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HCO3313  Metzgar, Carl
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HCO3319  Dush, Cris
Names the bridge on SR 4005 located in Polk Township, Jefferson County as the Polk Township Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Bill Actions

HB 150  Maloney, David
(PN 2573) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, establishing a Share the Road plate for an additional fee of $40. The fee shall be used exclusively to maintain the department's central office position of Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and to fund highway pedalcycle signage approved by the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 130)

Bill History:
05-24-16 H Signed in the House
05-30-16 S Signed in the Senate
06-01-16 G In the hands of the Governor
06-11-16 G Last day for Governor's action
06-08-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 36)

HB 582  Causer, Martin
(PN 651) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) stating no registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any person who is retired and receiving Social Security or other pension and whose total annual income does not exceed $23,500 (increased from $19,200). Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:
06-07-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
06-07-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-07-16 S First consideration
06-13-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 835  Bloom, Stephen
(PN 3192) Act designating a portion of State Route 74 in
Cumberland County as the Marine Lance Corporal Gary Lee Ream Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1003)

**Bill History:**
- 06-06-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
- 06-07-16 H Set on the House Calendar
- 06-07-16 Laid out for discussion 11:30am
- 06-07-16 Third consideration 11:30am
- 06-07-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:190/N: 0)

**HB 853**  Gibbons, Jaret

(PN 1487) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles), in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of involuntary manslaughter; and, in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle, and providing for the offenses of homicide by vehicle while using text-based communications and for aggravated assault by vehicle while using text-based communications. The bill provides for enhanced penalties in the case of involuntary manslaughter or homicide by vehicle when the offense is the result of a violation of section 3316 (relating to prohibiting text-based communications). Any person who negligently causes serious bodily injury to another person as the result of a violation of section 3316 (relating to the prohibition of text-based communications) and who is convicted of violating section 3316 commits a felony of the second degree when the violation is the cause of the injury. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary
- 06-07-16 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Judiciary
- 06-07-16 H Reported as amended House Judiciary
- 06-07-16 H First consideration
- 06-07-16 H Rereferred to House Rules

**HB 871**  Sankey, Thomas

(PN 1727) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer to scrap metal processor by adding that any owner who transfers a vehicle or a salvage vehicle to a scrap metal processor shall assign the certificate of title or certificate of salvage to the scrap metal processor. Such certificate of title or certificate of salvage is exempt from the requirements of notarization and verification by a corporate officer. The bill provides for certificate of title and vehicles with defective or lost title. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1066)

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S First consideration
- 06-13-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**HB 1079**  Taylor, John

(PN 1386) Act repealing the act of July 16, 1941 (P.L.386, No.149), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of a mountain ridge road or parkway in the Pocono Mountains through, bordering or accessible to the counties of Monroe, Northampton, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike, to be known as the "Pocono Mountain Memorial Parkway";
providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Parkway Commission, and conferring powers, and imposing duties on said commission; authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such parkway; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the parkway; making such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such parkway shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and other agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Highways and authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue refunding bonds."

Bill History:
05-23-16 H Set on the House Calendar
05-23-16 Laid out for discussion 3:03pm
05-23-16 Third consideration 3:03pm
05-23-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)
06-03-16 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

HB 1551 Schlossberg, Mike
(PN 2636) Amending Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for restraint systems by requiring that any child under two years of age be fastened in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system to be used until the child outgrows the maximum weight and height limits designated by the manufacturer. Also requires every vehicle occupant eight years of age or older but under 18 years of age to wear a seat belt. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2234)

Bill History:
04-04-16 H Removed from the table
06-06-16 H Set on the House Calendar
06-06-16 H Laid on the table
06-06-16 H Removed from the table
06-13-16 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 1597 Murt, Thomas
(PN 3396) Act designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2304)

Bill History:
06-06-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
06-06-16 H Set on the House Calendar
06-06-16 Laid out for discussion 3:46pm
06-06-16 Third consideration 3:46pm
06-06-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:189/N: 0)

HB 1660 Reed, Dave
(PN 2438) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Clymer Borough, Indiana County, as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:
03-22-16 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)
06-06-16 S Removed from the table
06-07-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
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<td>HB 1713</td>
<td>Pickett, Tina</td>
<td>(PN 2566) Act designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td>HB 1737</td>
<td>Maher, John</td>
<td>(PN 3285) Amends the act entitled, &quot;An act relating to the recycling and reuse of waste tires; providing for the proper disposal of waste tires and the cleanup of stockpiled tires; authorizing investment tax credits for utilizing waste tires; providing remediation grants for the cleanup of tire piles and for pollution prevention programs for small business and households; establishing the Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program and management standards for small business hazardous waste; providing for a household hazardous waste program and for grant programs; making appropriations; and making repeals,&quot; adding language to section 206 (c) relating to the household waste collection program and household prescription drug and pharmaceutical waste. Provides that the following entities are exempt from registering with the Department of Environmental Protection prior to commencing a household prescription drug and pharmaceutical waste collection operation: Federal, state and local law enforcement; hospitals, assisted living facilities, home health care agencies, long-term care nursing facilities, hospice, domiciliary care homes and other similar healthcare facilities; Commonwealth licensed pharmacies; resource recovery facilities that collect expired or unwanted prescription drugs or over-the-counter pharmaceutical products; and similar facilities or entities the department excludes at its discretion. Further provides that expired or unwanted prescription drugs and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products generated by households and collected as part of a registered collection event may be destroyed through industrial furnaces, resource recovery facilities or any other facility that renders the drugs and pharmaceutical products nonretrievable. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2607)</td>
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<td>HB 1740</td>
<td>Diamond, Russell</td>
<td>(PN 3429) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) increasing the fee for a local police report of a vehicle accident from $15 to $22. Provides that police shall provide a written report if a request is made within 15 days of an accident. If the initial report is incomplete a supplemental one shall be provided at a later date. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2619)</td>
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<td><strong>HB 1779</strong> Marshall, Jim</td>
<td>Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) by adding optometrists in the list of medical providers who may certify to a disability for the purpose of issuing a handicapped plate or placard for a person with a disability. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td><strong>HB 1856</strong> James, Lee</td>
<td>Act designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 62 over the Allegheny River in Oil City, Venango County, as the Specialist Jonathan R. Kephart Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td><strong>HB 2025</strong> Reese, Mike</td>
<td>Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, adding that temporary registration cards issued to a vehicle acquired in Pennsylvania for transportation to another state for registration shall be valid for 60 days. Additionally, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for suspension of certificates of appointment and for certification of mechanics. The bill authorizes the imposition of a monetary penalty on inspection stations that are not properly equipped or otherwise in violation. A schedule of all penalties, points and suspension may be established by the department by publishing a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin until the regulations governing these penalties are promulgated by the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3252)</td>
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<td><strong>HB 2026</strong> Jozwiak, Barry</td>
<td>Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation), in Department of Military Affairs, providing for Civil Air Patrol; and, in authority of Department of Transportation, further providing for authority of department. Title 51 is amended by adding that the department shall be a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and shall, notwithstanding any law, provide administrative support in accordance with this section and within the limits of authorized appropriations. The department shall: (1) Receive and supervise the expenditure of State funds appropriated by the General Assembly or secured</td>
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*Bill History:

- **06-06-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations**
- **06-06-16 H Set on the House Calendar**
- **06-06-16 Laid out for discussion 3:48pm**
- **06-06-16 Third consideration 3:48pm**
- **06-06-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:172/N: 17)**

- **04-13-16 H First consideration**
- **04-13-16 H Laid on the table**
- **06-08-16 H Set on the Tabled Calendar**
- **06-08-16 H Removed from the table**
- **06-13-16 H Set on the House Calendar**

- **06-07-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation**
- **06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation**
- **06-07-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation**
- **06-07-16 S First consideration**
- **06-13-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar**

- **05-23-16 H Set on the House Calendar**
- **05-23-16 Laid out for discussion 3:04pm**
- **05-23-16 Third consideration 3:05pm**
- **05-23-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)**
- **06-03-16 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation**

- **06-07-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation**
- **06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation**
- **06-07-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation**
- **06-07-16 S First consideration**
- **06-13-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar**
by the Commonwealth for the use and benefit of the Civil Air
Patrol within this Commonwealth; (2) Supervise the
maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the
Civil Air Patrol; and (3) Receive, from the Commonwealth or
the Commonwealth's instrumentalities, requests for approval
for assistance by the Civil Air Patrol in natural or man-made
disasters or emergency situations. Title 74 is amended by
 repealing provisions granting the Department of Transportation
authority to expend Commonwealth funds for search and
rescue operations and organ transport by the civil air patrol,
and educational materials and equipment related thereto.
Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-06-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
- 06-06-16 H Set on the House Calendar
- 06-06-16 Laid out for discussion 3:51pm
- 06-06-16 Third consideration 3:51pm
- 06-06-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:189/N: 0)

**HB 2058**  Farry, Frank

(PN 3428) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 42
(Judiciary), in Title 35 in emergency medical services (EMS)
system and services, by authorizing paramedics to provide
blood draw services to law enforcement upon request to
perform a legal blood draw on behalf of the agency from
persons suspected of violating 75 Pa.C.S. 1543(b)(1.1)
(relation to driving while operating privilege is suspended or
revoked), 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle while driving
under influence), 3735.1 (relating to aggravated assault by
vehicle while driving under the influence), 3802 (relating to
driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or
3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally operating a motor vehicle not
equipped with ignition interlock). Additionally, in Title 42, the bill
extends criminal laboratory user fee to EMS agencies, which
shall be used solely for provisions of criminal laboratory
services. The paramedic user fee for
laboratory services
provided by a paramedic shall be paid to the emergency
medical services agency and shall be used solely for the
provision of criminal laboratory services. Portions are effective
in 90 days and the rest is effective immediately. (Prior Printer
Number: 3327)

**Bill History:**
- 06-06-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
- 06-07-16 H Set on the House Calendar
- 06-07-16 Laid out for discussion 2:06pm
- 06-07-16 Third consideration 2:06pm
- 06-07-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:186/N: 0)

