



January 18 - 24, 2019

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SESSION STATUS

At 11:53 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, January 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

At 11:44 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, January 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Jan. 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. 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

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE: PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

Governor Tom Wolf issued a proclamation of disaster emergency to direct the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director to assume command and control of all statewide emergency operations, and that all commonwealth departments and agencies utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary to cope with an impending severe winter weather event. More information on the proclamation is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DEP: AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS THROUGH THE DRIVING PA FORWARD FISCAL YEAR 2018 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CLEAN DIESEL GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Protection announced an opportunity to apply for \$2,672,298 in grants offered through the fiscal year 2018 Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program. Funding has been made available through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) of 2010, and the settlement of a lawsuit with Volkswagen is being used as the commonwealth's voluntary match funding under the DERA program. More information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The grant program guidelines and application instructions are available [here](#), or by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality at ra-epvwmitigation@pa.gov or (717) 787-9495. A webinar on the grant program will be held on February 4, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Applications must be submitted [here](#) by 4 p.m. on February 28, 2019.

Cosponsor Memos

HCO 820	Galloway, John(D)	Establishes a second degree misdemeanor for driving under the influence, regardless of the cause of injury.
HCO 851	Caltagirone, Thomas(D)	Establishes a Pediatric Cancer Research registration plate to be offered by the Department of Transportation.
HCO 857	Ryan, Frank(R)	Requires returned school transportation funds to be placed in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.
HCO 859	Pashinski, Eddie Day(D)	Resolution regarding possible passenger rail service between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton in conjunction with rail service between Scranton and New York City.

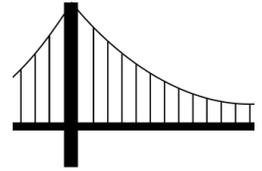




HCO 865	Rothman, Greg(R)	Defines electric low-speed scooters and regulates them similarly to pedalcycles.
HCO 868	Oberlander, Donna(R)	Creates two new annual permits for the movement of specialized farming vehicles.
SCO 490	Tomlinson, Robert(R)	Updates towing requirements and enhances road safety for tow truck operators and other motorists.
SCO 505	Baker, Lisa(R)	Delays the Department of Human Services' implementation of a statewide or regional broker for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP).

Bill Actions

HB 127	Miller, Daniel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, providing for digitized driver's licenses. Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
HB 132	Jozwiak, Barry(R)	Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act further providing for prohibited acts & penalties; Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, for suspension of operating privilege. Bill History: 01-23-19 H Filed
HB 176	Quinn, Chris(R)	Act establishing the Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Board; providing for solicitation of public-private projects and for public-private agreements; and establishing the Public-Private Account. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 190	Quinn, Chris(R)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 206	Deasy, Daniel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, providing for student driver sign. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 214	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 216	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, providing for impoundment of vehicles. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 217	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in offenses in general, prohibiting persons from smoking in motor vehicles occupied by child under 18 years of age; and prescribing a penalty. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed



HB 218	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in enforcement, further providing for investigation by police officers. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 219	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, providing for limitation on use of parking lots and gas stations for turning. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 220	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, for application for driver's license or learner's permit, for issuance to undocumented resident; establishing the Undocumented Resident Driver's License Services Fund; & penalties. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
HB 221	Cruz, Angel(D)	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for application for driver's license or learner's permit. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
SB 69	Street, Sharif(D)	(PN 46) Amends Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles), in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines, for fine and for failure to pay fine; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine, costs or restitution. The bill requires a judge to conduct a hearing to determine whether a defendant is financially able to pay and provides for payment in installments in cases of manifest hardship. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-23-19 S Filed 01-23-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 73	Street, Sharif(D)	(PN 50) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, providing for certain limitations in cities of the first class. The bill establishes any action, including a civil action or proceeding, initiated to collect fines, penalties, costs or fees relating to a violation notice or citation issued relating to automated red light enforcement systems in first class cities or relating to specific powers of department and local authorities must be initiated within 10 years of the date of issuance of the violation notice or citation. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-23-19 S Filed 01-23-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



SB 101 Hutchinson, Scott(R) (PN 73) Amends the State Highway Law adding language requiring the Department of Transportation, at the expense of the commonwealth, to construct and maintain all surface and subsurface drainage facilities connected with state highways within boroughs and incorporated towns with populations equal to or less than 2,500 based on the most recent decennial census. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 S Filed
01-24-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 108 Yaw, Gene(R) (PN 80) Amends Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles) adding a new chapter establishing the Keystone Tree Fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall include: proceeds paid by the Department of Transportation under Title 75; grants, gifts, donations and other payments from a person or governmental entity; and money appropriated to the fund. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may allocate 40 percent of the money from the fund for a tree vitalize program and 60 percent for a riparian forest buffer grant program. Also provides for an annual report to the General Assembly. Effective in 30 days.

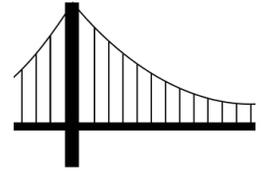
Bill History: 01-24-19 S Filed
01-24-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

SB 109 Yaw, Gene(R) (PN 81) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in accidents and accident reports, adding penalties for failure to give information and render aid. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 S Filed
01-24-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 114 Boscola, Lisa(D) (PN 83) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, requiring a driver to make a reasonable effort to remove snow or ice from the vehicle within 24 hours of the cessation of the falling snow or ice. The bill provides for exceptions and penalties. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 S Filed
01-24-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



Upcoming Events

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

February 5, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ

Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

February 5, 2019 - 10:30 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ

Labor Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

PA Turnpike Commission

February 5, 2019 - 2:00 p.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

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

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

February 6, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ

Finance Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

PA Public Utility Commission

February 7, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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

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

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

February 21, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

Public hearing on the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicle service in this Commonwealth

Senate Appropriations

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

Budget Hearing - Dept. of Transportation

House Appropriations

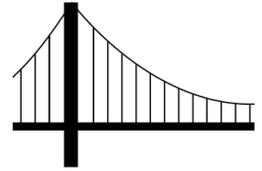
February 26, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

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

- 01-24-2019 **Burns: PennDOT seeking full-time workers for seasonal summer jobs**
(Press Release)
- 01-24-2019 **'PennDOT Connects' Transportation Planning Initiative Improving Communities**
(Press Release)
- 01-24-2019 **State Police Enforces Travel Restrictions During Winter Storm Harper**
(Press Release)
- 01-24-2019 **A call to help federal workers at Lehigh Valley International Airport brings busloads of donations**
Kathleen Moynihan, with three of her four boys in tow, arrived Wednesday at the departure level of Lehigh Valley International Airport. But she wasn't there to catch a flight. She came bearing food, diapers and more for federal workers at LVIA who are caught up in the government... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Erie airport requires liability insurance for mechanics**
Mechanics working on general aviation craft must carry \$1 million in liability insurance. Mechanics will have to pay for the privilege of working on general aviation planes at Erie International Airport, according to requirements approved by the Erie Regional Airport Authority on Wednesday.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Reading Parking Authority Board approves garage fixes**
The Reading Parking Authority board Wednesday night approved more than \$1 million in contracts to upgrade all nine of the authority's city garages. The board unanimously approved a \$949,550 contract to HUB Parking Technology, Warrendale, Allegheny County, to install new gates and systems... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Dozens of truckers pulled over in safety detail on Route 222 north of Reading**
Except for the cold weather, Wednesday morning on northbound Route 222 where the expressways merge onto Allentown Pike seemed to Berks County law enforcement officials to be the perfect time and place to conduct a safety detailed focused on truckers. Not only did a big rig flip on the merge ramp two mornings earlier, but... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-24-2019 **State auditor general hears suggestions for Scranton School District**
Community members presented the state auditor general with a wish list for Scranton schools on Wednesday night: Increase transparency, restore academic programs, bid the bus contract and put students first. Eugene DePasquale, a vocal critic of the struggling district, hosted the... - [Scranton Times](#)



