the appointed judge at a pre-hearing conference on Monday morning (Jan. 7) at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission offices in Harrisburg.... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)



- 01-09-2019 **Nicholson addresses Streetscape**
The Streetscape project and planning commission appointments were some of the highlighted topics at Monday's Nicholson Borough Council meeting. Councilwoman Joan Jenkins addressed rumors that the borough council has to give money back to PennDOT for the project, and that the council only plans... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 01-09-2019 **CLERK: No lost monies as AG charged**
Wyoming County Clerk Bill Gaylord gave an update Tuesday about liquid fuels monies which the state auditor general accused the county of missappropriating back in October. "First off, we did not ignore these monies, and never would," Gaylord said after conversations with PennDOT. "Yesterday, we were... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Tunkhannock students impress with 'Paint the Plow'**
Every year, PennDOT holds a paint the plow contest. Schools from the various PennDOT districts paint a design on one of their plows to go along with the year's theme. The theme this year was "Know Before You Go." Artists Jordana Bach and Rebecca Sweigart designed and painted the plow.... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission increasing tolls and adding lanes, but does it need to?**
Adding more lanes to a busy highway does not reduce congestion. In 2011, the Katy Freeway in Houston was widened to a 13-lane behemoth at a cost of more than \$2 billion. Three years later, studies found that rush-hour travel times actually increased by about 25 minutes.... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 01-09-2019 **For its next act, SpaceX plans to launch and land its giant Mars spaceship**
SpaceX's long-stated plans to reach the Red Planet could take a big step forward as early as February with a so-called "hopper test" of the company's Mars spaceship prototype. During next month's test, the prototype will launch and briefly go up in the air before coming back down to Earth, Chief Executive Elon Musk... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Airport may face DEP penalties**
Missing maintenance reports may bring penalties to the Titusville Airport from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) following a Dec. 20 inspection of the fuel system. Airport Manager Keith Bromley said that while the inspection of the fuel... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Towanda Borough to assume control of State Route 3020**
TOWANDA BOROUGH — The Towanda Borough Council carried a motion to accept control of the borough's portion of state Route 3020 from PennDOT in their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday evening. - [Towanda Daily Review](#)



- 01-09-2019 **McKean Co. commissioners approve grant**
SMETHPORT — The McKean County Commissioners approved a contract Tuesday with the Department of Community and Economic Development for the Emergency Services Grant Program. The grant amounts to \$112,259 and is effective from Nov. 30, 2018, through May 30, 2020.... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Cranberry OKs intersection cameras Cranberry to get license plate reading cameras**
CRANBERRY TWP — An effort by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office to create a network of license plate reading cameras across the region will now help township police. During a meeting of township supervisors Monday, the board voted unanimously to approve the installation of fixed license plate readers at... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 01-09-2019 **New faces appointed in Conewago**
Conewago supervisors Monday chose new faces over former long-time local government veterans to fill two vacant positions. Ernest Hess and Jeffery Sheely each received unanimous votes by the remaining three supervisors charged with filling positions vacated in... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 01-09-2019 **U.S. greenhouse gas emissions spiked in 2018 — and it couldn't happen at a worse time**
U.S. carbon dioxide emissions rose an estimated 3.4?percent in 2018, according to new research — a jarring increase that comes as scientists say the world needs to be aggressively cutting its emissions to avoid the most devastating effects of climate change.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Wider runway, 2 millionth passenger eyed at Arnold Palmer airport in 2019**
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport expects to reach a milestone in 2019: serving its two millionth passenger since February 2011, when Spirit Airlines became the facility's sole commercial carrier. Officials at the Unity airport also plan to widen the runway as... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-09-2019 **Wider runway, 2 millionth passenger eyed at Arnold Palmer airport in 2019**
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- 01-09-2019 **Via Airlines to start service from Pittsburgh International Airport**
A small Florida-based airline will launch service to four cities from Pittsburgh International Airport this spring and summer, intent on making the region a focus for its operations. Via Airlines will fly to Memphis, Tenn.; Hartford, Conn.; Austin, Texas, and Birmingham, Ala. from the airport in Findlay, according to Don Bowman,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 01-09-2019 **[Direct flights to Birmingham, Memphis, Hartford coming to Pittsburgh airport](#)**
New year, new airline. That was the message officials had Wednesday when they announced a new carrier would be adding three new nonstop flights from Pittsburgh International Airport in the coming months. "It's a perfect match," said Allegheny County Executive Rich... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-09-2019 **[Spring on the mind of McCandless officials: Registration open for April 6 roadside cleanup](#)**
The region hasn't had its first winter snowstorm yet, but McCandless officials already have spring cleaning on their minds. Volunteers are being recruited for a roadside cleanup from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 6. Residents interested in participating can sign up by calling 412-364-0616... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[McCarter applauds executive order establishing statewide goal to reduce...](#)**
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- 01-08-2019 **[Clean Power PA Coalition Applauds Governor Wolf for Executive Action to Move...](#)**
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- 01-08-2019 **[Governor Wolf's First Term Marks Substantial Shift for PA's Energy, Environment](#)**
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- 01-08-2019 **[Governor Wolf Establishes First Statewide Goal to Reduce Carbon Pollution in...](#)**
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- 01-08-2019 **[Wolf Administration Highlights Winter Driving, Safety Resources, Announces...](#)**
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- 01-08-2019 **[PennDOT: Latest Summary of Interstate Restrictions](#)**
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- 01-08-2019 **[Democracy depends on voter access, so why is it so hard in Pa. and NJ? | Editorial](#)**
With Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren's declaration that she'll seek the Democratic nomination for president, election mania officially kicked off. It's almost two years away, but the upcoming 2020 election, with a problematic partisan divide at the forefront of... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Video gaming terminals coming to truck stops in Berks County](#)**
Five establishments in Berks County have filed applications with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to operate video gaming terminals. VGTs are part of the gambling expansion signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf in October 2017. They are essentially slot machines, but by law, the maximum... - [Reading Eagle](#)



