

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

[HCO3475](#)

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Provides a rate increase for the River Pilots who navigate trade vessels along the Delaware River and its navigable tributaries.

**Bill History:** 08-15-16 H Filed  
08-18-16 H Superseded by - see HB 2291

[HCO3476](#)

[Miccarelli, Nick](#)

Permits the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries to increase fees for the issuance of original and renewed pilots licenses to \$400.00 annually with a not to exceed cap of \$525.00 annually.

**Bill History:** 08-15-16 H Filed  
08-18-16 H Superseded by - see HB 2290

## Bill Actions

[HB 2290](#)

[Miccarelli, Nick](#)

Amends the act entitled "An act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, & for the regulation of pilots & pilotages, & for other purposes therein mentioned," further providing for fees.

**Bill History:** 08-16-16 H Filed  
08-16-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Commerce

[HB 2291](#)

[Miccarelli, Nick](#)

Amends act entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the port of Philadelphia' & for regulating the rates of pilotages & number of pilots" providing for rates & charges.

**Bill History:** 08-16-16 H Filed  
08-16-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Commerce

## Committee Stories

### Independent Regulatory Review Commission

8/18/16, 10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

**Audio:** [\(click here\)](#) (Note: Depending on your audio player and the length of the hearing this could take a few minutes to load.)

No. 3065 Department of Transportation #18-460: Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Speed-Timing Devices was unanimously **approved**.

Brandt said the regulation deletes provisions related to outdated speed-timing testing devices and procedures, clarifies language and includes provisions permitting the use of new technologies approved by the department.

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## Upcoming Events

### House Transportation

*TUESDAY - 8/23/16, 10:00 a.m., David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Room 330, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh*

Public hearing on Keystone West passenger train services improvements

### PA Turnpike Commission

*August 23, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. \*\*Rescheduled from 8/16/16, Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*

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

### House Appropriations

*THURSDAY - 8/25/16, 1:30 p.m., Allegheny County Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, 4th Floor, Gold Room, Pittsburgh*

Public meeting on Act 89 on Pittsburgh transportation infrastructure & economic development

### Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

*August 25, 2016 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia*

Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

### PA Public Utility Commission

*September 1, 2016 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*

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

## Session Schedule

### Senate

September 26, 27, 28  
October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26  
November 16

### House

September 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28  
October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26  
November 14, 15

## In the News

08-18-2016

[PennDOT's Quarterly Newsletter - August 2016](#)  
(Press Release)

08-18-2016

[Alcoa, PPG receive federal grants for auto fuel efficiency projects](#)  
Two Pittsburgh-area companies are stepping up their work in the automotive industry with federal funding to research ways to reduce vehicle weight and improve fuel economy. Alcoa Inc. and PPG Industries Inc. will receive grants for research projects that could increase the use of plastic composites and aluminum in... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-18-2016

[Out-of-work Laborers beg Trenton to agree on transportation funding](#)  
Workers who have been out of a job for as long as two months because of a political impasse in

Trenton are fanning out across the state to ramp up pressure on lawmakers to replenish funding for roads and bridges. New Jersey members of the Laborers International Union of North America... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-18-2016

**[Cameras catching more people illegally passing Parkland buses](#)**

SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP — The white car barrels toward the bus with activated stoplights with no sign of slowing until the students are in view. And then the tires give a panicked screech. This kind of close call typically might not result in more than a perfunctory referral to law enforcement and a scary story for the bus... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

08-18-2016

**[Clearing air on big trucks](#)**

The most striking aspect of aggressive new emission standards for heavy vehicles is that they were embraced by environmentalists and industries. Under the new standards, heavy-duty pickup trucks and vans must become 2.5 percent more efficient each year between 2021 and 2027. Heavier vehicles,... - [Scranton Times](#)

08-18-2016

**[Our Opinion: Take a moment to consider 12-year transportation goals](#)**

The initial jargon may make you feel a bit like you're driving, say, a 1980s Yugo, that soviet-era auto so bad pundits suggested it was invented to force everyone to walk. Don't be deterred, this is about a fundamental government responsibility: Transportation infrastructure, a... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

08-18-2016

**[Groundbreaking for airport hangar project nearing](#)**

DUNBAR TWP. -- With the final documents for the Fayette County Airport Authority hangar projects being signed and submitted to the state, members will now focus on a ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the completion of a nearly two-year planning process. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