- 01-24-2019 **Candidates: We want to hear from you**
The municipal primary is a little more than five months off, and while that seems like quite a bit of time, those who hope to seek Republican or Democrat nominations for our local offices are slower than usual to announce their candidacies. A little more than a month ago in this space, we invited those running for... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-24-2019 **J.P. Mascaro plans two new transportation facilities**
AUDUBON — Responding to business growth over the past decade — waste service company J.P. Mascaro & Sons has announced that it will build two new transportation terminals. J.P. Mascaro & sons' transportation centers handle day to day refuse hauling division operations.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 01-24-2019 **About those \$100,000 new signs at Ohio's borders...**
The times — and the signs — are changing. As Gov. Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted transition into their new offices, signs throughout the state are being updated to reflect the administration change. The Ohio Department of Transportation oversees 36 road signs on the... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Township limits truck traffic on Amsterdam**
WAYNE HEIGHTS — Washington Township Supervisors Monday approved and ordinance that puts restrictions on truck traffic on Amsterdam Road. Ordinance 267 limits traffic to two axles. Local delivery trucks, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles are exceptions and permitted to use the road.... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Commissioners oppose state's MATP changes**
Legislative changes to a transportation program that serves the most vulnerable in the community were unanimously denounced during Wednesday's Warren County Commissioners meeting. What's at stake is how the Medial Assistance Transportation Program is managed.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Clarion County Airport a camping destination?**
A lot of families come to Clarion County to go camping. They load up their campers, they load up their cars and trucks, even their motorcycles. But would they load up their airplanes? Clarion resident Andrew M. Turner, a Clarion University professor of biology and geosciences and a licensed private pilot, believes they might... - [Clarion News](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Aviation Professionals Warn of Dire Risk Amid Shutdown**
The unions that represent the nation's air traffic controllers, pilots and flight attendants issued a dire warning on Wednesday, calling the government shutdown an "unprecedented" and "unconscionable" safety threat that is growing by the day and must end. In a joint statement, the heads of the unions, which represent more than... - [New York Times](#)



- 01-24-2019 **White House seeks list of programs that would be hurt if shutdown lasts into March**
White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney has asked agency leaders to identify the highest-impact programs that would be jeopardized if the partial government shutdown continues into March and April, people familiar with the directive said Wednesday. The move was a sign the administration... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Airport Works to End Violations of FAA Rules**
At its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 16, the board of directors of the Bradford County Airport Authority decided to end a hangar rental policy at the airport that was in violation of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and to explore ways to sell two airplanes that the authority... - [Wyalusing Rocket-Courier](#)
- 01-24-2019 **PennDOT crews respond to large crack in Penn Township road**
Drivers headed through Penn Township should avoid Paintertown Road between Route 130 and Simpson Road, until PennDOT crews are able to address a slide that took place on Thursday morning. Police chief John Otto said police were notified about the road by a motorist shortly before 8 a.m. Thursday morning. PennDOT crews are on the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-24-2019 **With water to rise, drivers asked to clear Mon Wharf parking**
Cars in the Monongahela Wharf parking area must be removed by 7 p.m. Thursday ahead of a temporary closure, the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh is telling drivers. Any vehicles left behind by 7 p.m. "will face relocation," the parking authority said in a statement Thursday afternoon.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Walmart is hiring truck drivers, and will pay them nearly \$90K**
If you're already a commercial driver and want to make close to \$90,000 a year – Walmart is hiring. Walmart which operates more than 70 transportation offices throughout the country and has had a private truck fleet since the 1970s says it hired about 1,400 new Walmart truck drivers last year and expects to hire... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Gov. Tom Wolf: Pennsylvania stepping up to help during federal shutdown**
Pennsylvania is stepping up as much as it can to help agencies and workers as the partial federal shutdown enters its second month and employees face a second pay day without a salary check. That's the word from Gov. Tom Wolf who issued a press release this week... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-24-2019 **Historic Westmoreland County covered bridge damaged in hit-and-run**
Part of Bells Mills Road was closed this week after a portion of Westmoreland County's last covered bridge was damaged in a hit-and-run. County engineer Vaughn Neill said a state trooper reported the damage on Bells Mills Bridge. "Somebody struck this, we don't know who, we don't know... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 01-24-2019 **[Confused about REAL ID? This Q&A session could help](#)**
State Sen. Lindsey Williams and Rep. Sara Innamorato have scheduled a workshop for Friday in Millvale to help constituents navigate Pennsylvania's REAL ID program. Starting in October 2020, state residents will need federally accepted identification such as a REAL ID drivers license for domestic air travel or... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-23-2019 **[Gov. Wolf Provides Update on Impact of Federal Government Shutdown](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-23-2019 **[CCAP Legislative Bulletin - Number 2, January 18, 2019](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-23-2019 **[Delta to add Raleigh flight from Pittsburgh](#)**
Local air travelers soon will have another option to get to Raleigh. Delta Air Lines is adding a daily nonstop flight to the North Carolina city June 8. The flight will leave Pittsburgh at 8:38 a.m. and arrive at Raleigh-Durham International Airport at 10 a.m. The flight to Pittsburgh from Raleigh... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-23-2019 **[Aramark tweaks top bosses' pay structure to please shareholders, but that may not be enough](#)**
Aramark tweaked the pay structure of its top executives, including the expansion of clawback provisions, spurred by investor feedback. The move comes a year after the company received lukewarm shareholder response for the pay packages of its top bosses. While corporate governance... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-23-2019 **[Allen Township hashes out plans for Howertown Road/Nor-Bath Boulevard intersection](#)**
Allen Township supervisors will take a wait-and-see position on traffic at the Howertown Road/Nor-Bath Boulevard intersection before requiring David Jandl to add a right turn lane at the southbound approach. The board decided Tuesday to direct township Solicitor B. Lincoln Treadwell... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-23-2019 **[Berks fire companies make their case to PennDOT, state police about I-78 traffic control](#)**
A coalition of fire companies in Berks and western Lehigh counties put PennDOT on notice Tuesday night at a meeting in Windsor Township — it's not their responsibility to handle traffic detoured from accidents on Interstate 78. "When the scene is secure and the fire is out, we're leaving," said... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-23-2019 **[Pottstown working to improve bus service](#)**
A frequent bus rider, 65-year-old Pam Carter is hoping for more comfort on the buses provided by Pottstown Area Rapid Transit, aka PART. "I ride on the bus three or four times a week," Carter said during an open house Tuesday put on by transportation planners at Pottstown... - [Reading Eagle](#)