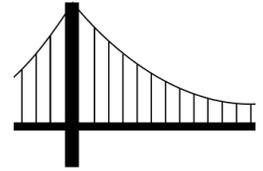
- 01-08-2019 **Dreibelbis Station Bridge in Berks County to get \$4 million rehabilitation**
The Dreibelbis Station Bridge cost \$6,000 when it was built for horse-drawn traffic in 1869 at the request of Manassas Dreibelbis. He wanted a safer crossing for wagons fording Maiden Creek several hundred feet downstream from his mill. The historic covered bridge in Greenwich Township is about to undergo a \$4... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-08-2019 **Debris from bridge project remains in the Lackawanna River**
Plastic debris from the Harrison Avenue Bridge construction project still — or again — litters the banks of the Lackawanna River in South Scranton. The bridge, which reopened about a month ago, spans Roaring Brook, which empties into the Lackawanna about a mile downstream. Debris was spotted in... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-08-2019 **Ruling requires drillers to pay millions in outstanding impact fees**
UNION Pennsylvania's Public Utility Commission is preparing invoices for 18 natural gas production companies to pay millions of dollars in impact fees they owe on low-producing wells from recent years. The case applies to 483 wells in 23 counties, according to a list supplied... -
- 01-08-2019 **Behind a distracted wheel in Quakertown**
A steady flow of students at Quakertown Community High School lined up Friday to get behind the wheel of distracted driving simulators that show them how their life can change in a matter of seconds. The simulators, provided by the Lehigh Valley Health Network, were brought to the high... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 01-08-2019 **State agencies turn attention toward spotting human trafficking victims**
HARRISBURG — The Department of Transportation is training workers to identify potential victims of human trafficking to help rescue them as criminals move them along the state's highways and other transportation systems, PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards said Monday.... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 01-08-2019 **Committee raising funds for traffic study in Lewisburg**
LEWISBURG — A grassroots group comprised of Lewisburg residents and downtown merchants addressed a crowd of more than 90 people on the need for a public health, environmental and transportation "corridor study" for Market Street. The meeting was held on the third floor of the Iron Front Chamberlain... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
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- 01-08-2019 **Lansdale staff looking to tighten bid specs for road projects**
LANSDALE — With the calendar now flipped to 2019, Lansdale Borough staff are still working to resolve one outstanding road project, and tighten bid specifications to avoid future problems. Construction project manager Chris Kunkel gave an update during council's... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)