08-18-2016

**[Conservationists to ask railroad to donate land in Erie County](#)**

Montreal-based Canadian National Railway owns about 1,000 acres south of Interstate 90 in West Springfield and neighboring Ashtabula County, Ohio. The bulk of the land, an estimated 800 acres, is in Springfield Township. The property, zoned for industry, is not suited for development, said Tom... - [Erie Times-News](#)

08-18-2016

**[Sen. Casey celebrates Erie airport's 'perfect' FAA score](#)**

ERIE, Pa. -- U.S. Sen. Bob Casey came to Erie International Airport on Wednesday to tour the extended main runway and commend airport staff for a recent Federal Aviation Administration inspection. The annual FAA safety inspection Aug. 1-3 gave the airport a perfect score.... - [Erie Times-News](#)

08-18-2016

**[Cameras to control speeding are inaccurate, unnecessary](#)**

In response to The Times Aug. 11 story on a proposal to put cameras in construction zones to deter speeding, where cameras are used, the speed limits are artificially low and tickets go out just barely above the speed limit. This is designed to ticket average drivers for profit. Ignored is the fact... - [Beaver County Times](#)

08-18-2016

**[For companies looking to locate close to Shell cracker plant, Pittsburgh airport offers prime real estate](#)**

FINDLAY TWP. -- A prominent real estate official in Pittsburgh is working with international companies looking to locate in the area because of Shell Chemicals' ethane cracker plant, and there is plenty of prime land located right over the border in Allegheny County.... - [Beaver County Times](#)

08-18-2016

**[Stalled CSX train in Coraopolis cut off access to parts of town for several hours](#)**

CORAOPOLIS -- A CSX train broke down in the middle of the borough Wednesday morning,

effectively cutting off access to certain parts of town, including a senior citizen high-rise apartment building. The train was stalled from 9:19 a.m. Wednesday until shortly after noon.... - [Beaver County Times](#)

08-18-2016

**[A road to nowhere](#)**

Canonsburg Town Park can now boast a new gravel road that goes nowhere, serves no purpose, was probably expensive to build, and was done at a cost of destroying a portion of the park-like ambience of the place. However, if you are in the park and dying for a drink of water, good luck finding one.... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

08-18-2016

**[Are we about to lose 2,000 Pa. state troopers? \(column\)](#)**

Sen. Jim Brewster The Pennsylvania State Troopers Association has posted bright flags warning of a potentially devastating trooper retirement tsunami looming just over the horizon. If the storm comes together and the retirement tidal wave hits, it would severely strain police resources, impair our ability to deal... - [York Daily](#)

08-18-2016

**[\\$10.4 million French Creek Parkway project expected to begin in 2018](#)**

Reconstruction of a 1.25-mile section of French Creek Parkway should begin in 2018 and be completed in 2019, according to the State Transportation Commission's newly updated 12-Year Transportation Program. The \$10.4 million project will target the portion of the parkway between... - [Meadville Tribune](#)

08-18-2016

**[John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria Airport eyed for transport jet training](#)**

Four-engine military jets recently flying low over Richland Township may become a regular sight as part of a military training program. The 167th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard has asked the airport to look into adding additional painted lines and other minor... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

08-18-2016

**[John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria Airport leaders await news on commuter airline](#)**

Airport Manager RaNell Fenchak said she expects to hear soon which airline has been selected to serve Johnstown. In June, Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority officially notified the federal Department of Transportation it supported Southern Airways Express... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

08-18-2016

**[Uber to use autonomous cars to haul people in next few weeks](#)**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Ride-hailing service Uber says it will start hauling passengers with self-driving cars on the streets of Pittsburgh in next several weeks... - [AP](#)

08-18-2016

**[Uber testing self-driving cars for customer rides in Pa. city](#)**

Uber users in Pittsburgh soon may be able to hail the company's first self-driving cars from the ride-sharing company's fast-growing smartphone app. Bloomberg.com is reporting that starting later this month, Uber will test self-driving cars across Pittsburgh.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-18-2016

**[Christie Orders Use of General Fund for 'Essential' Transportation Work](#)**

With lawmakers in New Jersey at an impasse over transportation funding, Gov. Chris Christie on Wednesday ordered officials to use the state's general fund to pay for "essential" transportation projects until the crisis is resolved. In an executive order, Mr. Christie said the state's Transportation... - [New York Times](#)