- 01-23-2019 **Sears warehouse closing; 121 to lose jobs**
HANOVER TWP. — Sears will close its warehouse in Hanover Township, leaving 121 employees out of work. That's according to a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) notice filed with the state Department of Labor & Industry. The layoffs will be effective March 29, the filing states, and the reason... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Pittsburgh's self-driving cars were supposed to revolutionize mobility and transit. But their future isn't what you think.**
A couple years ago, the future of autonomous vehicles was looking bright. The technology was breathlessly hyped with flashy events inviting news cameras into the autonomous vehicles (AVs) for test rides. Everyday Pittsburghers could take driverless Ubers on certain routes in the city. In... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Another developer sues Straban**
A third developer has sued Straban Township over traffic impact fees in the court of common pleas. TKC CCXXX LLC plans to develop a shopping center on a plot of land at the intersection of York and Smith roads, near Tractor Supply. The land development plan for the 138,997-square-foot facility has yet to be... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 01-23-2019 **PA Rep. Rosemary Brown announces new committee assignments**
Pennsylvania Rep. Rosemary M. Brown (R-Monroe/Pike) announced she will be serving on four House standing committees for the 2019-20 legislative session. "I'm honored to be newly appointed to the Appropriations Committee that plays such a critical role in establishing the framework and budget... - [Milford Pike County Courier](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Norristown first responders tackle scourge of hydrant-blocking**
NORRISTOWN — The problem of people parking in front of fire hydrants has become increasingly frustrating for municipal officials in recent months. In several recent fire calls, including an incident last Saturday in the 1600 block of Colleen Court, firefighting efforts were hampered by vehicles... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Jim Thorpe council has concerns over proposed office building**
The Carbon County Commissioners have a few hurdles to clear before they get Jim Thorpe Borough's approval for a proposed parking garage/office building on Susquehanna Street (Route 209). Borough council has concerns about plans to remove rock from a hill next to... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 01-23-2019 **PennDOT issuing REAL ID cards starting in March**
LOCK HAVEN — Airport security is going to get tighter in 2020, and frequent flyers won't be getting on board without REAL ID identification. REAL IDs will be available in March 2019 to Pennsylvania residents who want them, though PennDOT says they are entirely optional.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Ex-PennDOT executive pleads guilty in kickback scheme**
Nicholas Martino, 53, of Penn View Lane in Norristown, was sentenced to 9 to 23 months home incarceration, a \$10,000 fine and 50 hours of community service, said Attorney General Josh Shapiro in a news release... - [AP](#)



- 01-23-2019 **Government Shutdown Forces Airports to Rely on Backup Security Screeners**
The government shutdown continues to put extraordinary pressure on the nation's air-travel system, with as many as one of every 10 transportation security officers failing to show up for work and reserve workers having to be flown in to bolster depleted ranks at some airports.... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Volunteers come to the aid of TSA pet owners**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Donated food has been available for TSA workers during the government shutdown, but a Chester Springs nonprofit was at the airport Tuesday, delivering donated food for the workers' pets. Most people unload luggage at the airport departures lane, but Bill Smith... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Food drive underway for federal employees at Lehigh Valley International Airport**
As the federal shutdown drags on and workers go without paychecks, a food drive is being held for federal workers at Lehigh Valley International Airport. Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority, which operates LVIA, is hosting the two-day donation drive, which began Wednesday, dubbed "Fill the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Braddock nonprofit nears fundraising goal to replace delivery van**
Heritage Community Initiatives is inching closer to its \$28,000 fundraising goal to replace its school van. Over the last week, the Braddock-based organization has raised an additional \$4,000 to bring its current total to nearly \$20,000 of the estimated \$28,000 it needs to replace the vehicle, which was lost in a fire... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Readers React: Warehouses taking over more of Lehigh Valley**
Paige Van Wirt's Your View on the Lehigh Valley's fateful planning support to develop tens of millions of square feet of third-party distribution centers to be built on this green valley is sadly cogent. Some may also think that the Valley's three major cities have been... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-23-2019 **Pennsylvania drivers can bring documents to PennDOT to pre-verify for 'REAL ID'**
Pennsylvania drivers are getting information in the mail about pre-verifying for "REAL ID." The identifications, in the form of a new driver's license or photo identification card, will be available this spring, according to the postcard PennDOT spokesman Steve Cowan said the agency is sending to all... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-22-2019 **Case Update: Former PennDOT Executive Pleads Guilty to Accepting Bribes in...**
(Press Release)
- 01-22-2019 **PA Activates Commonwealth Response Coordination Center for Winter Storm Harper**
(Press Release)



- 01-22-2019 **Commonwealth Response Coordination Center Remains Open as Arctic Blasts...**
(Press Release)
- 01-22-2019 **PennDOT: Wolf Administration Announces the Opening of Lebanon CNG Transit...**
(Press Release)
- 01-22-2019 **On busy, crash-prone Cumberland County artery, future might belong to walkers and bikers rather than cars and trucks**
Handling 16,000 vehicle trips daily, the stretch of Wertzville Road west of Interstate 81 in Hampden Township is well-known to many. Frequent users likely associate it with heavy traffic and tense driving. The shoulder is so narrow, in fact, that police lack room to park and nab... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 01-22-2019 **Beaver County driver dies after crashing into building along Pennsylvania Turnpike**
A woman died Monday after her car crashed into a Pennsylvania Turnpike building near a toll plaza in Lawrence County, officials said. The crash, which happened at about 6 p.m., caused traffic delays and temporarily blocked the right lanes of the Turnpike near milemarker 18.6... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 01-22-2019 **City salt truck rolls onto side in Pittsburgh**
A Pittsburgh Department of Public Works salt and plow truck rolled onto its side around 12:45 p.m. Monday in Pittsburgh's Chartiers neighborhood, according to the Tribune-Review's news partner, WPXI-TV. WPXI said the truck rolled over while the driver was backing up in the 700... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 01-22-2019 **3 injured in crash involving Port Authority bus, car in Pittsburgh's Strip District**
A crash involving a Port Authority of Allegheny County bus and a car in Pittsburgh's Strip District sent three people to the hospital Monday afternoon with minor injuries, officials said. "None of the injuries are considered to be serious," Port Authority spokesman Adam Brandolph said.... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 01-22-2019 **PennDOT can't fix bad driving**
PennDOT can't fix bad driving If Route 28 terrifies you so much that you can't drive at the speed limit, park your car and take a bus I am a daily driver of Route 28, so it's great to hear that PennDOT has the next phase of improvements underway. For PennDOT, this project has to... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 01-22-2019 **Fayette County awards tourism grants to 26 entities**
Ann Nemanic brought a snow shovel to the State Theatre Center for the Arts in Uniontown where \$469,122 in grants were recently presented to 26 Fayette County tourism-related businesses and organizations. Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau's executive director joked but noted,... - *Uniontown Herald-Standard*