**HB 2144**  Regan, Mike

(PN 3488) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of
vehicles, further providing for suspension of registration by
adding that the department may suspend a registration without
providing an opportunity for a hearing upon the request or order
of any court of record if a check issued to a facility authorized
under section 4721 (relating to appointment of official
inspection stations) in payment of any fee relating to Chapter
47 (relating to inspection of vehicles) has been returned as
uncollectible. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 H Filed
- 06-09-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House
Transportation
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<td>HB 2157</td>
<td>Millard, David</td>
<td>Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for probationary license.</td>
<td>Bill History: 06-09-16 H Filed</td>
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<td>HR 183</td>
<td>Miller, Daniel</td>
<td>(PN 977) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of data maintained by the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services on the number of transition-age youth and young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.</td>
<td>Bill History: 04-11-16 H Removed from the table 06-09-16 H Set on the House Calendar 06-09-16 H Laid on the table 06-09-16 H Removed from the table 06-13-16 H Set on the House Calendar</td>
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<td>SB 61</td>
<td>Greenleaf, Stewart</td>
<td>(PN 1846) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in operation of vehicles, adding that the section providing for drivers of emergency vehicles in no way restricts the operation of a pedalcycle used by a bike medic during the course of performing official duties. “Bike medic” is defined in the bill. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 40, 1596)</td>
<td>Bill History: 06-08-16 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0) 06-08-16 S Signed in the Senate 06-08-16 H Signed in the House 06-08-16 G In the hands of the Governor 06-18-16 G Last day for Governor’s action</td>
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<td>SB 983</td>
<td>McGarrigle, Thomas</td>
<td>(PN 1852) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language to allow the parent, including an adoptive parent or foster parent and spouses, of a child or adult child who is in their care to secure a disability license plate for their vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1219)</td>
<td>Bill History: 06-06-16 H Set on the House Calendar 06-06-16 Laid out for discussion 3:49pm 06-06-16 Third consideration 3:49pm 06-06-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:189/N: 0) 06-07-16 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations</td>
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<td>SB 1152</td>
<td>Browne, Patrick</td>
<td>(PN 1591) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for restraint systems; and making an editorial change. Babies under age two shall be in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system. Further, the driver of a passenger car, Class I truck, Class II truck or motor home operated in this Commonwealth shall: if under 18 years of age, be secured in a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system; and secure or cause to be secured in a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt every vehicle occupant eight years of age or older but under 18 years of age. During the first year following the effective date, law enforcement shall only issue verbal warnings to individuals who are in violation. Effective in 60 days.</td>
<td>Bill History: 05-23-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:175/N: 20) 05-30-16 S Signed in the Senate 06-06-16 H Signed in the House</td>
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SB 1153  Vogel, Jr., Elder

(PN 1807) Act designating: A portion of State Routes 108 and 551 in Lawrence County as the Battery B Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge. A bridge on State Route 2014 over the Muncy Creek in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Private Walter L. Smith Spanish-American War Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway. The bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 1026, Section 004 over the Cocalico Creek, Denver Borough, and West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Samuel L. Snyder Memorial Bridge. An overpass on State Route 49 over State Route 15, Lawrence Township, Tioga County, as the Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. A portion of Blair Mill Road in Montgomery County as the PVT William H. Walls, U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. The overpass on State Route 3145 over Interstate 376, BMS 02-3145-0010-0537, in the Market District at Settlers Ridge, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, as the Roy F. Johns, Jr., Overpass. A portion of State Route 51 in the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, as the Fred A. Trello Memorial Boulevard. A certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange. The Bridge carrying State Route 2005 (Business Route 222) over the Schuylkill River, Riverfront Drive and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Reading, Berks County, commonly referred to as the Bingaman Street Bridge, as the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 36 over Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 1008 in Fayetteville, Franklin County, as the James W. Cutchall Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, as the Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge. The bridge on that portion of Township Route 431/436, Cooney Road, over US Route 22 in Munster Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Thomas A. Cooney Memorial Bridge. The bridge on Tower Road spanning U.S. Route 219 in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of Greenwood Avenue over the SEPTA tracks in Cheltenham Township and Jenkintown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Honorable Lawrence H. Curry Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 144 over Bald Eagle Creek, Milesburg Borough, Centre County, as the Veterans Bridge. An interchange on Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 66 in Westmoreland County as the David B. Sheridan Memorial Interchange. A bridge on that portion of State Route 217 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and 2nd Street,
### SB 1192  Wozniak, John

(PN 1717) Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to dedicate to Cresson Township a right-of-way from lands of the Commonwealth at the State Correctional Institution-Cresson, situate in Cresson Township, Cambria County, for the purpose of laying out and constructing a public roadway. Effective immediately.

**Bill History:**
- 06-08-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-08-16 Laid out for discussion 12:14pm
- 06-08-16 Third consideration 12:14pm
- 06-08-16 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
- 06-09-16 H Received in the House and referred to House State Government

### SB 1217  Stefano, Patrick

(PN 1739) Act designating a portion of State Route 523 in Somerset County as the Private First Class Nils G. Thompson Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-08-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-08-16 Laid out for discussion 12:19pm
- 06-08-16 Third consideration 12:20pm
- 06-08-16 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
- 06-09-16 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation

### SB 1219  Mensch, Bob

(PN 1746) Act designating a portion of State Route 663 in Montgomery County as the Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S First consideration
- 06-13-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### SB 1220  Mensch, Bob

(PN 1747) Act designating the portion of State Route 100 from Hereford Township at the Lehigh County line through Washington Township in Berks County as the First Lieutenant William R. Gendebien Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S First consideration
- 06-13-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### SB 1249  Hughes, Vincent

(PN 1880) Act appropriating $8,640,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund to the Philadelphia

in Derry Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1592, 1681)
Parking Authority and $2,000,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017. All funds generated from and related to the administration and enforcement of the legalization of the operation of transportation network companies in a city of the first class (Philadelphia) under an act of the General Assembly shall be deposited into a special account created by the State Treasurer within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund. Money in the account shall be transferred in equal amounts each month by the State Treasurer as follows: 66.67 percent to a school district of the first class, and 33.33 to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for purposes of administering and enforcing the provisions of the act of the General Assembly authorizing the operation of transportation network companies and ride-sharing in a city of the first class. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Bill History:**
- **SB 1267** Rafferty, John
  - (PN 1805) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) making reforms to related to the Municipal Signal Partnership Program. Specifically, makes changes to various definitions, including "critical corridor" and "municipality," reduces local match financial assistance threshold from 50 to 20 percent of the total and provides for funds from sources other than private or municipal, and includes provisions for cities of the first or second class. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- **SB 1286** Browne, Patrick
  - (PN 1866) Act appropriating $8,640,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and $2,000,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Bill History:**
- **SB 1292** Browne, Patrick
  - (PN 1872) The Capital Budget Act of 2016-2017 provides for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 with a total appropriation of $1,110,000,000. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later.
SB 1301  Dinniman, Andrew

(PN 1890) Amends the Outdoor Advertising Control Act further providing for control criteria for size, spacing and lighting by adding that the applicant for a proposed outdoor advertising device shall meet with representatives from the department and the local political subdivision at the site designated for the proposed outdoor advertising device prior to the local political subdivision authorizing or prohibiting the erection of the outdoor advertising device. To convert an existing outdoor advertising device to an electronic digital sign, the applicant for the proposed conversion shall meet with representatives from the department and the local political subdivision at the site of the existing outdoor advertising device prior to the local political subdivision authorizing or prohibiting the conversion. Prior to authorization, the local political subdivision shall conduct a public hearing, at the expense of the applicant. The transcription of the public hearing shall be sent to the department and the information used in the authorizing or prohibiting of any needed permits and approvals by both the department and local political subdivision. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:
06-06-16 S Filed
06-06-16 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Committee Stories

House Appropriations Committee
6/6/16, 2:09 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol Building
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider several bills.

HB 835 Bloom, Stephen - (PN 3192) Act designating a portion of State Route 74 in Cumberland County as the Marine Lance Corporal Gary Lee Ream Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1003) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1597 Murt, Thomas - (PN 3396) Act designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2304) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1740 Diamond, Russell - (PN 3429) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) increasing the fee for a local police report of a vehicle accident from $15 to $22. Provides that police shall provide a written report if a request is made within 15 days of an accident. If the initial report is incomplete a supplemental one shall be provided at a later date. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2619) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 2026 Joziwick, Barry - (PN 3253) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation), in Department of Military Affairs, providing for Civil Air Patrol; and, in authority of Department of Transportation, further providing for authority of department. Title 51 is amended by adding that the department shall be a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and shall, notwithstanding any law, provide administrative support in accordance with this section and within the limits of authorized appropriations. The department shall: (1) Receive and supervise the expenditure of State funds appropriated by the General Assembly or secured by the Commonwealth for the use and benefit of the Civil Air Patrol within this Commonwealth; (2) Supervise the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the Civil Air Patrol; and (3) Receive, from the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth’s instrumentalities, requests for approval for assistance by the Civil Air Patrol in natural or man-made disasters or emergency situations. Title 74 is
amended by repealing provisions granting the Department of Transportation authority to expend Commonwealth funds for search and rescue operations and organ transport by the civil air patrol, and educational materials and equipment related thereto. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

**HB 2058 Farry, Frank** - (PN 3428) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 42 (Judiciary), in Title 35 in emergency medical services (EMS) system and services, by authorizing paramedics to provide blood draw services to law enforcement upon request to perform a legal blood draw on behalf of the agency from persons suspected of violating 75 Pa.C.S. 1543(b)(1.1) (relating to driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked), 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle while driving under influence), 3735.1 (relating to aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence), 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or 3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock). Additionally, in Title 42, the bill extends criminal laboratory user fee to EMS agencies, which shall be used solely for provisions of criminal laboratory services. The paramedic user fee for laboratory services provided by a paramedic shall be paid to the emergency medical services agency and shall be used solely for the provision of criminal laboratory services. Portions are effective in 90 days and the rest is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 3327) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

**SB 983 McGarrigle, Thomas** - (PN 1852) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language to allow the parent, including an adoptive parent or foster parent and spouses, of a child or adult child who is in their care to secure a disability license plate for their vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1219) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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**House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee**

6/7/16, 9:30 a.m., B-31 Main Capitol

By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held an informational hearing regarding the September 11th National Memorial Trail.

**David Brickley**, president and CEO, September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance; and **Robert Thomas**, AIA, Campbell Thomas & Company Architects; detailed the notable aspects of the September 11th National Memorial Trail.

Brickley commented the trail is being built as a tribute to all those who gave their all during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He went on that the trail serves as a symbol of the resiliency, perseverance, and character of the victims and their families and first responders on the scene.

Thomas detailed the trail, which he explained will eventually be a 1,300-mile non-motorized cycling and walking route. Thomas explained the first leg of the trail begins at the Pentagon Memorial and follows a 184-mile route through the Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park, which connects to the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage, which then proceeds east to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County.

The second leg, Thomas explained, extends east from the Flight 93 National Memorial to New York City's National September 11th Memorial and Museum, which follows a 461-mile segment of roads and existing or new trails. He continued that the 130-mile system of trails in New Jersey to New York City follows the Liberty Water Gap. He noted that there was strong support from the governor's office and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the development of the route from the Great Allegheny Passage to the New Jersey line.

Thomas went on to detail the third leg of the route, a 337-mile leg from New York City's National September 11th Memorial and Museum to the Pentagon Memorial, which aligns with the East Coast Greenway.

Brickley described the route as "a pilgrimage trail," and commented that the entire trail can currently be walked or cycled. Brickley thanked CSX Corporation for donating an abandoned railroad corridor, which will be used as a link...
between the Flight 93 National Memorial and the Great Allegheny Passage. He went on to thank Pennsylvania for its support, and expressed his belief that the trail will help bolster the Pennsylvania economy and communities. He disclosed there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the trail on September 10 or 11, 2016.

Rep. Millard asked if accommodations are available for multiple day trips, or if individuals will have to rely on amenities located in towns. Thomas explained that many of the sites along the trail have identified food and lodging facilities. "We wanted to hit town centers and populated areas," said Thomas. He added that the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance plans to publish a guidebook to identify more food and lodging facilities. He noted that that route information will be published online, and stressed the need for easy access to the information on paper and in electronic form.

Chairman Hickernell asked if the Alliance is working with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to promote the trail. Jane Sheffield, executive director, Allegheny Ridge Corporation, said the Alliance first established partnerships with local destination marketing organizations, but plans to work with DCED in the near future.