08-18-2016

**[A Distracted-Driving Ban in New Jersey? Some Say It Threatens a Way of Life](#)**

The state already bans texting or other cellphone use while driving, a prohibition that Mr. Wisniewski acknowledges has not appeared to dissuade many from doing so. Still, for some, his bill poses an existential threat. "Now they're reaching into the car and taking the Dunkin'... - [New York Times](#)

- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Hogan administration backs off early start to transportation scoring\*\*](#)  
 The Hogan administration has backed off of plans to implement a new system for scoring state transportation projects this year after the Maryland attorney general's office issued an opinion saying the law does not require it to do so before next year. In a letter to Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore, Deputy... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Trucking in central Ohio also to benefit in Smart Cities program\*\*](#)  
 Much of the focus of the federal Smart City grant money recently awarded to Columbus has been on alternative transportation development for humans. But the logistics business, which involves moving goods rather than people, also stands to reap benefits. Smartphone apps to help direct truck traffic, data sharing and the testing... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*A \\$652-million project to move LAX runway will be scrapped after lawsuit\*\*](#)  
 A proposal to move the northernmost runway at Los Angeles International Airport closer to homes will be shelved indefinitely under an agreement announced Wednesday, ending a key lawsuit challenging the planned modernization of LAX. The settlement, which will go before the City Council for approval next... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Capitol Journal Gov. Brown's attempt to save the planet and his bullet train won't fly\*\*](#)  
 Gov. Jerry Brown needs to decide: Which does he really want to save? Our planet Earth? Or his choo-choo? He can't handle both — at least not in the few days remaining before the Legislature wraps up its two-year session Aug. 31. And maybe never. The dirty truth is that California's governor, with the... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*One last ride\*\*](#)  
 Somerset County will be welcoming more than 1,000 motorcycles today for the 15th and final America's 9/11 Foundation ride The ride was started to help first responders and offer scholarships to the children of first responders, Thank you for reading! Please log in, or sign up for a new account and purchase a subscription to... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Waste Oil Recyclers in Modena turns to train for long-range transport\*\*](#)  
 MODENA >> Waste Oil Recyclers touts itself as an environmental company, and on Tuesday it introduced a new and very big addition to its operation. The company takes waste vegetable oil produced by hundreds of fryers in the kitchens of restaurants, hospitals and universities and produces a... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Uber Introduces UberEATS In Philly, A Food Delivery Service\*\*](#)  
 PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Uber is now in the food delivery business. On Wednesday, the well known transportation company unveiled the UberEATS app in Philadelphia. The new app allows users to get food from over 100 Philly restaurants. In honor of the debut, users can enjoy free delivery from several popular... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Stalemate Over TTF Pushing NJ Construction Workers To Brink\*\*](#)  
 CHERRY HILL, N.J. (CBS) — The stalemate over New Jersey's Transportation Trust Fund is pushing some constructions workers, who have been out of work for almost seven weeks, to the brink of desperation. Jermaine Sumlin, from Pine Hill, brought the youngest of his four kids to a... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Decision to release Mosey upsets county prosecutors\*\*](#)  
 Despite the objections of Blair County prosecutors, the man accused of killing an Altoona woman and her unborn child with his SUV while drunk will remain free for now. - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-18-2016 [\*\*Amtran hoping grant money funds replacement of six buses\*\*](#)  
 August 18, 2016 Amtran is waiting for decisions on grants from the Federal Transit Administration and PennDOT to determine how it will replace six 40-year-old GMC buses — and what

kind of buses the replacements... more »» - [Altoona Mirror](#)