- 01-22-2019 **[Repeat DUI?offenders need tougher penalty](#)**
The penalties for driving repeatedly under the influence in Pennsylvania got significantly tougher on Dec. 23, thanks to a law passed by the General Assembly in October, then signed by Gov. Tom Wolf. Although the new law is a big step in the right direction, in reality, the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[Lawsuit against PennDOT dismissed](#)**
A federal judge has dismissed a second lawsuit brought by a former Williamsburg man challenging the taking of his land for the ongoing, \$9.6 million Canoe Creek Intersection Project in Frankstown Township. PennDOT last year began the project, which will provide better access to... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[Amtran dinged in report](#)**
Amtran has high operating costs compared to other transit systems with similar profiles in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, and the problem seems to be worsening, according to a recently released performance report from PennDOT for the five-year period ending 2015.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[Snow where to go: Stuck vehicles keep local tow truck operators hopping](#)**
MERCER COUNTY – Tow truck operators were in heavy demand Monday as Mercer County residents started to dig their way out from under a foot of snow that fell on the region over a period of about 24 hours Saturday and Sunday. Area tow companies said they were called to assist in a few fender-benders... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[Sunbury officials to clear snow from metered streets overnight](#)**
SUNBURY — All vehicles parked on metered streets in Sunbury must be removed by midnight Monday to allow street crews to remove snow from city streets. Councilman Chris Reis, who oversees the street department, said the city streets department plans on removing snow overnight and that vehicles must... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[Overcrowding drives extra busing costs](#)**
Students taking buses because classrooms are filled in schools nearest their homes cost the Hazleton Area School District at least \$960 a day so the total tab for their travel could top \$86,000 by the end of the year. Most of the 64 students being bused are in kindergarten, the grade that ran... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[COLTS settles lawsuit with bus driver](#)**
A bus driver who alleged the County of Lackawanna Transit System violated his rights when it hired a private detective to follow him after he requested medical leave agreed to a \$25,000 settlement of a federal lawsuit. David Kaczmarek filed suit in June 2017, alleging COLTS interfered with his... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-22-2019 **[Resident Input Sought for Possible Increase in Bellefonte-State College Bus Availability](#)**
The Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce is exploring the feasibility of increased availability for weekend CATA bus service between State College and Bellefonte. Residents can offer their feedback now through Feb. 1 in a brief online survey available here. Gary Hoover, Bellefonte Chamber executive director,... - [State College News](#)



- 01-22-2019 **Upper Darby resident complains of 'exit tax'**
UPPER DARBY — Sid Feldman has lived in Drexel Hill for 35 years and told officials when he recently sold his house he was saddened at what he called “an exit tax.” Feldman told officials at a recent council meeting of his previous visit to the municipal building two years ago to complain about the plummeting real... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 01-22-2019 **10 percent of TSA workers called out Sunday as shutdown continues**
The government shutdown continues to take a toll on the nation’s air safety system as a growing number of workers decide they can’t afford to keep working without pay. The number of Transportation Security Administration agents who failed to show up for duty Sunday hit a record 10 percent, meaning long waits for... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-22-2019 **Public input sought for regional plan**
Area residents are being given an opportunity to have a say in the future of the region. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, a 10-county forum for public policy, planning and regional transportation issues, is looking for public input to develop the strategy for the region’s future.... - [Connellsville Daily Courier](#)
- 01-22-2019 **Roundabout talks continue at City Council**
Roundabout or no roundabout? Well, maybe. Warren City Council on Monday approved a maintenance agreement with PennDOT regarding the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Market St. and Pennsylvania Ave. But, newly-appointed council member John Lewis called for a recall vote on... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-22-2019 **Jefferson County VA moves one step closer to DVA vehicle**
Thursday morning, local veterans and members of the Brookville VFW Post 102 and Brookville American Legion Post 102 presenting a check in the amount of \$8,000 to the Jefferson County Veteran’s Transportation Fund. Those in attendance were (front row, from left) Herb McConnell; Dave Deemer; Post... - [Punxsutawney Spirit](#)
- 01-22-2019 **South Whitehall truck detailing company looking to expand agrees to storm water precautions**
A South Whitehall Township truck detailing and repair business agreed last week to extra precautions related to stormwater concerns as part of its plans to expand operations. Owner Kevin Caffrey of Push and Pull Auto Body, 4749 Grammes Road, told township planners Thursday he is willing to install a sump pump below his... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-22-2019 **Why is there a pit filled with dead deer in Central Pa.? The Game Commission answers**
Editor’s note: This report contains photos some readers may find disturbing. Surrounded by forest, a short Lebanon County trail led east, stretching past a snow-covered field of tamped-down grass and tall weeds before revealing a shallow pit. Inside of that pit, was a ugly scene: dozens of dead deer in different... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



- 01-22-2019 **Former PennDOT exec gets house arrest, \$10K fine for taking bribes**
A former PennDOT officials who admitted taking bribes from a contractor has been sentenced to house arrest and fined \$10,000, state Attorney General Josh Shapiro said Tuesday. The sentencing of Nicholas Martino, 53, of Norristown, occurred in Montgomery County Court, where Martino had pleaded guilty to a conflict of... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-22-2019 **AAA sees 'flux' of calls for dead car batteries in the wake of the frigid weather**
Recent frigid temperatures have made it finally feel like winter across Pennsylvania, making a few more layers a must for residents across the state. For AAA, the cold weather has meant a spike in weather-related calls - specifically, for dead car batteries. Doni Lee Spiegel, spokeswoman for AAA Central Penn, said colder weather... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Stuck and Stressed: The Health Costs of Traffic**
Sometimes the seemingly small things in life can be major stressors. Nobody likes sitting in traffic, for example. According to one study, commuting is one of the least pleasant things we do. But it's not just an annoying time waster — there's a case that it's a public... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Crestwood solicitor: Transportation contract still an open matter**
WRIGHT TWP. — Despite a decision last week that extended the busing contract with Rinehimer Bus Lines from Feb. 1 to June 30, Crestwood school board solicitor Jack Dean said the matter is still very much open to negotiation. "We're still talking with Rinehimer," Dean said. "But there... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Safety enhancements planned for downtown Wilkes-Barre train crossings**
Safety improvements will be made at eight street-level railroad crossings in downtown Wilkes-Barre, according to local officials. Most of the changes stem from a Jan. 9 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) and state Department of Transportation inspection of the... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-21-2019 **State police barracks cite 79 commercial vehicles during ban**
State police in Troop M cited 79 commercial vehicles for driving during a winter ban on some highways in a storm that never materialized. Although the storm this weekend was less severe than expected, a commercial vehicle ban remained in effect, according to the Pennsylvania Department of... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Easton Zoning Hearing Board to hear appeal over digital billboard in Centre Square**
The Easton Zoning Hearing Board is set to hear an appeal from Adams Outdoor Advertising on Tuesday to install a 150-square-foot digital billboard on an apartment building facing Centre Square. The sign is the subject of a \$7.2 million lawsuit filed against the city... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Dangerous cold holds Philly region in its icy grip**
Potentially life-threatening cold has the Philadelphia region in its grip and an alert has been posted warning that wind chills could dip to as low as minus 20 degrees. The deep freeze is also affecting mass transit, with SEPTA reporting that service on the Cynwyd Regional Rail Line was suspended for a time due to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 01-21-2019 **Gas prices holding steady nationally as transition to summer fuel approaches**
While the Pittsburgh area was enduring its coldest day of the winter season so far, the change to summer is just on the horizon — to summer gasoline, that is. “The transition to summer gasoline, a three month process, will begin in the weeks ahead, so the current period is still the calm before the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Westmoreland Transit to buy new buses for paratransit program**
The Westmoreland County Transit Authority will buy 16 new buses for its paratransit program this year. The agency’s executive director, Alan Blahovec, said a \$756,000 state grant will be used to purchase 12 mini buses used in the shared-ride system that operates as Go Westmoreland. Another four buses will be bought using... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-21-2019 **Port Authority expects to hire consultant to review fare policy**
Port Authority understands some transit advocates want the agency to change its fare policy quickly to offer free transfers and fare capping, where frequent riders would reach the benefits of a monthly pass despite paying by cash daily. But the agency says it must do its due diligence with a complete review of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Pa. Turnpike considers public-private partnership to upgrade five tunnels**
Call it the \$350 million question. Over the next six weeks, the Pennsylvania Turnpike will try to decide whether to rehabilitate its five sets of tunnels one at a time over 10 to 15 years or enter into a public-private partnership with one firm that would do all of the work in five to six years and be responsible for... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Port Authority suspends light-rail service**
Port Authority has suspended all light-rail service on Sunday morning, according to spokesman Adam Brandolph. Port Authority made the decision due to “frozen overhead power lines throughout the system,” Mr. Brandolph said. He said restoring service “will likely be a slow process.”... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-20-2019 **New chief operations officer is last piece of Port Authority administrative team**
As a youth in Davis, Calif., Maurice Bell developed an interest in public transit when rainy days forced him to put away his bicycle and ride that city’s double-decker buses to school. Mr. Bell rode that youthful affection into a career in transit, first as a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Try different modes of transportation**
Brian O’Neill’s Jan. 13 column, “Why the Chevy Volt Died” really hit a cord with me. Mr. O’Neill, as I do, uses all modes of transportation. Granted, living in the city of Pittsburgh makes this more feasible. Like Mr. O’Neill, for all of my various needs and activities, I walk, bike, ride the bus or... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Winter storm forces airline cancellations throughout Midwest; plane skids off runway**
A plane carrying 129 people skidded Saturday from a slick Chicago runway and a plow driver was killed when his truck rolled over outside Kansas City following a winter storm that covered many parts of the Midwest in snow and ice... - [AP](#)