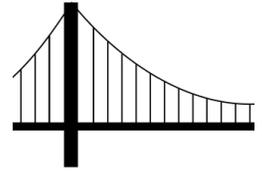
- 01-08-2019 **Rep. Hennessey to chair House Transportation Committee**
HARRISBURG — Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-26th Dist., was officially appointed majority chairman of the House Transportation Committee by Speaker of the House Mike Turzai on Monday. “I am pleased to receive this appointment to lead the committee that addresses issues impacting Pennsylvania’s infrastructure,” said... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 01-08-2019 **Bellefonte Borough Council hears proposal for Governor’s Park**
BELLEFONTE – There was a lot of business taken care of at the first meeting of 2019 for Bellefonte Borough Council. Before the meeting officially began, council heard a presentation about refurbishing restrooms at Governor’s Park. Robert Lingenfelter of Weber... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 01-08-2019 **Is the Fix for the L-Train Apocalypse Too Good to Be True?**
Four days after Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s surprise decision to call off the L train shutdown, his plan faced growing skepticism over whether it is the best way to repair the subway tunnel. The plan has been criticized as being a temporary fix and a risky solution... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-08-2019 **The self-driving car industry just acknowledged it has an image problem**
For the driverless car industry, 2018 saw technology breakthroughs. Unfortunately, the year also was a public relations disaster. An experimental Uber driverless car, with an inattentive “safety driver” at the wheel, ran over and killed a woman walking her bicycle... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 01-08-2019 **Pacific Coast Highway reopened but drivers warned to expect ongoing lane closures**
A stretch of Pacific Coast Highway in the Malibu area was reopened Monday evening as crews worked to clear the road of mud and debris after Saturday’s storm, officials said Monday. Crews worked around the clock over the weekend, moving four vehicles trapped in mud that was 4 feet deep in some areas. Caltrans advised drivers... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 01-08-2019 **PennDOT updates speed restrictions**
Harrisburg, PA – PennDOT continues to post 45 mph speed restrictions on Interstate 81 between Scranton at Mile Marker 194 and the New York State border. All speed and vehicle restrictions were lifted earlier from Interstates 80 east of the junction with Interstate 79; Interstate 81 south of Scranton;... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)
- 01-08-2019 **St. Marys introduces new option for feeding parking meters**
St. MARYS — If you’re looking for an easier way to avoid parking tickets in the city, there’s an app for that. Keen-eyed commuters may have noticed stickers on St. Marys’ approximately 300 parking meters introducing the Meter Feeder App to the city. “Our hope is that people will see it, see that it’s out there, and... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)



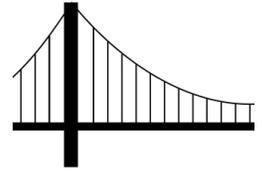
- 01-08-2019 **[PennDOT issues travel restrictions](#)**
A mixed bag of precipitation in the weather forecast this week has PennDOT taking precautions and advising motorists to do the same. With a period of snow, sleet and freezing rain expected across the state through Thursday, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Wolf administration highlights winter driving, safety resources, announces restrictions in advance of icing storm forecast](#)**
HARRISBURG — With a period of snow, sleet and freezing rain expected across the state through Thursday, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is imposing restrictions on certain trucks and other vehicles and limiting speed limits and urging motorists to prepare... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Colonial Parking takes over management of Central Parking Garage in downtown Lancaster](#)**
Colonial Parking, a private parking management firm from Wilmington, Delaware, is now overseeing the Central Parking Garage in downtown Lancaster. On Jan. 1, Colonial Parking began managing the parking garage at South Prince and West Vine streets. It plans to offer free parking at the garage... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Senate GOP Name Committee Chairs](#)**
Yesterday, the state Senate announced the new committee chairs for the 2019-2020 session. Multiple positions opened up due to retirements and losses in November, but none may be more notable than Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne) heading the Senate Judiciary Committee after longtime Sen. Stewart Greenleaf retired.... - [PoliticsPA](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Senate Dems Announce Committee Chairs](#)**
Shortly after the state Senate GOP released their list, Senate Democratic Minority Leader Jay Costa Jr. announced the new minority chairs for the 2019-2020 session. A couple of state Senators will chair multiple committees, such as state Sen. James Brewster, while each of the five newly elected state Senators... - [PoliticsPA](#)
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- 01-08-2019 **[Gov. Wolf sets target for slashing Pennsylvania's greenhouse gas pollution](#)**
Gov. Tom Wolf is setting Pennsylvania's first economy-wide target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and proposing steps for the agencies under his watch to slash their energy use, through an executive order he plans to sign on Tuesday. The goals — a 26 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