- 08-18-2016 [Piper aircraft, old and new](#)  
August 18, 2016 PHOTO PROVIDED A bright yellow 1946 Piper J-3 Cub landed last week at Piper Airport in Lock Haven, the same day that a brand-new Piper Meridian M600 arrived. more »» - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 08-18-2016 [Buggy driver arrested for underage DUI, 4 passengers cited](#)  
ROSSITER – In July, police found a buggy driving carelessly through Rossiter with two men on the roof, leading to an underage driving under the influence arrest. Punxsutawney state police report at 11:01 p.m. July 8, a buggy carrying five men was traveling near the intersection of Sunset and First streets in... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 08-18-2016 [Strict laws may not mean better outcomes for DUIs](#)  
A new study ranks Pennsylvania as one of the most lenient states when it comes to DUI laws. However, this may not paint a full picture on how the country is handing the pervasive problem. Personal finance website WalletHub recently released a study that ranked... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 08-18-2016 [Harley-Davidson fined \\$12M, ordered to find and destroy illegal tuning devices it sold](#)  
Harley-Davidson has been fined \$12 million and ordered to stop selling and to buy back and destroy illegal tuning devices that increase air pollution from their motorcycles The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice found that the famed motorcycle company manufactured and sold about 340,000... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-18-2016 [Driverless Ubers to start hauling passengers in Pittsburgh soon](#)  
SAN FRANCISCO — Uber passengers in Pittsburgh will be able to summon rides in self-driving cars with the touch of a smartphone button in the next several weeks. The high-tech ride-hailing company said Thursday that an unspecified number of autonomous Ford Fusions with human backup drivers will pick up... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-18-2016 [Self-driving Uber cars to carry passenger soon in Pittsburgh](#)  
In a few weeks, Uber will start using self-driving cars to carry passengers in Pittsburgh, raising the stakes in the fast-track race to deploy autonomous vehicles... - [AP](#)
- 08-17-2016 [New Truck Efficiency Standards Expected to Cut 1.1 Billion Tons of Carbon...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-17-2016 [Bad drivers are us: Americans are just too deadly behind the wheel](#)  
Americans are bad drivers. Not only are they bad, but they also are not very smart or responsible when they get behind the wheel. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report listed the United States last out of 20 developed countries of similar size when it comes to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-17-2016 [EPA strengthens greenhouse-gas efficiency goals for large vehicles](#)  
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, resisting lobbying from the trucking industry, unveiled tough new regulations to reduce carbon emissions from tractor-trailers, buses and other heavy-duty vehicles in support of a key policy goal of President Barack Obama's... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Turnpike extension might be good for east towns, some residents say](#)  
K.R. Channarasappa knows the proposed Mon-Fayette Expressway project from two perspectives. Thirty years ago, as an engineer for Mackin Engineering Co., Mr. Channarasappa helped to design the first version of the highway for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Tuesday night, as a trustee for the Sri... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 08-17-2016 [Mon-Fayette extension will need all or part of 600 to 650 properties, turnpike says](#)  
The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission estimates it will need to acquire all or part of between 600 and 650 properties to accommodate the current plan for the proposed Mon/Fayette Expressway extension. The turnpike commission plans to begin construction in 2022.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Philly airport acquires 20 acres](#)  
The Philadelphia City Planning Commission on Tuesday authorized the acquisition of 20.8 acres adjacent to Philadelphia International Airport as part of the airport's long-range expansion plan. A multistory airport rental-car building is one possibility for the land,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Will highway project bring prosperity for Norristown?](#)  
Norristown has assets that other towns would envy: Excellent transportation access, proximity to employment centers, the seat of one of the state's wealthiest counties. Yet it has not enjoyed the prosperity of its counterparts in Bucks, Chester, and Delaware Counties - Doylestown, West Chester, and Media,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Edella Road bridge replacement postponed](#)  
A bridge project in South Abington Twp. slated to begin this month has been postponed until summer 2017. The replacement of the Edella Road bridge, which crosses Interstate 81 northeast of Clarks Summit in the township, was scheduled to begin next week. It was announced Tuesday, however, that the replacement work won't... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Dozens attend PennDOT open house in Hamburg to hear about I-78, Route 61 proposed upgrades](#)  
Officials and engineers were on hand to answer questions and hear public comment about the project, which includes bridge work. - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Dahlkemper releases statement on EMTA lawsuit](#)  
"My office has received notice of the lawsuit from the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority and the City of Erie naming the County of Erie and me, as County Executive," Dahlkemper said. "My solicitor and I are reviewing the lawsuit and have no further comment at this time."... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Years of overweight trucks force repair of Delaware River bridge](#)  
Repairs will start as soon as next week on a Delaware River bridge stressed over the years, in part, by overweight trucks. The Riverton-Belvidere bridge — connecting Pennsylvania's Lower Mount Bethel Township with the town of Belvidere in New Jersey — sees weight... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 08-17-2016 [New Rules Require Heavy-Duty Trucks to Reduce Emissions by 25% Over the Next Decade](#)  
The Obama administration on Tuesday issued aggressive new emissions standards for heavy-duty trucks. The rules are expected to achieve better fuel efficiency and a bigger cut in pollution than the version that was first proposed last year. Officials said the new standards would require up to a 25 percent reduction... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-17-2016 [Railroads show little progress on key safety technology](#)  
Many commuter and freight railroads have made little progress installing safety technology designed to prevent deadly collisions and derailments despite a mandate from Congress, according to a government report released Wednesday... - [AP](#)
- 08-17-2016 [New license plate reminds drivers to share the road](#)