Rep. Hahn disclosed that the trail runs through her district and offered her support for future endeavors.

Rep. Rader alluded to issues with private property owners in Monroe County and asked how the Alliance handles private property obstructions. Brickley disclosed that he owns a 15-mile private trail in Virginia, and recommended working with the private property owner to show the benefits of authorizing a trail to run through their property. He noted that public portions of the September 11th National Memorial Trail are not owned by the Alliance, but instead are owned by the township or county they run through. Thomas agreed with Brickley, and recommended showing landowners the associated benefits. He also recommended developing alternative routes around private properties if the owner is unwilling to authorize the trail.

Rep. Helm expressed her support for the trail and thanked the Alliance for making the Millersburg Ferry part of the September 11th National Memorial Trail.
The committee met to consider bills.

**HB 853 Gibbons, Jaret** - (PN 1487) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles), in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of involuntary manslaughter; and, in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle, and providing for the offenses of homicide by vehicle while using text-based communications and for aggravated assault by vehicle while using text-based communications. The bill provides for enhanced penalties in the case of involuntary manslaughter or homicide by vehicle when the offense is the result of a violation of section 3316 (relating to prohibiting text-based communications). Any person who negligently causes serious bodily injury to another person as the result of a violation of section 3316 (relating to the prohibition of text-based communications) and who is convicted of violating section 3316 commits a felony of the second degree when the violation is the cause of the injury. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

**A07059** by Petrarca, changes the bill to only amend Title 18. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Jaret Gibbons (D-Lawrence) explained the bill, known as “Daniel's Law,” in honor of a man killed while riding a motorcycle by a woman who was texting. He noted texted while driving is prohibited, but said the problem is that the sentencing guidelines are insufficient for instances where someone is killed or seriously injured. Rep. Gibbons supported the amendment.
The committee met to consider legislation and certain executive nominations.

Executive nominations were unanimously recalled, reported, and re-referred to standing committee.

**SB 61 Greenleaf, Stewart** - (PN 1846) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in operation of vehicles, adding that the section providing for drivers of emergency vehicles in no way restricts the operation of a pedalcycle used by a bike medic during the course of performing official duties. "Bike medic" is defined in the bill. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 40, 1596) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

**SB 1153 Vogel, Jr., Elder** - (PN 1807) Act designating: A portion of State Routes 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge. A bridge on State Route 2014 over the Muncy Creek in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Private Walter L. Smith Spanish-American War Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway. The bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 1026, Section 004 over the Cocalico Creek, Denver Borough, and West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Samuel L. Snyder Memorial Bridge. An overpass on State Route 49 over State Route 15, Lawrence Township, Tioga County, as the Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. A portion of Blair Mill Road in Montgomery County as the PVT William H. Walls, U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. The overpass on State Route 3145 over Interstate 376, BMS 02-3145-0010-0537, in the Market District at Settlers Ridge, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, as the Roy F. Johns, Jr., Overpass. A portion of State Route 51 in the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, as the Fred A. Trello Memorial Boulevard. A certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange. The Bridge carrying State Route 2005 (Business Route 222) over the Schuylkill River, Riverfront Drive and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Reading, Berks County, commonly referred to as the Bingaman Street Bridge, as the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 36 over Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 1008 in Fayetteville, Franklin County, as the James W. Cutchall Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, as the Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge. The bridge on that portion of Township Route 431/436, Cooney Road, over US Route 22 in Munster Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Thomas A. Cooney Memorial Bridge. The bridge on Tower Road spanning U.S. Route 219 in Croyville Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of Greenwood Avenue over the SEPTA tracks in Cheltenham Township and Jenkintown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Honorable Lawrence H. Curry Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 144 over Bald Eagle Creek, Milesburg Borough, Centre County, as the Veterans Bridge. An interchange on Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 66 in Westmoreland County as the David B. Sheridan Memorial Interchange. A bridge on that portion of State Route 217 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and 2nd Street, in Derry Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1592, 1681) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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**Senate Appropriations Committee**

6/7/16, 4:20 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider several bills.

**SB 1286 Browne, Patrick** - (PN 1866) Act appropriating $8,640,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and $2,000,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority
SB 1292 Browne, Patrick - (PN 1872) The Capital Budget Act of 2016-2017 provides for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 with a total appropriation of $1,110,000,000. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was passed over.

Press Conferences

NEW IGNITION INTERLOCK LAW POISED TO COMBAT DRUNK DRIVING
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | June 8, 2016

Today legislators, families of driving under the influence (DUI) victims, and advocates gathered on the Capitol Steps to hold a press conference to express their support for Pennsylvania’s new Ignition interlock law.

Sen. John Rafferty (R-Montgomery), who sponsored the legislation in the Senate, expressed his gratitude to those who advocated for the passage of Act 33 of 2016 over the last six years. He commented that the passage of Act 33 will with bolster public safety efforts for Pennsylvanians utilizing motorways and noted the law mirrors roughly 40 other states with similar laws. He stated, “Act 33 remembers those injured or lost lives to drunk drivers.” In 2014, Sen. Rafferty offered, 12,884 vehicle accidents were caused by drunk driving, of which roughly 300 resulted in death.

Sen. Rafferty explained the law will require convicted drunk drivers with illegal blood alcohol content of 0.10 or greater to use ignition interlocks for at least 12 months for first-time offenders, and noted the law would be effective in 15 months. He added that first-time DUI offenders will be given a limited ignition license, which will allow offenders to maintain personal and professional commitments that require a vehicle. Sen. Rafferty also stated that installation of ignition interlock devices has been shown to reduce the number of DUI incidents by 30 percent.

“Statistics in states that have similar laws clearly show the implementation of ignition interlock devices for first-time offenders significantly reduces drunk driving fatalities,” Sen. Rafferty said. “The families of DUI victims who have worked so hard to get this bill through the legislature should be proud that they have done something that will save lives and prevent needless tragedies.”

Rep. Keith Greiner (R-Lancaster), sponsor of the legislation in the House, also thanked legislators and advocates. “Act 33 of 2016 is a victory for roadway safety across the commonwealth,” said Rep. Greiner. He disclosed that 1 out of 3 crimes committed in his county are drunk driving related, but contended that the new law will allow offenders to still go on with life. He also noted the price to maintain the interlock system is worth the price to avoid tragedy. He lauded the law as an “extensive update to the Pennsylvania DUI laws.”

“Ignition interlocks will unquestionably save lives across the Commonwealth and make our roadways safer. Sen. Rafferty, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and other community leaders, including Chris and Susan Demko, were integral to moving this issue forward. It was truly a team effort. I remain committed to fighting for additional legislative efforts to curb drunk driving and am thankful to have aided in shepherding this legislation through the House,” said Rep. Greiner.

Sen. John Wozniak (D-Cambria) stated that Act 33 gives a person the opportunity to continue to make a living and expressed his hope the new law will act as “behavior modification” to prevent impaired driving.

Colleen Sheehey-Church, national president, MADD, praised the passage of the legislation as a “smart lifesaving law.” She expressed her belief that the new law will prevent drunk driving, but contended that advocates against drunk driving must continue the efforts. She told the story of losing her son, Dustin, who drowned after the car he was riding in, driven by a teen with alcohol and drugs in her system, crashed into a river, leaving him trapped in the vehicle. She noted that one of the benefits of the new law is the ability to maintain a system to track DUI offenders.
Sen. Rafferty commented that the next step will be to go after repeat DUI offenders with jail time for repeat offender that takes another life as a result of driving while impaired.

Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) applauded the advocates and legislators that supported the bill through to the governor’s desk. She also expressed her support for going after repeat DUI offenders.


Senators Pat Stefano (R-Fayette) and Lloyd Smucker (R-Lancaster), and Representatives Ron Marsico (R-Dauphin), Joe Petrarca (D-Westmoreland), Becky Corbin (R-Chester), Mike Regan (R-York), Kristin Hill (R-York), William Keller (D-Philadelphia), Jim Marshall (R-Beaver), and John Taylor (R-Philadelphia) were also in attendance.

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PA Bulletin

**DOR: METHOD OF FILING NOTICE: PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR FUELS TAX REPORTS, REV-1096A AND REV-1096B**

The Secretary of the Department of Revenue issued the Motor Fuels Tax Reports (REV-1096A, REV-1096B) and Schedules (REV-1019, REV-1020) that are required to be filed by registered distributors for all tax periods ending on or after September 30, 2016. Further, beginning with the filing of each registered distributor's September 2016 Pennsylvania Motor Fuels Tax Report, every registered distributor subject to 75 Pa.C.S. § 9006 is required to electronically file (e-file) in the manner prescribed by the Department's instructions. A registered distributor who fails to file a Pennsylvania Motor Fuels Tax Report by the method required under this notice shall be subject to a penalty of 10 percent of the tax due on the improperly filed report. In addition, the distributor's Liquid Fuels and Fuels Permit may be suspended or revoked by the Department. A registered distributor claiming hardship and requesting a waiver under subsection must submit a written request for the waiver for every calendar year in which the waiver is sought. The request must clearly explain why the filing method causes an undue hardship. Waiver requests must be received by the Department by November 1 of the calendar year proceeding the year for which the waiver is sought. Waiver requests shall be mailed to the Department of Revenue, Bureau of Motor and Alternative Fuel Taxes, Director's Office—Waiver Request, DEPT 280646, Harrisburg, PA 17128-0646.

**Upcoming Events**

**Senate Transportation**

*June 14, 2016 - 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing*

- SB 1181 Bartolotta, Came Amends State Highway Law re road projects
- SB 1233 Aument, Ryan Amends Title 75 re Emergency Response Team
- HB 1202 Taylor, John Act re adoption of county roads
- HB 1673 Sonney, Curt Amends Title 75 re recreational trailers
- HB 1711 Regan, Mike Act re Staff Sgt. Foley Memorial Bridge
- HB 1902 Keller, Mark Act re PFC William Oscar Stambaugh Memorial

**Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO**

*June 15, 2016 - 11:00 a.m., 11th Floor Board Room, One Port Center, 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ*

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

**Pittsburgh Port Authority**

*June 16, 2016 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, Pittsburgh Port Authority Building, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh*

Performance Oversight & Monitoring Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

**Pittsburgh Port Authority**

*June 16, 2016 - 10:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, Pittsburgh Port Authority Building, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh*

Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PLS’s Transportation Recap – Copyright 2016 – Pennsylvania Legislative Services – www.mypals.com
PA Turnpike Commission
June 21, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. - Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board
June 23, 2016 - 3:00 p.m. - SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Session Schedule
Senate
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In the News

06-09-2016  PennDOT: Public-Private Partnership Board Approves Commonwealth Fiber Optic... (Press Release)

06-09-2016  Civil Rights Advocate Anita Hill to headline Pennsylvania Conference for Women (Press Release)

06-09-2016  PUC to Investigate Request by Peoples Natural Gas to Replace Gas Expansion Rider (Press Release)

06-09-2016  AG DePasquale Releases Audits for School Entities in Allegheny, Green... (Press Release)

06-09-2016  Pittsburgh’s Smart City proposal combines data, energy and transportation
Pittsburgh’s application for the $50 million Smart City Challenge grant calls for a series of transportation spines, traffic signals that give priority to transit and freight vehicles, and an “electric avenue” between Downtown and Hazelwood for driverless vehicles charged at solar... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