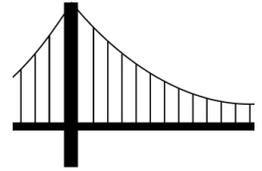
- 01-08-2019 **[Boyle seeking alternative to replacing 30th Street split-flap sign](#)**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Amtrak is planning to replace the split-flap schedule board at 30th Street Station with a digital version, but one local congressman is pushing for an alternative. With the familiar click-click-click of the schedule board behind him, U.S.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Reading Terminal Market named top farmers market in US](#)**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Just about every flavor, cuisine and ingredient can be found in the controlled chaos of Reading Terminal Market. So it's no surprise that The Online Farmers Market (TOFM) recently named it the top farmers market in the country.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[U.S. Carbon Emissions Surged in 2018 Even as Coal Plants Closed](#)**
WASHINGTON — America's carbon dioxide emissions rose by 3.4 percent in 2018, the biggest increase in eight years, according to a preliminary estimate published Tuesday. Strikingly, the sharp uptick in emissions occurred even as a near-record number of coal plants around the United States retired last year,... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Q&A: What air travelers should know about the government shutdown](#)**
DALLAS (AP) — The partial government shutdown is starting to affect air travel... - [AP](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Sen. Ward joins Senate GOP leadership](#)**
State Sen. Kim Ward, R-Hempfield was named to the GOP Senate leadership Tuesday, as the Republican Senate caucus regrouped for 2019. The appointment came a day after Ward, now in her third term, was named chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson Co., announced... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-08-2019 **[Wolf issues executive order curbing state carbon emissions](#)**
Governor Tom Wolf announced a preemptive strike against climate change via executive order in Pittsburgh Tuesday. Believing that climate change poses a significant risk, Wolf wants to see state operations reduce their carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050. The order sets three goals, non binding upon the completion of his final... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 01-07-2019 **[Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa, Jr. Announces Committee Chairs for...](#)**
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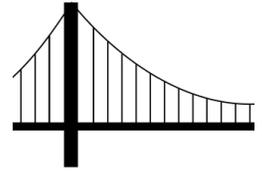
- 01-07-2019 **Wolf Admin. Outlines Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking, Encourages Public...**
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- 01-07-2019 **Rep. Dermody: Democratic committee chairmen named**
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- 01-07-2019 **Administration Outlines Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking in the Commonwealth**
(Around the Capital)
- 01-07-2019 **Bus rapid transit plan should be reconsidered**
Bus rapid transit plan should be reconsidered After reading about new Port Authority CEO Katharine Eagan Kelleman (Dec. 30, "Transit CEO Brings New Attitude in Her First Year"), I figure it's about time I write to voice my opinion that the bus rapid transit (BRT) plan should be stopped in the hope that maybe she'll read this... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Bicyclists should earn tax subsidies**
I agree with Paul Cortese in the Dec. 3 letter "Why Don't Electric Vehicles Pay a Fuel tax?" The tax situation vis-à-vis bicyclists is unfair. But here's where we split in opinion: They should be subsidized, not taxed, because overall they reduce automobile usage.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Look ahead: What to watch for as the year progresses**
School construction, elections and paving projects are some of the plans on the horizon for Luzerne County. Construction of a new high school is set to start in Wilkes-Barre Area School District, while a new intermediate center will open in Dallas School District. Residents will vote for six council members on Luzerne County... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Reading sidewalk in danger of collapse [Ask the Eagle reports]**
Signs posted on a white picket fence in the first block of South Fifth Street in downtown Reading proclaim: "Danger Sidewalk May Collapse." Is the sidewalk at one of Reading's main intersections about to cave in? Reading Eagle reader Vicki D'Angela wants to know.... - [Reading Eagle](#)