- 01-20-2019 **Bribery plot involving shabby seat cushions gets ex-Amtrak employee a year in prison**
A former Philadelphia-based procurement officer for Amtrak was sentenced on Friday to one year and a day in federal prison for funneling \$7.8 million in contracts to a Delaware seat-cushion company in exchange for a financial cushion of his own. Timothy Miller, 37, had pleaded guilty to one count of bribery last year... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Could airport delays speed up the end of government shutdown?**
Growing lines at airports. Transportation Security Administration agents not showing up to work. The closing of a terminal in at least one major airport — Miami International. Air traffic controllers passing out leaflets to airline passengers. The partial federal government shutdown already has lasted four weeks, and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Greyhound investigating Pittsburgh man's complaint of racial profiling by driver**
Greyhound is investigation a complaint filed by a Pittsburgh man who said a bus driver racially profiled him in early January during a trip from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C., a company official said. William Anderson, 46, of Homewood, who is black, said the white driver... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Laurels & lances: Mobility, community and an Amber Alert**
Laurel: To the Joy Riders. The community biking program wants to bring together cyclists like the Mighty Tri Girls and Total Chaos — two Pittsburgh-area groups whose members train for triathlons — with individuals who have limited mobility. The result would be almost symbiotic.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Rock salt: prolifically used, but not without environmental risks**
When winter weather bears down, crews swarm the streets to pepper roadways with rock salt, but the popular de-icer poses a slew of risks to the environment. Runoff from rock-salt-covered roadways can contaminate bodies of water, which in turn can harm vegetation and aquatic creatures “from fish down... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-20-2019 **PennDOT's 'aggressive' response to storm includes full commercial vehicle ban**
PennDOT's 'aggressive' response to storm includes full commercial vehicle ban - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Luzerne County \$5 vehicle registration fee takes effect**
Luzerne County's new \$5 vehicle registration fee became official Friday and is now being collected, county Manager C. David Pedri announced. County council had approved the fee in May, but Pedri said during his annual public forum in December that the state Department of Transportation... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)



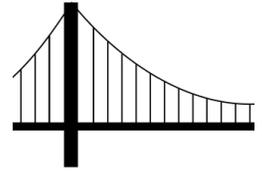
- 01-20-2019 **Gov. Murphy warns N.J. residents to stay off icy roads. 'Sit tight. Don't get fooled.'**
New Jersey may have missed out on a major snowstorm, but Gov. Phil Murphy continued to urge people to stay indoors on Sunday, warning of black ice and flooding conditions. "My big plea is for folks to stay in, to put their feet up," Murphy said on News 12 New Jersey on Sunday morning. "Sit tight, let this play... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Pa.'s 'Steer Clear' law expanded to save trash haulers' lives**
Refuse and recyclable materials collectors suffered the fifth-highest death rate among U.S. workers in 2017, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's why a recently-revised law forces drivers in Pennsylvania to make room for garbage trucks and workers making collections.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Court case delayed as Erie viaduct continues to fall**
Erie CPR gets extension for filing key appeal document, which had been due early next week. At this rate, the McBride Viaduct will be all but gone before a group of Erie residents files a key court document in an attempt to save it. Lawyers for the group, Erie CPR Connect + Respect, on Friday received an... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Plum becomes first bussing district in nation to complete TSA training/evaluation cycle**
Students transported by Plum School District buses are now as safe as those who fly the friendly skies. The district recently became the first bussing district in the nation to complete a four-part training and evaluation cycle from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Reading looks to a contractor to run crossing guard program**
Tammy Neiheiser loves working as a crossing guard in Reading. The city resident has been keeping a watchful eye on kids as they cross streets on their way to school for the last 20 years. "I love being around the kids," said Neiheiser, who's normally stationed at... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-20-2019 **PennDOT lifts speed-limit restrictions**
The speed-limit restrictions put in place during Saturday's snow storm have been lifted. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation lifted the restrictions at 1: 20 a.m. They had been in place on major highways in south central Pennsylvania since 5:30 p.m. Saturday.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Keeping I-81 snow free: A plow truck's eye view**
But it still came and made for some slick conditions on the Harrisburg region's highways. And Andy Lentz and a team of PennDOT plow truck drivers were out in force, keeping the roads clear. Early snowfall numbers from Saturday night show 4 inches fell in some parts... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-20-2019 **More highways reopened for commercial travel in Pennsylvania**
State Department of Transportation officials have again relaxed a travel ban for trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles as Winter Storm Harper delivers less of a punch than was originally forecast. As of 4:30 p.m., the ban was lifted for the entirety of the Pennsylvania... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



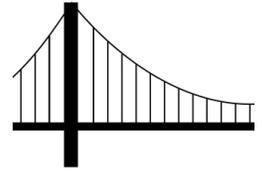
- 01-20-2019 **'I'd rather sit through this storm than die.' Truckers idle during travel ban**
Bavel Valdez couldn't have timed his route any better. The clock in his rig showed 12:05 p.m. as he threaded his trailer into a narrow parking stall at Trexler Plaza Truck Stop on Saturday. The travel ban for commercial vehicles on Pennsylvania's interstates and other... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Pennsylvania truck ban lifted for more highways, remains in effect on some; speed limits reduced**
A commercial vehicle ban has been lifted on many Pennsylvania highways but remains in effect for some due to the anticipated winter storm, according to the state Department of Transportation. Due to the storm being less severe than expected, the ban was lifted at 2:... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-20-2019 **If you want to save mankind (or at least ease traffic) you've got to pay a toll**
It's a widely held, even cherished, belief in California that freeways should be free. Free to drive on and free from traffic congestion. Obviously, that belief doesn't match the reality in Los Angeles. Take a look at any major highway during rush hour and you'll see car after car... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 01-20-2019 **In California, Gender Can No Longer Be Considered in Setting Car Insurance Rates**
California joined about a half-dozen states this month in banning the use of a person's gender when assessing risk factors for car insurance, a change that could potentially alter rates for scores of drivers across the state. The state, which is the country's most populous, requires insurers to... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-20-2019 **Tesla announces plan to cut 7 percent of its workforce to aid Model 3 production**
Tesla announced Friday that it is reducing its workforce by 7 percent, a cost-cutting measure designed to help the company make its Model 3 sedan more accessible in the mass market. In a memo to employees, chief executive Elon Musk said the layoffs are a way to boost margins as the company plans to ramp up production on the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-18-2019 **PA Preparing Aggressive Statewide Response in Advance of Weekend Storm**
(Press Release)
- 01-18-2019 **Laurels & lances: Mobility, community and an Amber Alert**
Laurel: To the Joy Riders. The community biking program wants to bring together cyclists like the Mighty Tri Girls and Total Chaos — two Pittsburgh-area groups whose members train for triathlons — with individuals who have limited mobility. The result would be almost symbiotic.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **From sidewalk salt to bread to wine, area stores are ready for storm shoppers**
Many are doing what they can to prepare for snow, rain and sleet predicted to pelt the region this weekend. "We're ready to go," said Steve Cowan, spokesman for PennDOT's District 11, which covers Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties. He said crews have pre-treated the roads with a brine... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