06-09-2016  Pa. bill allowing wine sales in grocery stores comes with a few extras
HARRISBURG — Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday signed a bill allowing wine carry-out from grocery stores that includes a little-noticed provision that creates wine and malt beverage boards dominated by legislative appointees who will dole out grants with public money to promote Pennsylvania... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-09-2016  Newsmaker: Ronald Work
Noteworthy: Work was named Driver of the Year by the National Waste & Recycling Association at a ceremony in Las Vegas this week. Age: 56 Residence: Baden, Beaver County Family: Wife, Patricia, two children and three grandchildren. Occupation: Driver for Waste Management in Ambridge.... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-09-2016  Pittsburgh International Airport eyes expansion from Shell, Westinghouse deals
A multibillion-dollar petrochemical plant in Beaver County could provide a boon for Pittsburgh International Airport. Royal Dutch Shell on Tuesday announced plans to move forward with a long-awaited ethane cracker about 15 miles from the airport. The project is... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Paoli rail station getting $72M-plus overhaul
The makeover might be decades overdue, and it is getting a huge boost from federal money. But the major impetus for the massive overhauling of the 63-year-old Paoli train station, which serves about a million SEPTA and Amtrak riders annually, was a lawsuit filed by advocates for the disabled over its lack... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia will soon use a new tool to separate cyclists from moving cars: other cars. For about half a mile on Ryan Avenue, between Lexington and Rowland Avenues in the Mayfair neighborhood, parallel parking space will be moved about 14 feet from the curb to make room for a bike lane in each direction.... - Philadelphia Inquirer

How do I register my drone with the Federal Aviation Administration?
It doesn't matter if it's a $40 toy drone for your kid or a $2,000 quadcopter for yourself, chances are you'll have to register them both with the federal government. The Federal Aviation Administration requires all drones of a certain weight to be registered. Currently, there are 460,000 commercial and recreational... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

Pennsylvanians have registered thousands of recreational drones with the federal government as remotely controlled, unmanned vehicles have grown in popularity over the past few years. The Federal Aviation Administration recently released a map showing where all 460,000 commercial and recreational drones are registered throughout... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

A few years ago, drones were mostly known as the dangerous unmanned aircrafts used by the military. But now, hundreds of thousands of hobbyists use them for fun, photography, racing and more. Nearly 460,000 recreational and commercial drones have been registered with... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

Nearly eleven years since her crusade began, Colleen Sheehey-Church has finally received a result she's been looking for. Sheehey-Church, the national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, stood on the steps of the state Capitol with legislators and safe driving... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

ALLENTOWN -- Here are five things gleaned from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual transportation summit, which was held Wednesday at the Mack Customer Center. Big money is planned for big transportation projects. Unveiling the $458.3 million draft 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program, Lehigh Valley... - Allentown Morning Call

ALLENTOWN — The FedEx Ground terminal planned in Northampton County will bring hundreds of jobs to the Lehigh Valley and become the company's largest warehouse and logistics hub among 34 it operates nationwide, a company executive told members of the Valley business community Wednesday.... - Allentown Morning Call

The Issue: First-time drunken-driving offenders will be required to blow into a device before operating a vehicle. Our Opinion: This sensible, nonpunitive measure has the potential to prevent tragedy. Installing an ignition interlock device will apply to first-time DUI... - Reading Eagle

Interstate 78 needs a 'safety blitz' | Editorial
Just another day on Interstate 78, right? I-78 in Warren and Hunterdon counties is the more hazardous stretch in our area, producing crashes on a regular basis and the occasional pileup, along with inevitable traffic backups. In 2014, this two-county part of the... - Easton Express-Times

06-09-2016 Runway lights could be returning to Greene County Airport
WAYNESBURG – Runway lights at Greene County Airport, which have been dark for the last three or four years, could soon be back on. Greene County commissioners are expected to approve a motion during today’s voting meeting to approve an agreement with an adjoining... - Washington Observer-Reporter

06-09-2016 Airport authority reviews bids for new terminal; no decision made
June 9, 2016 Representatives from 23 companies participated in the Wednesday afternoon bid opening for construction on the new municipal airport terminal, scheduled to begin this summer. more »» - Williamsport Sun-Gazette

06-09-2016 City Council will consider funding equipment for new transit building
June 9, 2016 City Council reviews a bid tonight to use federal transit funds for fixtures, office equipment and furniture inside the Trade and Transit Centre II building, which is scheduled to open during the... more »» - Williamsport Sun-Gazette

06-09-2016 Low bid accepted for project to protect six local bridges
The spans are on the state’s list of ‘Scour Critical’ bridges. TOWANDA — The Bradford County commissioners recently accepted the low bid for a project to protect and repair six bridges. The low bid, which was for $75,300, was submitted by Vermilya Construction... - Towanda Daily Review

06-09-2016 Disabled train blocking Lower Allen Township roads
A disabled Norfolk Southern train is blocking Slate Hill and Rossmoyne roads in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County emergency management is reporting. Dave Pidgeon, Norfolk Southern spokesman, said they hope to have the train moved within the hour. The train was stopped due to a mechanical problem,... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-09-2016 FAA probing small plane’s crash at University Park Airport
UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating a small plane crash at an airport operated by Penn State University... - AP

06-09-2016 Residents voice concerns, suggest ideas for Admiral Peary Highway
CREASEN – Known by many natives as “old Route 22,” Admiral Peary Highway’s stretch through the Cresson region presents many opportunities as well as problems for motorists, visitors and pedestrians. A 2011 comprehensive plan for the county identified the highway’s... - Johnstown Tribune-Democrat

06-09-2016 9/11 trail connects sites of terrorist attacks
HARRISBURG — Plans to build a pathway that memorializes the heroism and horror of Sept. 11 by linking the three sites of the 2001 terrorist attacks are picking up speed. Organizers hope to soon unveil signs marking the trail that incorporates existing biking trails and road routes more than 1,300 miles between New... - Meadville Tribune

06-09-2016 Crude oil response drill planned in Upper Merion for June 11
UPPER MERION >> There will be smoke and activity going on along the Schuylkill River Saturday morning, but residents and passersby should not be alarmed. There will be a full-scale exercise to train county and local responders Saturday, June 11, from 7 a.m. until noon. The drill will both train and... - Lansdale Reporter
06-09-2016  Why everyone should worry about this scary glitch that affected rich drivers
The 2016 Lexus RX 350 and other models dating back to 2014 lost functionality in their GPS, climate control, radio and backup camera systems because of a software glitch earlier this week. Carmaker Toyota and its luxury brand Lexus rushed to fix a software bug... - Washington Post

06-09-2016  Main Street Morning: Alaska Air is trying out a corn-based jet fuel
Welcome to Main Street Morning, The Washington Post’s daily collection of news affecting entrepreneurs, start-ups and small businesses with a special focus on policy and government. Here’s what’s affecting my small business, my clients and other entrepreneurs today.... - Washington Post

06-09-2016  Expect Metro delays (for 300 days)
METRO’S JUST-launched SafeTrack program — 15 separate projects over 300 days aimed at repairing degraded rail infrastructure — was finalized and enacted with minimal warning: Localities and commuters had just two weeks to absorb and prepare for massive disruption.... - Washington Post

06-09-2016  Heads up on Bucks, Chesco, Montco road repairs next week
PennDot will be at work next week replacing pipes and repairing roads and shoulders in Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties, the agency announced. That will lead to lane restrictions, detours and delays for motorists. On U.S. 422 westbound, between Sanatoga and Armand Hammer Boulevard in... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-09-2016  Cops: Delco woman nabbed at airport with 10 pounds of coke
PHILADELPHIA >> An Upper Darby woman has been charged after she was stopped at Philadelphia International Airport with more than 10 pounds of cocaine in her bag. On May 23, Tiwanda Rechele White-Pinkton, 38, of Upper Darby, arrived from Montego Bay, Jamaica around 7:30 p.m. with 10 instant chocolate drink cans... - Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times

06-09-2016  GUEST OPINION: Misinformed trail opponents stand in the way of a good thing
By W. H. HEFFNER I have been a resident of Northampton since 1968 and an avid cyclist and hiker since the early 1970s. I have cycled and hiked trails both locally and all over the East Coast. I am 76 years old and in reasonably good health and I attribute my good health to exercising regularly.... - Levittown Bucks County Courier Times

06-09-2016  Commuter Rail Stop At AC Airport Under Consideration In NJ Legislature
TRENTON, NJ (CBS) — Getting to the airport by rail in Philadelphia? Piece of cake. Perhaps that's why there's an idea floating in the New Jersey legislature to put a station along the Atlantic City rail line at Atlantic City International Airport. (File photo)... - KYW News Radio 1060

06-09-2016  Club offers pancakes and flights at Smoketown Airport
More than 1,000 people are expected to show for a pancake breakfast at Smoketown Airport on Saturday, June 11, at the annual fly-in and cruise-in. You don't have to arrive in a small plane or a classic car to participate in the daylong event that's open to everyone.... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

06-09-2016  New road, but first the headache
CHAMBERSBURG - Motorists can expect more traffic tie-ups on Norland Avenue during the next year or so as the area is connected to Grand Point Road in Greene Township. Fayetteville Contractors, Fayetteville, has a $2 million construction contract: To extend Parkwood Drive north, from the Sheetz on Norland Avenue to the... - Chambersburg Public Opinion

06-09-2016  Bicyclists have ‘right’ to road
Laws call for sense, discretion to protect everyone. Five days after a Fishing Creek bicyclist was struck and killed by a pickup, another bicycle rider had a narrow escape when a driver turned left into a... - Bloomsburg Press Enterprise

06-09-2016 Senate OKs road to SCI Cresson
Legislation to provide a public access road to some former state prison land was approved unanimously by the state Senate Wednesday and will move to the House for a vote. Last month, state officials met at the former Cresson prison site to announce plans for a natural gas power plant.... - Altoona Mirror

06-09-2016 Milesburg bridge to honor veterans
June 9, 2016 MILESBURG — The bridge on State Route 144 that runs over Bald Eagle Creek in Milesburg will be designated the Veterans Bridge in honor of Centre County residents who have served in America’s armed... more »» - Lock Haven Express

06-09-2016 Road’s holes spur ire
Campbell Street’s condition at issue. The road to street repairs is a long one for some residents in the Clayhole neighborhood of Kittanning. Travelers navigate a patchwork of potholes when they walk or drive on Campbell Street, Delores Dilts said. - Kittanning Leader-Times

06-09-2016 Nearing touchdown: Incoming carrier at Bradford airport looks at hiking number of flights
When Southern Airways Express officially replaces Sun Air Express as the commercial air carrier at Bradford Regional Airport on June 19, its new daily service flight times to and from Pittsburgh will be “part of the airline’s strategic approach to business,” said Mark Cestari on Wednesday... - Bradford Era

06-09-2016 Route 119 updates will mean safer travel, PennDOT says
HOME — Motorists traveling Route 119 through Rayne Township on a regular basis this summer are watching the progress on a pair of major safety and improvement projects. The multi-year enhancements are $28.5 million investments in the county’s main north-south highway corridor.... - Indiana Gazette