Drivers can buy a new license plate that reminds motorists to share the road with bicycle riders. Joe Stafford, executive director of the Bicycle Access Council, was involved in getting legislation through years ago that, in part, requires drivers to give at least four feet of clearance when passing a bicycle... - [York Daily](#)

08-17-2016

**[DA says problem in state's BAC tests no issue here](#)**

During a recent internal review of its blood alcohol testing procedures, the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Forensic Services found a problem. - [Warren Times Observer](#)

08-17-2016

**[Mirabito: Moving airport is not possible, but still 'red flags' for project](#)**

Lycoming County Commissioner Rick Mirabito said on Tuesday that his comment last week about moving the Williamsport Regional Airport is probably not possible, but he added that the project to build a new terminal is raising some "red flags." - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

08-17-2016

**[Ramps R Us charity is running short on funds](#)**

Helen Handwork, of Somerset, calls her wheelchair ramp her ticket to freedom. - [Somerset Daily](#)

08-16-2016

**[PennDOT District 10 Holds Public Plans Display in Clarion County](#)**

(Press Release)

08-16-2016

**[City Council must rethink allowing cyclists on the Emerald View trails](#)**

This letter is in regard to Pittsburgh City Council's recent decision to allow cyclists to use the Emerald View trails in Mount Washington. As a lifelong Pittsburgher and daily user of the trail system, I believe that I am in a unique position to comment on this matter. And I believe... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-16-2016

**[Warhol Bridge overhaul poses new challenge for motorists, pedestrians](#)**

Motorists and pedestrians looking for a way around the shuttered Andy Warhol bridge should take the Ninth or Sixth Street bridges. Unless the Pirates are playing. Then Sixth Street is out, and the 16th Street and Fort Duquesne bridges become better options.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-16-2016

**[Pittsburgh Tuesday takes](#)**

Airport arms: For the eighth time this year at Pittsburgh International Airport, security screeners found a gun in a carry-on bag. A loaded 9mm pistol was found last Tuesday. Nationally, a record 78 guns were found by Transportation Security Administration screeners between Aug. 5 and Aug.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-16-2016

**[As you hit the road that last time this summer, watch out for these hidden vacation taxes: Chip Davis](#)**

By Chip Davis It's summer, which means that Americans have vacation on their minds. A recent survey found that 80 percent of U.S. residents plan to take a summer vacation in 2016, spending roughly \$1,000 on average. But that money isn't only being spent on camping and beer. Much of it is... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-16-2016

**[Bethlehem revved up over free bicycle sharing program](#)**

BETHLEHEM — There's a lot more to borrow than books and videos at the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Starting this week, the library at 11 W. Church St. will be one of two stations where visitors can pick up a bike and ride around the city for free that day. The other station is at Cutters Bike Shop on the South Side.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

08-16-2016

**[State should watch for jobless vehicles](#)**

PennDOT has gotten ahead of the highway curve by creating a task force to deal with safety and regulatory issues from the seemingly inevitable rise of driverless cars, trucks and buses. State government officials believe that doing so will give the state an opportunity to



derive some economic development projects from companies... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

08-16-2016

[Letter: High weeds make driveway unsafe](#)

Property owner has trouble getting PennDOT to act. - [Reading Eagle](#)

08-16-2016

[Highway-use tax return due Aug. 31](#)

For truckers, the next federal highway-use tax return is due Aug. 31. - [Reading Eagle](#)

08-16-2016

[City of Erie, EMTA file lawsuit against county in charter dispute](#)

In a complaint filed in Erie County Common Pleas Court on Monday, lawyers representing the city and EMTA are asking a judge to either force the county to follow through with withdrawal from the region's largest public transit agency, or be forced to agree to what's known as a "municipal... - [Erie Times-News](#)

08-16-2016

[Finding parking at Northampton County Courthouse about to get tougher](#)

If you've had trouble finding a parking spot at the Northampton County Courthouse, you're not going to like what you're about to read. Construction is scheduled to begin on the parking deck on Aug. 20. It could be worse. The contractor has agreed to refurbish the crumbling... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