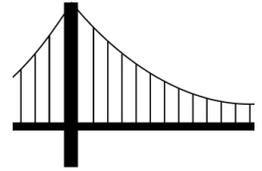
- 01-18-2019 **Amtrak cancels area trains ahead of weekend storm**
Anyone traveling by rail this weekend is encouraged to check Amtrak's schedule as officials make some of the first cancellations ahead of the expected winter storm. The storm has caused cancellation of several Pittsburgh-area trains on Sunday. The Pennsylvanian Service, from New York to Philadelphia to Harrisburg to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Amtrak announces modified service ahead of massive winter storm**
Amtrak is cancelling and modifying several routes across the midwest through the northeast ahead of the "blockbuster" winter storm hitting this weekend, including service through Pennsylvania. Service will be modified between Saturday Jan. 19 through Sunday Jan. 20,... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-18-2019 **How are the roads after the overnight snow?**
If you take a look out your window after turning off the alarm clock this morning, you'll be greeted with the sight of fresh snow on the ground. A light snow was expected to fall for most of the region overnight ahead of a much more intense winter storm expected on Saturday.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Snow falling, but major storm still ahead this weekend**
Central Pennsylvania is under a winter weather advisory until 4 a.m. Friday, but a bigger storm is still on the way. Franklin, Perry, Dauphin, Lebanon, Cumberland, Adams, York and Lancaster counties are all under the advisory which says 2 inches are expected... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-18-2019 **The latest: 6 to 8 inches of snow expected in Pittsburgh area Saturday**
More snow to the north, less to the south — and if you're in Allegheny County, you live in the "transition zone," National Weather Service meteorologist Pat Herald said Friday morning. The snow storm that's been anticipated all week is now expected to dump 6-to-8 inches of snow on the Pittsburgh area, Herald said.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Snow, rain, ice and a deep freeze forecast for Berks County**
As public works superintendent for Cumru Township, it's the job of Robert McNichols Jr. to make sure township roads stay safe and clear of ice and snow. Having to rely on weather forecasts makes him uneasy. And the wild and woolly mix of bad weather expected in the next few days has him wondering... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Bedford residents urged to clear sidewalks**
Bedford Borough Manager Barbara Diehl reminds owners, tenants and occupants of every property fronting upon or alongside any sidewalk in the borough to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks. There must be a clear path the full width of the sidewalk or at least 36... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Logan planners OK AMED plan**
the township supervisors approve a land development plan for AMED's proposed new station and headquarters on Shand Avenue in Lakemont. The plan doesn't include a proposed exit driveway onto nearby Park Avenue to be used only by ambulances leaving on emergency calls, as PennDOT... - [Altoona Mirror](#)



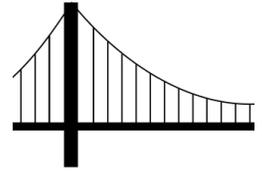
- 01-18-2019 **Grant aims to solve worker transportation issues**
Federal money will help pay costs to get low-income Erie area workers to and from their jobs. An Erie employment and training program will share more than \$1 million in federal grant funds awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services this month. The St. Benedict Center, at 330 E. 10th St., is one of seven employment and... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Weekend snowfall in the area brings caution and preparation**
As much of the nation is keeping an eye on a snow storm heading into the region this weekend, state Department of Transportation officials said they're ready for the weather. Fred McMullen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service out of Pittsburgh said the area may start to see snow on Saturday, which will turn... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-18-2019 **At airport, shutdown means all work and no pay**
PITTSTON TWP. — Air traffic controller Dan Campanella and his wife have a mortgage to pay on their home in Taylor, but this month he won't be able to contribute. Campanella, 31, is among the 100 federal employees at the Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton International Airport being forced to work without pay during the... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Winter to roar back this weekend after slow start to season**
Set aside the unusual early season snowstorm that thumped Northeast Pennsylvania more than two months ago, and we've had almost no winter at all. As of Thursday, the seasonal snowfall total at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport stood at 12.4 inches, with 11 inches of it coming way... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Pa. AG's plan to reduce recidivism taking form**
When Pennsylvania State Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced the formation of the PA Reentry Council (PARC) in May 2017, he did so with designs on reducing the high rate of recidivism in the state (60 percent) that contributes to the national rate of 68 percent.... - [Philadelphia Tribune](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Crestwood super is out, bus company is back in**
WRIGHT TWP. — Crestwood School Board ended ties with Superintendent Joseph Gorham and designated Joseph Rasmus as his successor on Thursday. The board also accepted the resignation of operations director Christopher Gegaris, but extended a contract with Rinehimer Bus Lines through June 30.... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Airport launches food drive for shutdown-impacted federal workers**
PITTSTON TWP. — With more than a decade as an air traffic controller under his belt, Dan Campanella is no stranger to working long hours and on holidays, always under high stress. He's become accustomed to being paid for these things, however. Thanks to the record-setting federal government shutdown, Campanella and... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)



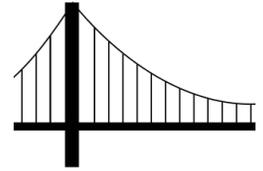
- 01-18-2019 **[W-B Area rescinds project labor policy for new school building after ruling](#)**
The Wilkes-Barre Area School District will not use a project labor agreement to build the new consolidated high school in Plains Twp. The school board voted Thursday to rescind a policy supporting project labor agreements that require labor-agreement terms for building project... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[On the right course to cleaner air](#)**
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.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[Where it Stands: CAT plans service changes as deficit exhausts agency's financial reserves](#)**
Where It Stands is a weekly story that takes a look at what has happened with a news story since it was last reported on by The Sentinel. CAT plans service changes Capital Area Transit is struggling to right the ship after its funding partners struck a deal a year ago to re-organize the public transit... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[York Dispatch, PNA host high school essay contests to combat distracted driving](#)**
The Pennsylvania News Media Association Foundation and The York Dispatch are hosting essay contests giving teenagers the chance to win money by raising awareness about distracted driving. The statewide "It Can Wait" contest is co-sponsored by AT&T and gives high... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[Timeline announced for Eisenhower Drive Extension project](#)**
Information about a new substantial cross-county project is just a click away. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has launched a new website for the Eisenhower Drive Extension Project where people can ask questions about the project, check for updates and look at the timeline.... - [Hanover Evening Sun](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[Snow, rain and single digit temps on the way for the weekend, say forecasters](#)**
PennDOT is concerned about Monday, when tumbling temperatures could created a potentially freezing and dangerous morning commute. PennDOT trucks began pretreating state roadways with brine Wednesday and Thursday in advance of two storms moving through the area.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[Barriers will remain up in Sharon through storm](#)**
With the possibility of more than a foot of snow falling Saturday in Mercer County, negotiating the construction zone on East State Street in Sharon and Hermitage could get even more challenging. The streetscape construction project, which shifted from the south side of... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-18-2019 **[Gov. Gavin Newsom offers unemployment benefits to TSA workers, defying Trump administration](#)**
In a public display of defiance, Gov. Gavin Newsom encouraged Transportation Security Administration employees to apply for unemployment insurance through the state after the Trump administration warned California that the workers are ineligible for the benefits during the... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