06-09-2016 PUC to take more time to reconsider fine it levied against Uber
The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on Thursday voted to take more time to consider reducing a record-setting fine it imposed on Uber. The PUC in April levied a $11.36 million fine against the San Francisco-based ride-share company for operating in Allegheny County... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-08-2016 PA Legislature adopts Hanna’s amendment to honor local veterans with bridge...
(Press Release)

06-08-2016 Legislators, Advocacy Groups Hail New Ignition Interlock Law as Important...
(Press Release)

06-08-2016 Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: A Snap Shot of Recent Light Rail Statistics
(Press Release)

06-08-2016 Gibbons: Daniel’s bill advances in House
(Press Release)

06-08-2016 PEIA Marks One-Year Anniversary
(Press Release)

06-08-2016 Port Authority to offer kiosks, new signs to help riders
Port Authority is introducing new tools to help commuters find their way around on the often-confusing bus and T system. The program, called Wayfinding, involves new bus stop signs and digital information kiosks that will debut in Downtown Pittsburgh next month. Port... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

06-08-2016  Pennsylvania tax incentive plan played major role in luring Shell cracker plant  
HARRISBURG — Almost four years after he signed a tax incentive bill meant to lure Royal Dutch Shell to Pennsylvania, former Gov. Tom Corbett awoke Tuesday to a phone call telling him the energy giant will build a petrochemical plant in Beaver County expected to create thousands of jobs.... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-08-2016  Port Authority rolls out on-street transit information upgrades  
New maps, signs and information kiosks will help public transit riders get around Downtown starting this summer. Port Authority of Allegheny County on Tuesday unveiled a new way-finding program intended to improve on-street transit information, something both... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-08-2016  On eve of final NTSB report, charges still possible for Amtrak 188 engineer  
Scrutiny of the engineer who operated a train that derailed in Philadelphia last year, killing eight passengers, isn't over yet. On Wednesday, the National Transportation Safety Board plans to issue its final report about the May 12, 2015, derailment, and is expected to... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-08-2016  Christie vetoes benefits package for DRPA  
A stroke of Gov. Christie's pen ended hopes that more than 400 Delaware River Port Authority workers would soon resolve a long-simmering contract dispute. On Monday, Christie vetoed an agreement on economic terms that would have framed a contract resolution for 426 workers from three unions.... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-08-2016  Auto insurance law gives motorists the option of lower rates for surrendering suing rights: How'd that law work out  
While PennDOT doesn’t care what type of coverage people have, it does keep tabs to make sure people have auto insurance. When people register their vehicles, they are required to list their insurance company’s name, their policy number and effective start and end dates.... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-08-2016  Road closures coming at Fort Indiantown Gap  
Visitors to Fort Indiantown Gap will soon find they don't have access to some roads they may have traveled on post in the past. fort indiantown gap.jpgTeresa Bonner | tbonner@pennlive.com Ten roads on the installation will be closing in a phased schedule this... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-08-2016  Luzerne County Transportation Authority divided over auditor selection  
The Luzerne County Transportation Authority, which operates the local public busing system, is divided over the recent selection of an outside auditor. Following protocol, a team of Luzerne County Transportation Authority employees recently evaluated and ranked proposals from seven prospective... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

06-08-2016  Merchants Bank exec quits as she faces DUI charges  
The onetime incoming Merchants Bank chief executive officer resigned in March as she faces drunken driving charges, the bank's board chairman confirmed on Tuesday morning. Tracey Smith, 54, of Stroudsburg, is scheduled for court on June 20 as she seeks entry into a probationary program that, if completely properly, would... - Easton Express-Times

06-08-2016  PennDOT truck takes down wires, shuts I-78 for hour
A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation dump truck took down wires about 9 a.m. Tuesday on Interstate 78, closing the highway in both directions for about an hour, according to a PennDOT spokesman. The truck was on the highway in Upper Macungie Township as part of a litter... - Easton Express-Times

Boaters caught in storm on Ohio River rescued by barge
What started out as a relaxing day of fishing for Paul Kaseman, his wife and friends turned into a terrifying experience when an unexpected storm popped up, leaving them to be tossed about on rough waters. Kaseman, of Daugherty Township, said his group -- which included his wife,... - Beaver County Times

Letter: Make section of I-80 a spur route
I recommend that Interstate 80 become a spur route, I-804, with a merging of the two again at Bartonsville. This would require a tunnel under the Blue Mountain, but other advantages would be immense: 1. Whenever there is maintenance or an accident on I-80. (Traffic down... - Pocono Record

Motorcyclists, don’t be idiots; wear helmets (editorial)
Helmet law repeal: The Pennsylvania Legislature should reverse one of the most bone-headed things it's ever done. Hey, bonehead! Yeah, you – the guy riding his Harley on Route 30 in rush hour traffic without a helmet. You might have a hard head, but it is no match for pavement or metal.... - York Daily

2 local police agencies get aggressive driving awards
June 8, 2016 Williamsport and Old Lycoming Township police departments received Aggressive Driving Awards for 2014-15 fiscal year from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. more »» - Williamsport Sun-Gazette

9/11 trail offers 1,300 miles of tears and triumph
HARRISBURG - Plans to build a pathway that memorializes the heroism and horror of Sept. 11 by linking the three sites of the 2001 terrorist attacks are picking up speed. Organizers hope to soon unveil signs marking the trail that incorporates existing biking trails and road routes over 1,300 miles between New York... - Sunbury Daily Item

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PennDOT creates driver license satellite centers
In an effort to provide more outlets for new drivers to get their licenses, PennDOT has started a pilot program authorizing a limited number of third-party partners to administer non-commercial driving skills tests. While there isn’t a location in Lebanon County, there is one at the... - Lebanon Daily News

Momentum builds for trail project to connect Flight 93 with other 9/11 sites
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Work progresses on Center Street Bridge
Work is continuing on the months-long Center Street Bridge project in downtown Oil City, and passersby can now see the activity as the large canopy that had been covering the bridge is
gone. Crews were disassembling the walkway sections Tuesday afternoon. The bridge was shut down to drivers at the end of March so repairs on the... - Oil City Derrick

06-08-2016
**Area transportation under new management**
Crawford County is taking over Venango County's public transportation, but clients will see no change in schedules or cost, officials say. The agreement between the Crawford Area Transportation Authority and Venango County Transportation has been in the works since 2013, said Tim... - Oil City Derrick

06-08-2016
**Electric rebates coming in Lansdale residents' June bills**
LANSDALE >> If you’re a customer of the Lansdale Electric Department, your June bill may look different from every other. “This month, our electric customers will see a pass-back from the savings we’re realizing, that will come in your bill this month,” said Councilman Jason Van Dame.... - Lansdale Reporter

06-08-2016
**Norfolk Southern Railroad to close Flourtown Road in Whitemarsh for two months**
WHITEMARSH >> Norfolk Southern Railroad is planning to close Flourtown Road between Butler Pike and Woodbine Way in Whitemarsh Township beginning Tuesday, June 14, for railroad bridge maintenance, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has announced. The closure will be... - Norristown Times Herald

06-08-2016
**Tesla just showed us the future of car crashes**
Every day, our cars are becoming smarter and more connected. This may someday save your life in a crash, or prevent one altogether — but it also makes it far harder to evade blame when you’re the cause of a fender-bender. One Tesla owner appears to be finding that out firsthand as he struggles to... - Washington Post

06-08-2016
**The 9-to-5 day could end for many feds as Metro repairs make flexible schedules the norm**
The government has grown so concerned that its Washington-area workers can’t get to the office on time during the massive Metro repairs that started this week that it’s now urging federal offices to change their employees’ work schedules. The shift from the rush-hour arrival and departure common for most federal... - Washington Post

06-08-2016
**Suburban N.J. bike-pedaling EMTs is a great idea | Editorial**
Where some might see a pile of junk and clutter, others might see a golden opportunity to use those discarded items in a new way. Christopher Polgar apparently is someone with that kind of entrepreneurial vision. Polgar is the founder of MedCycle, a Hamilton-based firm that provides... - Trenton Times

06-08-2016
**DRPA Union Pay Hikes Vetoed By NJ Governor**
CAMDEN, NJ (CBS) — Three union contracts approved last month by the Delaware River Port Authority, ending years of labor unrest at the authority, were rejected by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. The Governor used his authority to veto the pacts just as a 10 day window... - KYW News Radio 1060

06-08-2016
**May was motorcycle awareness, safety month**
June 8, 2016 To the editor: May was motorcycle awareness and safety month and many motorcyclists and organizations put forth effort to make the public aware of i. more »» - Lewistown Sentinel

06-08-2016
**Sale of Pa. drivers' records causes ID theft concern**
The state Department of Transportation makes tens of millions of dollars each year selling drivers' information, but it also could be making Pennsylvanians more vulnerable to identity theft, according to one local security expert. Although the department has been selling the records for
Final funding for York Rail Trail improvements secured
06-08-2016
The final piece of funding for improvements to a section of the county’s Rail Trail was secured Wednesday, June 1, when commissioners agreed to contribute $55,000. The money being kicked in by the county comes from its portion of Marcellus Shale Legacy funds, money paid to the state by natural gas drillers and... - York Dispatch

Bedford to help fund trail
06-08-2016
June 8, 2016 BEDFORD — Bedford County’s government is contributing $50,000 toward plans to upgrade the abandoned section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and officials hope to receive $30,000 more from the state... more »» - Altoona Mirror

Bedford seeks to designate road
06-08-2016
June 8, 2016 BEDFORD — The stretch of Route 30 running from Bedford to Breezewood could finally be a part of the National Highway System as local and state officials work to secure its official designation. more »» - Altoona Mirror

House passes bill to rename stretch of Route 74 after fallen Marine
06-08-2016
A bill to rename a portion of State Route 74 in the Carlisle area after a local Marine killed in Vietnam gained unanimous approval in the state House of Representatives Tuesday. The bill made it to the House floor at the Capitol, where it was passed unanimously with a 190-0 vote. Rep. Stephen Bloom (R-Cumberland), who first... - Carlisle Sentinel

Where are Pa.’s gas taxes going?
06-08-2016
“When I first started driving, I used to pull into a gas station, pay $5, and fill my car up,” Robert Johnson said just before filling his car at a Susquehanna Township gas station. Johnson has been driving for 50 years, and he says a lot of things have changed.... - Carlisle Sentinel

Oil train derailment drill in Montco this weekend
06-08-2016
First responders in the King of Prussia area will stage a mock drill simulating a train derailment this weekend Montgomery County officials said. The drill at the Abrams rail yard along the Schuylkill River will start Saturday at about 7 a.m. and end about 1 p.m., according to the county.... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Senate State Government
06-08-2016
6/8/16, 9:30 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol
By Kimberly Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
[v]http://stategovernment.pasenategop.com/060816/ The committee met to consider bills and a nomination. Chairman Mike Folmer (R-Lebanon) introduced Harry Gamble, who is nominated to the Board of Claims. He pointed out Gamble has been nominated to serve a second eight-year term and noted his past professional experiences.