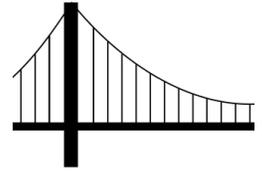
- 01-07-2019 **The Rundown: State Rep. Jim Cox the only committee chairman from Berks County**
Just one member of the Berks County delegation in the state House has been named as chairman of a committee in the coming session. State Rep. Jim Cox, a Spring Township Republican, was appointed to serve as chairman of the House Labor and Industry Committee. This committee... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Bridges in poor condition common in Fayette County**
There are 116 bridges on state routes and locally owned roads rated as being in poor condition in Fayette County with combined average daily traffic of just under 170,000, according to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation data. The most common reasons for bridge deterioration in PennDOT District 12 are... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Area senator's plans for 2019 include focus on infrastructure**
Now that state Sen. Pat Stefano, R-Bullskin Township, is back in Harrisburg for the new legislative session, his attention is focused on maintaining and improving infrastructure for the 32nd district and the entire state. As the economy strengthens, Stefano said, the state must stay focused on... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Plans for Hermitage roundabout advance**
HERMITAGE — The intersection of East State Street and U.S. Route 62 in Hermitage will look much different by the end of this year, as PennDOT officials move forward with plans for Mercer County's second roundabout. Officials hope to advertise the project Thursday and open bids by Feb. 14.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-07-2019 **'I can't get there from here': Study looking at local transportation needs for healthcare, jobs**
An effort is underway to determine the transportation needs of Mercer County residents. The Primary Health Network Charitable Foundation received a \$50,000 grant in October from the Buhl Regional Health Foundation to study and evaluate Mercer County's transportation problems and, ideally, find solutions.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Lowman S. Henry: New Year brings yet another turnpike fare hike**
The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has, for the past eleven years, rung in the New Year by bestowing a toll increase on turnpike travelers. As 2019 dawns yet another 6% increase in fare rates will take effect. In a recent radio interview Gov. Tom Wolf admitted that these annual toll... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 01-07-2019 **PennDOT pre-treating roads with anti-icing agent; winter storm forecast for tonight**
MONTOURSVILLE - Motorists in north central Pennsylvania are advised that PennDOT is pre-treating major roads today in advance of the winter weather forecast for tonight. - [Shamokin News-Item](#)



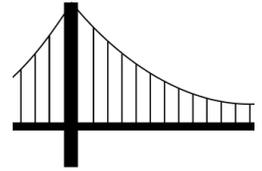
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- 01-07-2019 **Preverification open to obtain REAL ID**
Complete REAL ID compliance may still be more than a year away, but Pennsylvania residents have the opportunity to pre-verify through PennDOT and obtain the updated identification beginning in March. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Borowicz's office is now open**
State Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R-Centre/Clinton) has announced the opening of her Lock Haven district office at 18 E. Main St., Suite 2, Lock Haven. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office phone number is 570-748-5480. Available services include assisting... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Who Wants a Market Downturn? These Investors Actually Do.**
SAN FRANCISCO — Vini Letteri, a managing director at KKR who invests in tech companies, had a slow 2018. Mr. Letteri, a venture capitalist who manages a \$714 million fund, tried to put some of that money into 12 tech start-ups last year — but failed when they demanded too rich a price. In some cases, he said, his offers to... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Truck's engine compartment catches fire in Rt. 422 crash**
BUTLER TWP — A fiery crash slowed traffic on Route 422 during the Friday morning commute, but no one was injured. Butler Township police said Roger Seybert, 51, of Karns City was traveling west just past Route 68 about 7:30 a.m. when he lost control of his Chevy... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Philly's big plan to make streets safer in residential neighborhoods**
In a city where no one can agree on anything except their support of a football player's large package and a mascot that's purposely weird, Philly neighborhoods seem to have agreed on one surprisingly contentious point: They want people to drive slower. A lot slower.... - [Philadelphia Billy Penn](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Senate Dem's name 2019 committee chairs**
Senate Democrats also named their new committee chairs on Monday. Four freshmen took over as committee chairs including Sen. Maria Collett (D-Montgomery), Sen. Steve Santasiero (D-Bucks), Sen. Katie Muth (D-Montgomery) and Sen. Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny).... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Baker in at Judiciary as Senate Republicans name majority chairs**
Senate Republicans named their new committee chairs Monday. Among the biggest changes were Sen. Lisa Baker's (R-Luzerne) ascension to head the Senate Judiciary Committee with the retirement of long-time chairman Stewart Greenleaf last year. Sen. John Eichelberger's (R-Blair) retirement and Sen. John Rafferty's... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)