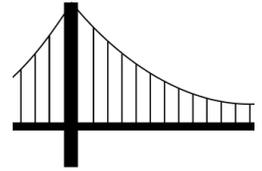
- 01-18-2019 **Tesla plans 7% staff cut and says the road ahead 'is very difficult'**
Saying the road ahead was "very difficult," Tesla CEO Elon Musk said Friday that the company would be cutting its staff by about 7%... - [AP](#)
- 01-18-2019 **'Ugly' winter storm projected to hit Johnstown area**
As a winter storm moves toward the region, forecasters are tracking the system's latest movements and say the slightest shift could alter snowfall totals and ice accumulation estimates. Craig Evanego, meteorologist for the National Weather Service office in State College, said a larger winter storm will move into Cambria and... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Millersville University temporarily closes portion of East Frederick St. to create pedestrian pathway**
In an attempt to make Millersville University a more pedestrian-friendly campus, university and borough officials have agreed to temporarily convert a portion of East Frederick Street into a walking pathway for students. Starting today, East Frederick Street, from High School Avenue to Creek... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Pa. officials look to reduce prison re-entry rate**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — About two out of every 3 people who spend time in jail find themselves back behind bars eventually. Officials in Pennsylvania are beefing up the re-entry council in an effort to working to reduce that rate. At Mothers in Charge, people recently released from prison are given the... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Senate Dems Release Committee Assignments**
Yesterday, Senate Democratic Minority Leader Jay Costa Jr. announced the new committee assignments for the 2019-2020 session. All five of the newly elected Senators are going to chair a committee this session coupled with serving on multiple additional committees.... - [PoliticsPA](#)
- 01-18-2019 **After 16 years as a federal employee, the government shutdown convinced me to change careers | Opinion**
I've been a federal employee for more than 16 years. I've been able to support my family, raise my son, and get a master's degree because I've worked for the federal judiciary. Yet I've come to realize that it's time that I seek employment in the private sector.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Lawsuit related to OneJet transferred to federal court, but the move may be challenged**
Two Allegheny County Airport Authority board members entangled in a state lawsuit over the collapse of OneJet have moved the litigation to federal court. In a recent notice transferring the case, board chairman David Minnotte argued that the lawsuit filed by 51 OneJet investors, in which he is a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



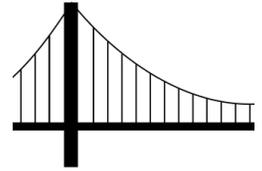
- 01-18-2019 **Plum becomes first bussing district in nation to complete TSA training/evaluation cycle**
Students transported by Plum School District buses are now as safe as those who fly the friendly skies. The district recently became the first bussing district in the nation to complete a four-part training and evaluation cycle from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Parking along public roads prohibited in Fox Chapel during snow**
In anticipation of this weekend's predicted snow, Fox Chapel officials are reminding residents that street parking is prohibited during inclement weather. That includes snow and ice storms. The Pittsburgh region is expected to get 6 to 8 inches of snow Saturday,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Pittsburgh salt truck driver faces discipline following sideswipes in Lawrenceville**
A Pittsburgh Public Works Department salt truck driver is facing discipline after sideswiping three vehicles in Lawrenceville on Sunday, a city official said Friday. Public Works Director Mike Gable said officials served the driver, who has not been identified, with a disciplinary notice, but won't decide what... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **TSA agents rally at Pittsburgh airport, urge end to shutdown**
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Transportation Security Administration workers are venting frustration with the current government shutdown at a rally inside the Pittsburgh airport... - [AP](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Pennsylvania bans trucks on interstates, other Lehigh Valley highways due to snow this weekend**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has announced a commercial vehicle ban on all of the state's interstate highways (with the exception of Interstate 95 in the Philadelphia area) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike between noon Saturday and noon Sunday.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf declares state of emergency ahead of winter storm**
Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has declared a state of emergency ahead of this weekend's expected winter storm. The declaration allows the state to get additional help from neighboring states and to have the Pennsylvania National Guard on standby, according to a news release Friday.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Pittsburgh road crews prepare for impending snowstorm**
The uncertainty of how much snow the Pittsburgh region might get this weekend is making it difficult for officials to plan how to deal with it, Mike Gable, Pittsburgh's public works director, said Friday morning. Mr. Gable said forecasts have ranged from 1 to 12 inches of snow because of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