Senate Transportation Committee Reports Two of Senator Mensch’s Bills to...
06-07-2016
(Press Release)

AG DePasquale Says Audit Finds Farrell Area School District Missing...
06-07-2016
(Press Release)

LCV Action Fund Endorses Candidates from Two Pennsylvania Districts for...
06-07-2016
(Press Release)

News Conference to Outline Implementation of New DUI Ignition Interlock Law
06-07-2016
(Press Release)
06-07-2016  **Southwest’s move at Pittsburgh International seen as a positive**  
The decision by Southwest Airlines to move its ticket counter and curbside check-in at Pittsburgh International Airport may have been made with more than passenger convenience in mind. It could set up the popular carrier for more expansion here. With the move to the north end of the terminal last month, Southwest gained...  - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-07-2016  **Smart City Challenge: Pittsburgh makes 10-minute push for $50 million**  
Pittsburgh makes its final 10-minute pitch Thursday for a $50 million federal prize. The U.S. Department of Transportation has summoned Pittsburgh and the six other finalists in the Smart City Challenge to Washington, D.C., for one last attempt to convince federal officials they have the best proposal to...  - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-07-2016  **Lowest gasoline prices in 11 years greet summer driving season**  
With summer road trip season swinging into full gear, motorists are being greeted by the lowest gasoline prices in 11 years. Drivers in the Pittsburgh area are paying on average 37 cents a gallon less than what they did one year ago, according to a price-tracking website that surveys 731...  - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-07-2016  **Audit of Pittsburgh vehicle fleet finds maintenance costs going up**  
Unexpected maintenance costs are up and service turnaround time is often substandard for Pittsburgh’s fleet of about 1,100 vehicles — but departments also need to get their vehicles in more regularly for maintenance, city Controller Michael Lamb said. Since the last audit of Cincinnati-based First Vehicle Services in 2010,...  - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-07-2016  **Oakmont steps up marketing effort for U.S. Open**  
Thousands of golf fans had descended on Oakmont, but Rose Henry’s diner was oddly quiet. She had expected to be busy for the week in June 2007 when the U.S. Open men’s golf championship came to town. Instead, the borough’s quaint retail strip was a virtual ghost town. Even Henry’s regulars stayed away, fearing...  - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

06-07-2016  **Audit says Pittsburgh vehicles not serviced on time; contractor says city misses appointments**  
A Cincinnati company with a $45 million contract to maintain Pittsburgh’s fleet of more than 1,000 vehicles did not meet contractual turnaround times for repairs and maintenance in 2013 and 2014, according to a city audit report. The audit released Monday by Pittsburgh Controller Michael Lamb confirmed a...  - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

06-07-2016  **Solar Impulse remains at Allentown airport**  
Solar Impulse 2 was set to leave Allentown on Monday night after its nearly two-week-long stay at Lehigh Valley International Airport, but weather conditions forced the plane to remain on the ground. The plane was scheduled to take off sometime around midnight, according to...  - *Allentown Morning Call*

06-07-2016  **Two state bridges to close for work**  
LENOX TWP. — Bridge reconstruction this month in Susquehanna County and another in Wyoming County will cause closures lasting for several months, the state Department of Transportation said. Construction is scheduled to begin the week of June 20 in Lenox Twp. on the...  - *Scranton Times*

06-07-2016  **Group to abandon section of rail line between West Wyoming, Kingston**  
WEST WYOMING — When a flood threatens, crews from the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority go to work plugging holes in the levee system. The 19 openings are deliberate — they accommodate roads, railroads and pedestrian openings — but they take time to close up....  - *Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice*
06-07-2016  Letter to the Editor: Pull plug on Pennsylvania's red light camera program
A perfect example of a law that shouldn’t be passed is state Senate Bill 1267. A rider attached to the bill extends Pennsylvania's red light camera program until 2027, in spite of the fact that the cameras are a complete failure. The extension has to be done secretly, because an honest debate of... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

06-07-2016  Major changes coming to Millcreek's Interchange Road
ERIE, Pa. -- It’s one of the busiest roads in northwestern Pennsylvania, and one of the worst to drive. Interchange Road near the Millcreek Mall is traveled by an average of 21,200 vehicles daily, and many more each holiday shopping season. And with traffic coming on and off Interstate 79, in and out of the mall,... - Erie Times-News

06-07-2016  NYC leg postponed for solar plane from Lehigh Valley
UPDATE: After completing the maintenance flight, the Solar Impulse 2 crew postponed the flight to New York City due to worsening weather conditions. Editor's note: The original article about Monday night's planned flights appears below. The solar-power plane docked since May 25 at Lehigh Valley International... - Easton Express-Times

06-07-2016  It was no fun getting a taxi at HIA: PennLive letters
Did you know only certain taxi companies that pay a fee are allowed to pick up passengers curbside at Harrisburg International Airport? We didn't. Upon arrival at the airport, we called a taxi. He promptly came and when we started to load our luggage in the van a... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-07-2016  Roadway projects to begin this week in Venango County
Two projects that will improve travel on more than seven miles of roads in Venango County is scheduled to get underway this week. The projects will give motorists a smoother ride on 5.6 miles of Route 27 in Pleasantville Borough and Oil Creek Township from the Warren/Venango... - Oil City Derrick

06-07-2016  DVRPC seeks public comment on 2017-2020 transportation plan
If there’s a local transportation project you’d like to see happen over the next few years, you have until June 27 to let the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission know. The public comment period is now open for DVRPC’s 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, which will set the region’s project... - Lansdale Reporter

06-07-2016  Montgomery County challenges residents to try its trails
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06-07-2016  Why America's drone problem may not be as bad as everyone thinks
A new report suggests that drone pilots are now flying more responsibly amid heightened public concerns over the dangers of the unmanned aerial vehicles. The Academy of Model Aeronautics analyzed FAA data and found that even as drone sales surge, drone sightings by airplane pilots have declined.... - Washington Post
**SafeTrack surge= fewer riders, but crowded trains and platforms**
Metro emerged from the first weekday commute since it launched a massive rebuilding program with no major breakdowns Monday, but that was of little comfort to the thousands of riders facing months of lengthy delays, crowded trains and commutes that may only get more difficult. - *Washington Post*

**Bald eagles pose an increasing risk at U.S. airports. Here's how officials are trying to protect them**
Deep in an industrial neighborhood of South Anchorage, a bald eagle known only as No. 1526 eats donated salmon and pet store rats as he is trained for use as a classroom exhibit. Life could be worse. The eagle arrived here in October after he was hit by a plane in the stormy island town of Sand Point and somehow survived. - *Los Angeles Times*

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**Investigators Note Increase In Auto-Pedestrian Accidents**
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Accident investigators in Philadelphia have been busy this year with an alarming increase of deadly auto-pedestrian accidents. Fatal crashes involving walkers, joggers, and bikers are up by more than 50% according to Philly Police. Captain of the Accident Investigation... - *KYW News Radio 1060*

**Company refrigerates delivery vans for everything from food to flowers to rats**
Asked what Commercial Van Solutions LLC does, Bob Gray starts with outfitting vans to carry live rats. “All the guy does is he goes to BWI, picks the rats up off the airplane, takes the rats to Johns Hopkins, then from Johns Hopkins goes to University of Pennsylvania, then back to BWI,” he said. - *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*

**Could Atlantic City's airport get a train station?**
Will travelers flying into, and out of, Atlantic City someday be able to take a train directly to the airport? And, will Philadelphians be able to hop on board from 30th Street Station? That could be in flyers' future, if a bill that cleared an Assembly committee this week advances. - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

**Tree triggers trepidation**
Residents fear hemlock poses hazard; state insists there’s no threat and roots are stable. MOUNT PLEASANT TWP. —A towering hemlock is tipping dangerously over a roadway here and the landowners and a resident say they have been pleading with PennDOT... - *Bloomsburg Press Enterprise*

**Tunnel beneath Route 228 to enhance life in Cranberry**
Mine Safety Appliances Co. could have made a financial windfall four years ago by selling off some prime real estate along the south side of Route 228 in Cranberry Township. Instead, MSA donated the property, valued at $3.2 million, to the township for the future construction of an access road. - *Butler Eagle*
06-07-2016  **House Tourism and Recreational Development**  
6/7/16, 9:30 a.m., B-31 Main Capitol  
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee held an informational hearing regarding the September 11th National Memorial Trail.

06-07-2016  **Senate Appropriations**  
6/7/16, 4:20 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider several bills. SB 703 (PN 1638) The Plumbing Contractors Licensure Act creates a state plumbers licensing program; establishes minimum standards that individuals must meet in order to obtain a state license, and a plumbing contractors licensure board within the Department of Labor and Industry to issue licenses, develop regulations, and administer the provisions of the Act. Provides for other guidelines including reciprocity with other states, renewals, violations and penalties. Section 501 shall take effect in one year and the remainder of the act shall take effect in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 694) - The bill was reported as committed with Sen. Lloyd Smucker (R-Lancaster) voting in the negative.

06-07-2016  **Senate Rules and Executive Nominations**  
6/7/16, 3:38 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider legislation and certain executive nominations.

06-07-2016  **Senate Transportation**  
6/7/16, 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B East Wing  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider seven bills. SB 1267 (PN 1805) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) making reforms to related to the Municipal Signal Partnership Program. Specifically, makes changes to various definitions, including "critical corridor" and "municipality," reduces local match financial assistance threshold from 50 to 20 percent of the total and provides for funds from sources other than private or municipal, and includes provisions for cities of the first or second class. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was reported as amended with Sen. John Gordner (R-Columbia) voting in the negative.

06-06-2016  **Survey: Parents enabling teens’ bad driving habits**  
Parents of teenage drivers may not be doing their part to protect their children who get behind the wheel, a survey shows. In the survey — commissioned by Insurance.com — of 500 parents of teen drivers, 29 percent of parents tolerate cell phone use by their teens... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

06-06-2016  **DUI law expected to increase use of ignition interlock devices**  
Expanding the use of ignition interlock devices in Pennsylvania to first-time DUI offenders next year could more than triple their usage, officials estimate. The devices require the driver to blow into a Breathalyzer attached to the vehicle's ignition system to prove sobriety and start the vehicle. Under a... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-06-2016  **Yearly motorcycle ride raises $20k for veterans**  
GREENCASTLE, Pa. (AP) - Hundreds of bikers rode from Pennsylvania to West Virginia in the 26th annual Operation God Bless America Ride, raising about $20,000 for veterans at a local Veterans Affairs hospital... - AP

06-06-2016  **Union: No room for old technology in new airport towers**  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Two state-of-the-art airport towers due to go into operation this fall in San
Francisco and Las Vegas will first need extensive remodeling to make room for technology that dates back to the early days of air traffic control, according to union officials... - AP

06-06-2016

**SEPTA’s Norristown center reopens; rail and bus service restored**

Service was restored Sunday afternoon at SEPTA's Norristown Transportation Center two hours after it was shut down about 1:30 p.m. at the request of Norristown Police after a suspicious package was discovered at the adjacent Bieber Tourways bus depot. At 3:45 p.m., a SEPTA spokesperson said the Norristown High Speed Line, the... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-06-2016

**Banning drones and voting under cover of night: There Ought to Be a Law**

What will change? Unmanned aerial vehicles are approaching $1 billion in annual sales. One will likely appear under a Christmas tree near you, if it hasn’t already. This proposal, however, would ban their use over “critical infrastructure,” such as airports, hospitals, military... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-06-2016