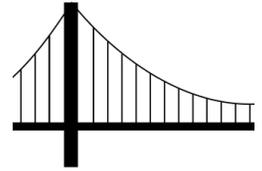
- 01-07-2019 **House Democrats name minority chairs**
House Democrats named their committee chairs Monday morning, shuffling a few of their top committees. Rep. Joe Petrarca (D-Westmoreland), representing a trending red western Pennsylvania district, was moved from his seat at the head of the House Judiciary Committee to Aging and Youth.... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Shore weatherman predicts stormy skies if NJ Transit doesn't soon restart Atlantic City train line to Philly**
The long underutilized and more recently, suspended rail service between Philly and Atlantic City might seem an unusual cause for a self-described - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Two midstate senators to get their first taste of committee chairmanship in the Pa. Senate**
Five state lawmakers from the southcentral portion of the state have been appointed to serve as chairmen of Senate committees for the 2019-20 legislative session, two of them for the first time in their senatorial careers. They are: Sen. John DiSanto, R-Dauphin County, who Senate President Pro... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-07-2019 **Act 42 and video gaming terminals in Pennsylvania: Who can have them?**
The law legalizing video gaming terminals, known as Act 42, was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf in October 2017 and expanded gambling statewide... - [AP](#)
- 01-06-2019 **Gas service to be restored within 48 hours to 1,700 in Washington County**
The majority of about 1,700 Columbia Gas customers in Washington County should have their service restored by Monday morning, the company said. Lee Gierczynski, a Columbia Gas spokesman, said Saturday evening that crews were in the process of shutting off service to customers in Donora after a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-06-2019 **OneJet's grounding leaves a trail of debt**
The Allegheny County Airport Authority isn't the only one at risk of losing big money in the collapse of OneJet. Some prominent Pittsburghers are facing significant losses as well. In a recent filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh, the regional business carrier listed \$43.9 million in liabilities, all but \$1.5 million... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-06-2019 **Pennsylvania Turnpike is expanding its cashless tolling**
By the end of October, no motorists passing through the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Gateway station near the Ohio border in Lawrence County will have to stop to pay the toll. That's because the turnpike will close its cash toll booths and all drivers arriving at the first stop east of the Ohio border will pass... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-06-2019 **Editorial: Pennsylvania Turnpike drivers deserve a better plan**
The Issue: Tolls will rise another 6 percent on Sunday, with no end in sight to annual increases. Our Opinion: In fairness to its travelers, more than a decade of diverting funds from the toll road must end. Pennsylvania Turnpike drivers will experience another increase in tolls... - [Reading Eagle](#)



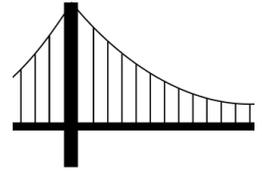
- 01-06-2019 **[Belatedly, Pa. treating repeat DUI offenders as felons | Editorial](#)**
Ask any judge: Criminal laws that punish drivers for repeated DUI convictions don't have much of a deterrent effect, not with the most problematic offenders. Sometimes people who have injured or killed others while driving in an alcoholic stupor show up in court again and again on... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[Bicyclist back in hot seat for ignoring court order to stay off Westmoreland roads](#)**
The Hempfield bicyclist who served nearly two years behind bars for obstructing traffic on county roadways could roll his way back to jail soon. Westmoreland County prosecutors contend David Smith, 59, violated terms of his probation by riding his bicycle on county roads in late October.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[PennDOT calls on East Washington to remove speed bumps](#)**
State officials are telling the elected leaders of East Washington to remove speed bumps on South Wade Avenue and other borough streets. The state Department of Transportation sent the borough a letter last month after a Dec. 12 meeting involving an agency municipal services specialist... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[Harborcreek site for state police scrapped](#)**
Officials cite wetlands, need for traffic light in abandoning plans to build headquarters on Buffalo Road. The Pennsylvania State Police are back to square one in finding a new home for Troop E headquarters in Erie County, as state officials have scrapped plans to build on property in Harborcreek Township.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[Interstate 83: Work on \\$24M Shrewsbury interchange could begin this spring](#)**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation later this month will open bids for an estimated \$23.7 million project at Interstate 83's Shrewsbury exit. The offers will be opened on Jan. 31, and PennDOT spokesman Mike Crochunis said work on the busy interchange could begin by spring.... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[New I-83 interchange coming for Shrewsbury, plus other projects in 2019](#)**
There's a busy road construction schedule for 2019. Work on a new, \$25.5 million to \$30 million interchange at the Shrewsbury exit of Interstate 83 starts in the new year, according to the state Department of Transportation. Other planned projects include repairing and resurfacing another stretch of... - [York Daily](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[Bucks County awards over \\$5M in contracts to build parking garage](#)**
Three months after rejecting bids higher than expected, Bucks County Commissioners approved Wednesday a \$4.9 million general construction contract to Lobar Inc., of Dillsburg, York County. A planned two-story parking garage for the Bucks County Courthouse in... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 01-04-2019 **[Parking war erupts between Widener and Chester](#)**
MEDIA COURTHOUSE — Widener University has filed a complaint of trespass against the city of Chester and wants a preliminary injunction against the installation of parking meters on campus that it claims could cause more than \$30 million in lost revenue if carried out.... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)