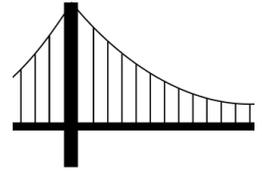
- 01-18-2019 **Gov. Wolf declares state of emergency ahead of weekend snowstorm**
Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday declared a state of emergency ahead of this weekend's snowstorm and has imposed a commercial vehicle ban and speed restrictions on many of the state's highways. The emergency declaration allows state officials to seek additional help and use available resources, such as the Pennsylvania National Guard, to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Allegheny County Airport Authority wants partial subsidies back from Wow Air**
Wow Air's days at Pittsburgh International Airport appear to be numbered — at least for now. The Iceland-based carrier suspended flights from Pittsburgh Jan. 11, and airport officials are not expecting it back any time soon. In fact, the Allegheny County Airport Authority is seeking a return of part... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-18-2019 **TSA union: 'Our morale is now at an all-time low'**
Bills, mortgages, child care, food: These are the things Transportation Security Administration workers at Pittsburgh International Airport worry about on the 28th day of the partial government shutdown. "There are real people out here, fighting for their lives, fighting for..." - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-18-2019 **Braddock-based nonprofit raising funds to replace van destroyed by fire**
Paula McWilliams is in desperate need of a new vehicle. And she is spearheading a fundraising campaign to get it. Ms. McWilliams, president and CEO of Heritage Community Initiatives, is attempting to replace the organization's van, which was destroyed in an engine fire on its premises on Dec. 17.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-17-2019 **PUC Approves Joint Settlement in Indiana Borough Sewer Rate Case Including...**
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- 01-17-2019 **PA Turnpike Commission Meeting Agenda for January 18, 2019**
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- 01-17-2019 **PPG Directors Announce Quarterly Dividend of 48 Cents Per Share**
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- 01-17-2019 **PPG Announces Full-Year 2019 Financial Guidance**
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- 01-17-2019 **PUC Seeks Comment on Settlement Agreement with Vista Energy Marketing LP...**
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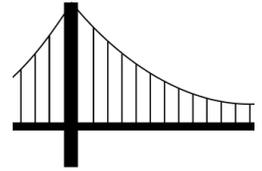
- 01-17-2019 **[Kutztown police looking for volunteers to get drunk for free](#)**
Ever wanted to have a drink on the dime of a police officer? Well, Kutztown Police have an offer that's hard to pass up. The department is asking for three volunteers to drink to the point of inebriation on April 4 to serve as subjects in a field sobriety test... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Demolition work continues at McBride Viaduct](#)**
Crews are preparing to remove spans and bridge deck sections above the CSX and Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. The McBride Viaduct's demolition could be complete within a month. Contractors from Swank Construction Co. have removed more than a third of the 80-year-old eastside bridge since work started Nov. 27, including more... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Large flag prompts changes to air traffic at Johnstown airport](#)**
The aircraft navigation network is being updated to improve safety around a giant flag in Richland Township. Airport Manager Thomas Keyes said the changes have been adjusted after the Federal Aviation Administration reviewed an L.R. Kimball survey of the 130-foot flagpole outside Gander Outdoors.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Sharon, county prepare for winter storm](#)**
Since winter began, the eight-person road crew in Sharon has been working on shifts — one crew from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the other from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. During the non-snow season, the city's entire eight-person public works department pulls daylight shifts, said city Manager Bob Fiscus. In... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Line Mountain student working with Rep. Culver to pass driver safety laws](#)**
SUNBURY — A junior from Line Mountain High School who drafted mock legislation about driver safety for a class in November found himself this week thrust into the political scene. Colby Herb, a 17-year-old from Dalmatia, is now working with state Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver, R-108, to introduce the legislation as law in order... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Circle or Square? Borough seeks public comment on design ideas for downtown](#)**
Almost a year ago, the Hanover Borough Council began the streetscape process to revitalize downtown. Now, the council is looking to hear from the public on what should happen next. The borough contracted Simone and Collins Landscape Architecture firm to look at how the downtown area could be enhanced and offer design ideas for... - [Hanover Evening Sun](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Limerick vote on truck plan angers neighbors](#)**
LIMERICK — Two controversial developments that drew a crowd of more than 70 to the Dec. 18 Limerick Board of Supervisors meeting were back on the agenda Tuesday night for crucial votes. But while opponents of the TP Trailers and Truck Equipment plan to build a... - [Phoenixville News](#)



- 01-17-2019 **Norristown council considers streetlight overhaul**
NORRISTOWN — Council was presented with details of a project initiative to upgrade existing street lights and received a quarterly report from the municipal Small Business Assistance Center during Tuesday evening's regularly scheduled workshop session. The goal of the Regional Street Light Procurement Program — a regional... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 01-17-2019 **North Wales recap: Talks to continue on streetlight LED conversion program**
NORTH WALES — Borough staff and council have started talks on whether to upgrade streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs. Council heard a presentation from Keystone Lighting Solutions on Jan. 8 outlining how many streetlights the borough could upgrade, and how it could... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 01-17-2019 **TSA acknowledges financial stress of shutdown is forcing growing number of officers to stay home**
Faced with growing numbers of call-outs by its workers — and images of some of them lining up for food donations — leaders of the Transportation Security Administration acknowledged Wednesday that “many employees are reporting that they are not able to report to work... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Balderson will serve on Transportation Committee in House**
WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Troy Balderson has been tapped to serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Balderson, R-Zanesville, sought the assignment and said Wednesday that he was honored to be picked. The committee has jurisdiction over all modes of... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Hundreds of Philly TSA agents waiting for shutdown to end, paychecks to start**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — President Donald Trump signed a bill that would guarantee backpay for federal employees when the government reopens. But in the meantime, many of the workers are still on the clock and feeling the squeeze. At Philadelphia International Airport, hundreds of TSA officers are working... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Mass held for Philly officer who is still critically injured from motorcycle crash**
NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Dozens of friends, family and colleagues packed into St. Matthew Church in Northeast Philadelphia Wednesday night for a special Mass of healing for Philadelphia Police Officer Andy Chan. A few weeks ago, Chan was critically injured while on duty when his... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Limo drivers ask 3rd Circuit to revive lawsuit accusing Uber of violating labor laws**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Area UberBLACK limo drivers and the company are now awaiting a ruling from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia on whether the drivers can get a U.S. district judge's decision reversed. An attorney for the drivers, Ashley Keller, told the three-judge panel that... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



- 01-17-2019 **[Pedestrian deaths rise in Lancaster County; experts say responsibility is split between drivers, walkers](#)**
While traffic fatalities in the United States have decreased in recent years, the number of pedestrian deaths has increased, according to a 2017 report from the Governor's Highway Safety Administration. Between 2007 and 2016, pedestrian fatalities increased 27 percent, and all... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Six Pittsburghers share how they're hoping to change the future of Pittsburgh's public transit in 2019](#)**
One hallmark of a major city is a robust transit system. Think the London tubes or the Washington, D.C., Metro. This summer, the entire country of Luxembourg will become the first in the world to provide free public transit. Pittsburgh would have quite a way to go to measure up to these... - [New Pittsburgh Courier](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Some Events Canceled at Airport Due to Liability](#)**
Community events where alcohol is served—such as wedding receptions and fundraisers for the YMCA and local schools—have ceased to be held at the Bradford County Airport, after the county found out last year that its insurance policy will not cover them. The matter was discussed at the Jan.... - [Wyalusing Rocket-Courier](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Safety is the main goal of work at weigh stations](#)**
If you've cruised Interstate 81 from Greencastle to Chambersburg, you no doubt are aware of the two weigh stations — the Greencastle/Kauffman weigh station along I-81 north at mile marker 7 in Antrim Township and the Greencastle/Kauffman station at mile marker 10.5 southbound in Guilford... - [Greencastle Echo-Pilot](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Kutztown Police Department's request for volunteers to get drunk a smashing success](#)**
So, you're willing to get drunk for the sake of law and order? That's the spirits. Kutztown Borough Police Department sought three volunteers to drink hard liquor to the point of inebriation so officers could be trained how to administer field sobriety tests during traffic stops.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Shell gets approval of Ambridge Water Authority for ethane pipeline](#)**
Shell Pipeline Co. and the Ambridge Water Authority have settled on a series of measures that the pipeline company will take to protect the source of water for almost 30,000 Beaver County customers. At issue is a 97-mile ethane pipeline that Shell will build to bring the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Port Authority getting first electric buses, considering fleet for Downtown-Oakland rapid transit](#)**
Port Authority expects to have its first two electric buses by September and to begin testing them in anticipation of use on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system between Downtown and Oakland. A committee Thursday recommended the authority board approve buying the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



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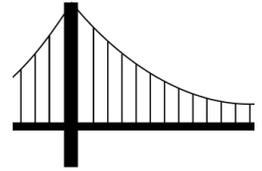
Mariner East pipelines can keep flowing as PUC rejects shutdown request

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on Thursday upheld a judge's decision not to block operations of the controversial Mariner East pipelines after southeastern Pennsylvania residents contended they were unsafe. Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth Barnes denied an emergency request by... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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With two storms approaching, PennDOT faces plow-truck driver shortage

A one-two combo punch of snowstorms, followed by a left hook of single-digit temperatures, is coming our way, and PennDOT is bracing for the impact. But they're short about 40 percent of the number of plow-truck drivers they would like to have. "This has been one of the toughest years to attract temporary... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



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