**Oregon residents return home following oil train derailment**

SEATTLE Dozens of residents of a Columbia River town in northern Oregon have been given the all clear to return home, after crews made progress in repairing damage caused by the derailment of an oil train that sparked a fire... - AP

06-06-2016

**Judges to weigh release of bridge case conspirators list**

PHILADELPHIA A federal appeals court will hear arguments Monday in a dispute over whether the government should release a list of unindicted co-conspirators in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing case... - AP

06-06-2016

**The Rundown: Small businesses need more chances at state contracts, report finds**

Pennsylvania can do a better job of giving small businesses and minority-owned businesses opportunities to land state contracts. That's the conclusion of an analysis released by the state Department of General Services last week. Small businesses and diverse businesses are... - Reading Eagle

06-06-2016

**PennDOT announces road maintenance projects in Erie region**

ERIE, Pa. -- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews will patch portions of Interstate 90 this week, in North East and Girard townships. More patching is scheduled on Route 98 in Fairview Township, Depot Road in Harborcreek Township, Route 6 in Union Township and Union Road in Concord... - Erie Times-News

06-06-2016

**Which places in the Lehigh Valley have the most registered drones?**

If you live in Palmer Township, the likelihood of your neighbor having an unmanned aircraft stowed away in the garage is perhaps greater than any other place in the Lehigh Valley. That's assuming owners of most types of drones are following recently enacted regulations requiring their devices be registered with the Federal... - Easton Express-Times

06-06-2016

**Bill on car seat regulation heads to Harrisburg for signing**

Children in Pennsylvania younger than two-years-old will have to be placed in a rear-facing child safety seat following the passage of Senate Bill 1152. Governor Tom Wolf, who has 60 days to sign the bill into law, is expected to do just that, according to lawmakers.... - Pocono Record

06-06-2016

**Use your head: Wear a helmet, police say**

The man's helmet protected him from serious injury in the Shrewsbury crash, police said. Summer's almost here, and it's time to ride. But one local police department is asking riders not to forget about safety. Riders are not required by law to wear a helmet in Pennsylvania. However, a... - York Daily

06-06-2016

**Unfair siphoning**
June 5, 2016 The passage of Act 89 of 2013, Pennsylvania's transportation funding measure, was praised in some quarters as one of the most important legislative accomplishments of the last several decades. more »» - Williamsport Sun-Gazette

06-06-2016 Scary habit
June 4, 2016 I know the state of Pennsylvania passed a law against texting and driving! I still seeing people doing this anyway even though it's against the law. more »» - Williamsport Sun-Gazette

06-06-2016 County seeking funds for compliant stop signs
June 6, 2016 Local officials are looking into a state grant that would bring funds to Warren County for compliant stop signs. more »» - Warren Times Observer

06-06-2016 Ride for Big Brothers Big Sisters rolls on like thunder
TOWANDA — Around 20 intrepid motorcyclists braved the impending rain Sunday morning to ride for the benefit of a local organization. Motorcyclists took to the roads for an 80 mile bike ride for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The event saw its 21st year this past Sunday, said event organizer and... - Towanda Daily Review

06-06-2016 County PennDOT maintenance schedule for week of June 6 announced
Crawford County Maintenance Manager Aaron Fox announced the following county maintenance schedule for the week of June 6 for roadways maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Route 86 — Woodcock Township — crack sealing Route 77 — East Mead Township — crack sealing... - Meadville Tribune

06-06-2016 Operation God Bless America motorcycle ride raises $20K for veterans
Greencastle, Pa. The weather forecast may have impacted the turnout of the 26th annual Operation God Bless America motorcycle ride Sunday, but it certainly did not dampen the patriotic spirit and determination of the motorcyclists who did turn out.... - Waynesboro Record Herald

06-06-2016 These are the 100 deadliest days for teenage drivers and their passengers
Memorial Day kicks off what's known as the 100 deadliest days for teenage drivers and passengers. The AAA reports that from 2010 to 2014, more than 5,000 people died in crashes involving teen drivers in those 100 days, an increase of 16 percent each day. A new study by the association's Foundation for Traffic... - Somerset Daily

06-06-2016 Uber Rolls Out App Improvements Aimed at Drivers
SAN FRANCISCO — Tensions have long simmered between Uber and its drivers who power the ride-hailing service. Drivers held protests when Uber cut fares with little warning and have filed class-action lawsuits to be recognized as company employees rather than independent contractors.... - New York Times

06-06-2016 Traffic-weary homeowners and Waze are at war, again. Guess who's winning?
When the traffic on Timothy Connor’s quiet Maryland street suddenly jumped by several hundred cars an hour, he knew who was partly to blame: the disembodied female voice he could hear through the occasional open window saying, “Continue on Elm Avenue .?.?. .”... - Washington Post

06-06-2016 EDITORIAL: Roads just got safer — with bull’s eye on DUI drivers
Pennsylvania’s roads just got a little bit safer. That’s because it just got a little more difficult for the scourge of Keystone State highways — the problem drinker — to climb behind the wheel. The Legislature recently signed off on a measure that would require even... - Pottstown Mercury
Chester Water Authority wins appeal in fatal truck crash suit
The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court has upheld summary judgment for the Chester Water Authority in a negligence suit over a fatal accident involving one of its trucks. The majority opinion written by Judge Anne Covey found the authority was not liable under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act protecting... - Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times

PA Turnpike Plans Closure Between Willow Grove And Bensalem Interchanges
WILLOW GROVE, P.A. (CBS) — The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has announced a turnpike closure between Willow Grove and the Bensalem interchanges that will impact travel on Friday night and last from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., or until the wreckage can be cleared.... - KYW News Radio 1060

SEPTA, Philabundance Team Up To Stop Hunger
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Septa’s teaming up with Philabundance for its 8th annual Stop Hunger at Your Station food drive, which starts Monday. The two-week campaign aims to help thousands of people in the Delaware Valley. You might think this isn’t the right time of year for a food drive, but... - KYW News Radio 1060

Cyclists Tackle Infamous Manayunk Wall For Annual Philadelphia International Cycling Classic
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — The Manayunk wall is one of the toughest obstacles in all of pro cycling. The steep incline makes the Philadelphia International Cycling Classic a must-do race for many cyclists around the world. The Manayunk Wall is the place where the Philadelphia International Cycling... - KYW News Radio 1060

PennDOT fully opens new Route 272 bridge in Ephrata
After just over a year of work, the new Route 272 bridge over Cocalico Creek in Ephrata is again open to northbound traffic, the state Department of Transportation has announced. PennDOT opened the bridge Thursday following a $4.2 million replacement project. Engineers determined that the original bridge, built in 1944, had... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

Lancaster County has lots to offer on National Trails Day
Hikers across the nation will tie their hiking boots, fill up their water bottles and trek their favorite trails in celebration of National Trails Day on Saturday. The American Hiking Society developed the day in the 1980s and 90s to recognize America’s trail system.... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

Road in Montgomery County dedicated to fallen soldier
Almost 10 years after he gave his life serving his country in Iraq, friends, family and the community packed the Bryn Athyn Fire Co. on Sunday afternoon to honor the memory of United States Army Spc. Tristan C. Smith with an official road dedication ceremony.... - Levittown Intelligencer

Do your part to lessen TSA screening headaches as much as possible
June 4, 2016 Travel season is upon us, and as many local residents take to the skies in coming weeks, they may, for the first time, experience the absurdly long security lines that have prompted the... more »» - Lewistown Sentinel

County wants to move D&L trail out of Thorpe lot
Carbon County is hoping the part of the D&L trail that runs through the county-owned parking lot could be shifted closer to the Lehigh River. On Thursday, the commissioners approved a $10,000 Pocono Forest and Waters Conservation Landscape mini-grant from the Pennsylvania Environmental... - Lehighton Times News

Signs won’t fix Route 93 problem

PLS’s Transportation Recap – Copyright 2016 – Pennsylvania Legislative Services – www.mypls.com
After reading about the trucks that crashed on Broad Mountain (Route 93), I will give my opinion, and they are the facts. The old ramp was designed as a disaster. Piles of road chips as high as 8 feet are a suicide ramp designed by the Pennsylvania Department of... - *Lehighton Times News*

*06-06-2016*  
**Why is a Philly cyclists' group trying to make life harder for drivers?: Tom McCarey**  
By Tom McCarey  
On Wednesday, an organization called the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia will hold a rally at the state Capitol. There, they will try to exploit the death of Jamal Morris, a bicyclist killed by a hit-and-run driver. In unfairly turning this tragedy into an indictment of all drivers, they... - *Harrisburg Patriot-News*

*06-06-2016*  
**Distracted driving citations rising**  
Pennsylvania court records show a significant increase in the number of distracted-driving citations issued in recent years, with that number jumping 43 percent between 2014 and 2015. Although the numbers seem small for many central Pennsylvania counties, some of which report only a handful of such citations each year, it remains... - *Altoona Mirror*

*06-06-2016*  
**Cuomo doesn't rule out U.S. Route 219 extension**  
ASHFORD, N.Y. — He didn’t say no. After presiding over the implosion of the Old Route 219 Bridge on Thursday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was asked where he stood on extending the Route 219 Expressway further into Cattaraugus County. “That’s something I know the commissioner is working on,” the... - *Bradford Era*

*06-06-2016*  
**Carlisle re-applies for $12 million federal grant for transportation projects**  
If at first you don’t succeed, dust yourself off and try again; at least that’s what Borough of Carlisle officials are doing with a multi-million dollar grant. The borough found out last November it would not receive a $12.1 million federal grant it applied for to spur plans for urban redevelopment.... - *Carlisle Sentinel*

*06-06-2016*  
**Wall collapse presents 'potentially dangerous condition': PennDOT contractor to Harrisburg**  
A PennDOT contractor has submitted a report to Harrisburg officials calling for action at the site of a wall collapse next to the Mulberry Street bridge. The site has remained largely untouched since the May 5 collapse that sent tons of concrete, asphalt and debris, including a car, onto a tire shop's... - *Harrisburg Patriot-News*

*06-06-2016*  
**House Appropriations**  
6/6/16, 2:09 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol Building  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider several bills. HB 835 (PN 3192) Act designating a portion of State Route 74 in Cumberland County as the Marine Lance Corporal Gary Lee Ream Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1003)  
The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

*06-05-2016*  
**Watch the Swiss: An extraordinary rail tunnel puts U.S. to shame**  
Americans should congratulate the Swiss and other Europeans on the June 1 inauguration of the record-setting 35-mile-long Gotthard rail tunnel under the Alps. It is now the longest and deepest rail tunnel in the world, surpassing Japan’s 33-mile-long Seikan tunnel and the 31-mile-long Channel Tunnel... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

*06-05-2016*  
**Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics lands Lear Jet**  
A military-surplus C-21 Lear Jet recently landed at Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, giving students the chance to practice their trade on an aircraft commonly used in a variety of industries. Such twin turbofan-engine aircraft remain a popular vehicle for charter... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
June 10, 2016

06-05-2016  Emergency bridge work could require $60K expenditure for Murrysville
After a mayoral declaration Wednesday that the bridge carrying Crowfoot Road over Haymaker Run requires emergency repairs, Murrysville officials will prepare to solicit bids for the unanticipated work that may cost more than $50,000. Murrysville's consulting engineer, Joe Dietrick of Markosky Engineering... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