- 01-04-2019 **Delta Shares Fall 10 Percent on Lowered Outlook; Drags Down Rivals**
(Reuters) - Shares of Delta Air Lines Inc fell about 9 percent on Thursday, after the U.S. carrier warned fourth-quarter unit revenue would be slightly below its prior forecast due to the lower-than-expected improvement in last-minute fares booked by travelers.... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-04-2019 **County taxpayers cover two-thirds of county's payroll**
A breakdown of Lycoming County's total payroll for 2019 shows taxpayer dollars cover just over two-thirds of pay for county staff. The 2019 budget shows a countywide payroll of \$26,036,779. Beth Johnston, director of county fiscal services, broke down that payroll to show county... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-04-2019 **Pet rescuers backed by new legislation**
Though the weather may be cold now, lawmakers are thinking ahead to warmer times as a new law came into effect Dec. 24 allowing public safety workers to break into vehicles to rescue pets from summer heat. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 01-04-2019 **Issue of 2014 library branch closures arises again**
LEWISTOWN — The issue of the methodology used by the Mifflin County Library Board regarding the closure of three library branches in 2014 returned to the forefront during Thursday's business meeting of the Mifflin County Commissioners. Commissioner Stephen Dunkle reiterated his stance that at the time of the... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 01-04-2019 **The L Train Shutdown Was Just Canceled. What Exactly Does That Mean?**
So 2019 starts with whiplash. On Thursday, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the L train was not completely shutting down for repairs after all. Wait, what? Despite nearly three years of hand-wringing, community meetings and general upheaval to prepare for the so-called L-pocalypse, the governor announced a... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-04-2019 **New York City's Poor Were Promised Half-Priced MetroCards. They're Still Waiting.**
The proposal was intended to help poor New Yorkers by offering them discount MetroCards for the subway and buses and put the city at the forefront of national efforts to find ways to address inequality. But the launch of the program has turned into a mess for Mayor Bill de... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-04-2019 **Full Shutdown of L Train Is Halted by Cuomo**
It was called the coming L train apocalypse: a 15-month shutdown of a major subway tunnel between Manhattan and Brooklyn that would cause one of the biggest transportation disruptions in New York City's history, affecting 250,000 daily riders. On Thursday, though, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced an unexpected reprieve,... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-04-2019 **U.S. Auto Sales Put Up a Big Number, but Show Signs of Strain**
As they recorded another year of strong United States sales, automakers said Thursday that they saw little cause for concern in the months ahead. But a closer look shows signs of strain emerging on several fronts. Annual sales reached 17.3 million new cars and light trucks last year, a... - [New York Times](#)



- 01-04-2019 **Aviation system begins to feel stress from the shutdown, union leaders say**
The U.S. aviation system safely delivered 46 million passengers over the holiday season, but union leaders say cracks are showing as 3,000 support workers have been furloughed and about 10,500 air traffic controllers continue to work without pay due to the government shutdown.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-04-2019 **The TSA is getting more floppy-eared sniffer dogs. You still can't pet them.**
The dogs deployed by the Transportation Security Administration at airports nationwide use their noses to sniff out explosives and contraband. But pooches selected for duty these days are picked not just for the ability of their snouts — the shape of their ears matters, too.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-04-2019 **Ford recalls over 953,000 vehicles to replace Takata air bag inflators**
Ford is recalling more than 953,000 vehicles worldwide to replace Takata passenger air bag inflators that can explode and hurl shrapnel... - [AP](#)
- 01-04-2019 **Pittsburgh-area unemployment steady, but holiday season added transportation jobs**
Pittsburgh-area unemployment steady, but holiday season added transportation jobs The Pittsburgh region's unemployment rate remained unchanged in November at 4.2 percent, although the education and health services sector broke a new record high as it added 100 jobs and reached 258,700 jobs.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-04-2019 **Widener sues Chester over installation of 'illegal' city parking meters**
Widener University has sued the city of Chester, saying its plan to install about 1,200 parking meters on campus is illegal, serves no "proper - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



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