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06-05-2016  Norfolk Southern's lawsuit against MSI Corp. moved to federal court
Norfolk Southern claims a Vandergrift industrial business has created a dangerous condition by trespassing on its property and building a structure on it. But an attorney for MSI Corp. says Norfolk Southern is retaliating for MSI suing in February over a 2014 derailment in which train cars punched a hole... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-05-2016  Bills in Pennsylvania have little chance to pass, experts say
HARRISBURG — An airline pilot bound for Philadelphia in March was arrested in Detroit for failing a sobriety test after appearing to be intoxicated in the terminal before takeoff... - AP

06-05-2016  Make life in TSA lines easier, shorter
Question: I keep hearing about long TSA lines at the airport. Is there any way to get through security faster when I go on vacation? Answer: First, pack your things with TSA in mind. Use bags that are butterfly-style, trifold-style or sleeve-style so they fold out for the... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-05-2016  Sunday pops
It's bad enough that veterans have died while waiting for health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Now come reports that the VA has declared more than 4,000 living veterans dead — and terminated their benefits. Imagine what it takes for "declared" vets to get their... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-05-2016  Arcane legal issue could keep Bridgegate list secret
On one level, the legal fight over access to the names of unindicted accomplices in the George Washington Bridge lane-closure case pits the public's First Amendment rights against privacy interests of individuals who haven’t been charged with a crime. Yet the case may turn on an arcane argument over whether the list of... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-05-2016  Revitalization proceeds, via train station and townhouses
One in a continuing series spotlighting real estate markets in the region's communities. The borough leases the train station, which shut down in the 1980s, and has resumed work on developments there. Slideshow icon Slideshow Revitalization proceeds, via train station and townhouses... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-05-2016  Sunday's bike classic to roll rain or shine
As a potential storm moves toward the region, the city's top-tier bicycling races are still set to ride. "The races are planned to go on rain or shine," the Philadelphia International Cycling Classic said in a "special weather statement" on its website. Participants and visitors are asked to watch the races' Twitter and... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-05-2016  The Bottom Line for TSA
Isn’t it amazing how TSA, a three-letter agency, can become a four-letter word? Even the Premiere Access security line has a long wait at O’Hare Airport in Chicago. A TSA staffing
shortage continues to plague travelers nationwide. Slideshow icon Slideshow The Bottom Line for TSA...

06-05-2016

'Evacuate immediately.': Owner of tire shop below collapsed wall questions dire warning
HARRISBURG- An attorney representing a PennDOT contractor showed up unannounced at Howard Tire and Auto in Harrisburg last Friday with alarming news. He said they needed to “evacuate immediately” because of concerns that a building above them could collapse. A retaining wall between the building...

06-05-2016

What are the deadliest highways in the United States?
What are the deadliest highways in the United States? The arrival of summer means it’s time for a road trip. People all over the country will hit the roads to explore the United States. But in order to get from north to south or from east to west, drivers are going to have to take crowded interstates.....

06-05-2016

Allentown covered bridge has survived floods, crashes
Let's put 1841 in the proper perspective. The year Bogert’s Bridge was built over the Little Lehigh River in what became Allentown's Lehigh Parkway, Martin Van Buren was completing his only term as the eighth president of the United States. The man who replaced...

06-05-2016

Taking a ride with the ‘Godfather of the Pine Creek Rail Trail’
Bike trails, particularly rails-to-trails, are for everyone. You do not have to be a competitive cyclist or athlete to enjoy bicycling on these trails. Pine Creek Rail Trail — 62 miles from near Wellsboro to Jersey Shore — follows Pine Creek on a railroad grade from the 1800's and has a...

06-05-2016

Cyclists to take part in Philadelphia cycling classic
PHILADELPHIA Elite bicyclists will be hitting the road Sunday with spectators lining the roads to cheer them on in the Philadelphia International Cycling Classic...

06-05-2016

Easy going on Northeastern Pennsylvania roadways Sunday
Traffic a non-issue as you get ready for church or race day festivities in the Wyoming Valley. Free-flowing traffic is reported on Interstates 81, 80 and 476. State route 115 into Pocono Raceway is showing signs of light traffic as people are going to the afternoon race....

06-05-2016

Local volunteer chapters maintain Yough River Trail
On a warm clear morning, the Yough River Trail Riders gather along the trail at the West Newton Station office which serves as the headquarters for the Regional Trail Council. Adorned in bright colors aboard their bicycles, they prepare for one of their regular rides along the trail. It is a tradition they have continued...

06-05-2016

Berks PennDOT projects poised to move into high gear
Berks County, Pa. Route 222 and the West Shore Bypass may be the headliners on PennDOT's to-do list for Berks County, but those major overhauls will be sharing the stage with plenty of opening acts. The proposed four-year budget for Berks includes bridge repairs, repaving...

06-05-2016

Nazareth boarding home adds to parking squeeze, neighbors say
The approval of a new boarding home in Nazareth isn't helping with already growing parking frustrations, neighbors say. The zoning hearing board last month granted Mehmedali Kondouz a variance to operate a single-family home at 133 S. Broad St. as a boarding house....
Roadside memorials in Erie region honor dead, warn living
ERIE, Pa. -- A Celtic cross inscribed "Cole" stands sentinel on Route 97 near Marsh Road in Summit Township. The cross remembers Cole McMahon, 24, killed in a head-on crash there in October 2006. It also warns drivers to be especially vigilant along the stretch of road... - Erie Times-News

Our view: Stop playing chicken with EMTA's future
ERIE, Pa. -- The members of Erie County Council have taken to setting deadlines and issuing ultimatums. That's been met by elected officials at City Hall with intransigence and a near utter lack of recognition that their county counterparts have a point. The issue, of course, is renewing the charter of the Erie Metropolitan... - Erie Times-News

$3.5M in improvements set for region's rail lines
Harrisburg — Some $3.5 million in improvements to regional rail lines are included in grants announced recently by PennDOT. The SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority... - Bloomsburg Press Enterprise

America Is Hitting the Road Again
ON ROUTE 66 IN NEW MEXICO — Bob Pack forgot to bring his James Taylor CDs. Still, he and his brother and sister were having a blast, rolling among the sandstone mesas, ghost towns and kitschy tourist attractions. They reminisced about family trips as children back in the 1950s, Mr. Pack... - New York Times

For Driverless Cars, Citylike Test Sites Offer the Unpredictable
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Here in this college town 40 miles west of Detroit, behind black sheeting attached to an eight-foot-tall chain-link fence, the future of the auto industry is being worked out in a secret setting. The fence surrounds a testing center called Mcity — a 32-acre patch of... - New York Times

It's a slow, unglamorous path to a Metro makeover
On television, celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay walks into a rundown and poorly managed restaurant. The customers are fleeing, and the owners are begging for a makeover. Ramsay spends a few days disrupting everyone and everything. After remodeling the restaurant, he brings the staff back in. It looks like... - Washington Post

AQMD board opposes bill to add 'environmental justice' members and urges feds to clean up truck emissions
Southern California’s air quality board has come under criticism for a political shift that critics say has made it too friendly to polluting industries. Earlier this week, the state Senate approved a bill aimed at changing the balance. On Friday, the South Coast Air Quality Management District board pushed... - Los Angeles Times

(Press Release)

Snyder: Bill would boost local highway maintenance
(Press Release)

News Conference to Outline Implementation of New DUI Ignition Interlock Law
(Press Release)

GEICO ridesharing product now in 24 states
(Press Release)
Uber, CMU working separately on self-driving vehicle
Sixteen months ago, Uber announced a joint venture with Carnegie Mellon University to speed along the development of a self-driving vehicle, creating what a university official called "a great new partnership." Since then, the San Francisco-based ride-sharing company has hired about 40... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Uber considering campus expansion in Strip District
Uber Technologies appears to be plotting a major expansion of its Strip District campus, with plans to add office and research space, a park, a large boat dock and an observation deck on the Allegheny River near 33rd Street. The San Francisco-based ride-sharing company has filed paperwork with the... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Corps of Engineers proposes restoring Ohio riverbanks
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released a report recommending restoration of 7.8 acres of highly urbanized floodplain along the north shore of the Ohio River from the Carnegie Science Center to just beyond the West End Bridge. The 10-month, $256,000 study co-produced by the Corps and Riverlife, a... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Ride hailing may yet provide windfall for city school district
Philadelphia schools may yet benefit from legalization of ride hailing in the city. A bill introduced Thursday in Harrisburg by Democratic State Sen. Vincent Hughes would guarantee money for the cash-starved Philadelphia School District if ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft begin paying fees,... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Letters to the Editor 6/3/2016
Editor: Thanks for the May 29 Sunday Times article about the roundabouts at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. On the day that the article was published, I flew into the airport. It’s true that getting from the airport to Route 81 northbound is not... - Scranton Times

Gas prices unchanged; remain below state average
Regional gas prices were at $2.45 per gallon, unchanged overnight and unchanged in the last week. In Pennsylvania, the average is at $2.48 today, unchanged overnight and up a penny in the last week. The national gas average remains much lower at $2.34, up a penny overnight,... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

PennDOT needs to show more creativity on road projects : Editorial
If the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation had a theme song, it would undoubtedly be Supertramp's 1978 hit "Take the Long Way Home." That's because the agency consistently saddles Pennsylvania motorists with lengthy detours – the latest example being a 27-mile rerouting of some... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

Another Local Lawsuit Filed Against Amtrak
The lawsuits are piling up against Amtrak for two deadly derailments in the Philadelphia area. The high powered legal team of Tom Kline and Bob Mongeluzzi have filed suit against Amtrak on behalf of the son and daughter of Joe Carter. He was the 61-year-old Amtrak backhoe operator who was killed by a train in... - KYW News Radio 1060

Thanks to PennDOT worker for helping this stranded motorist
There are still kind and considerate people in the world. Recently, I was driving north on Route 33 when I realized my car was decelerating and I heard "alarms." I pulled over. My car was slightly in the right lane, shaking with each passing car. My first call was to my husband. Then I heard a tractor horn and a huge... - Pocono Record

State, local officials voice support for local airport
Several state and local officials shared a common message during the recent "Mid-day Chamber
Mixer” held at the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport. That message of encouraging and enhancing regional cooperation among governments, agencies and area businesses was brought forth to a large... - DuBois Courier-Express

06-03-2016  Local airport faces subsidy issue
The DuBois Jefferson County Regional Airport is on a list of airports across the United States whose subsidy funding could be in jeopardy. Bob Shaffer, airport manager, received a document issued on May 14 from Michael D. Gormas of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of... - DuBois Courier-Express

06-03-2016  Lebanon County agrees to $700K commercial land sale
The Lebanon County commissioners on Thursday unanimously approved selling a parcel of land near a busy Lebanon intersection to an Altoona real estate development company. The roughly 4.5-acre parcel is located on the southeast corner of East Walnut and East Cumberland streets (Route 422), adjacent to PennDOT’s... - Lebanon Daily News

06-03-2016  FAA advisor in Pittsburgh says agency might limit max speed, altitude of drones
Federal Aviation Administration officials could announce new rules governing the commercial use of small drone aircraft within the next few weeks, a senior advisor with the administration said Friday during a visit to Pittsburgh. The rules, currently in draft form, will apply to unmanned aircraft that... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review