08-16-2016

[I-83 ramp closures planned for Queen St.](#)

Drivers will see some ramp closures at the Queen Street exit of Interstate 83 this week, according to the state Department of Transportation. It's part of a Route 74 repair and resurfacing project that extends from Tyler Run Road to just west of Locust Hill Road in York Township. It's a... - [York Daily](#)

08-16-2016

[Resurfacing project on Route 87 in Sullivan County completed](#)

MONTOURSVILLE — A resurfacing project on 3.2 miles of Route 87 in Forks and Cherry townships in Sullivan County has been completed. The project included rock slope protection, shoulder protection for erosion control, the application of an epoxy overlay on a bridge deck, guiderail upgrades,... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)

08-16-2016

[Drive Sober or get Pulled Over campaign to begin](#)

As summer winds down, police officers throughout the country are joining forces to get drunk drivers off the roads. From now through Labor Day officers of Troop D of the Pennsylvania State Police will join police across the country in "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."... - [New Castle News](#)

08-16-2016

[Allegheny Portage National Historic Site recalls 1834 railroad innovation](#)

It was dubbed an engineering marvel. And as history would have it, a short-lived one. But when it was new, the Allegheny Portage Railroad meant much more to the state of Pennsylvania. "Pennsylvania was building the Main Line Canal to connect one side of the state to the other, and it had a mountain in the way," national... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

08-16-2016

[From False Alarm to Panic: Inside Kennedy Airport's Chaotic Night](#)

"We heard a big celebration," Mr. Haviland told Fox News shortly after being evacuated. He described hearing something like a loud pop, followed by the sight of a herd of people running his direction. "When you see 80 people come running around the corner," he said, "and they break a door to get... - [New York Times](#)

08-16-2016

[Local projects included in PennDOT's plan](#)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation updated its 12-year transportation program last week and a range of local projects are in the plan. The new plan anticipates \$61.9 billion being available over the next 12 years for improvements to roads, bridges, transit systems, airports and... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)

- 08-16-2016 [\*\*Detour: Work on Longhouse could snarl tourism\*\*](#)  
 August 16, 2016 A proposed rehabilitation of the Longhouse Scenic Byway could snarl tourism traffic around the Allegheny Reservoir for multiple years. The U.S. more »» - [\*Warren Times Observer\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*CSX crossing to be closed\*\*](#)  
 CSX railroad crews will be closing the crossing on Draketown Road near Confluence from Aug. 22-26 for repairs. Detour signs will be posted on all roads surrounding this crossing. - [\*Somerset Daily\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*Work starts Aug. 15 to improve routes 120 and 255 in St. Marys\*\*](#)  
 ST. MARYS, PA Long-awaited improvement work began Monday, Aug. 15 on Routes 120 and 255 in St Marys, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). Milling began Monday with work hours set for 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. daily. Light plants will be in use during dark hours and flaggers will be present in the... - [\*Saint Marys Daily Press\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*One more warning about kids and hot cars: Editorial\*\*](#)  
 We now have a scary local warning about an annual bout of stupidity or irresponsibility: A grandmother and an aunt left an 11-month old baby in the backseat of a stiflingly hot locked car Sunday while they shopped in a Bensalem Township, Pa., Target store. Fortunately, the tot will live to see Birthday No. 1, which is next week.... - [\*Trenton Times\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*Projects listed on state's transportation plan\*\*](#)  
 The State Transportation Commission has updated the 12-Year Transportation program. The new plan anticipates \$61.9 billion being available over the next 12 years for improvements to roads, bridges, transit systems, airports and railroads. That compares with \$63.3 billion in the last update in 2014.... - [\*West Chester Daily Local News\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*Editorial: Is this the end for the 'Killer Conchester?'\*\*](#)  
 They don't call Route 322 the "Killer Conchester" for nothing. But maybe not for much longer. For decades, residents and exasperated motorists have bemoaned the stretch of highway that connects Route 1 in Concord with I-95 in Chester. Like so many local roads, the Conchester was simply never meant to handle... - [\*Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*Trail official: Weatherly ripe for tourism\*\*](#)  
 Building a hiking and biking trail that leads into Weatherly — and cleaning up a few nearby creeks — will help transform the borough into a tourist attraction, according to Bob Skulsky, executive director of the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership. The partnership is the group spearheading development of the Greater... - [\*Hazleton Standard-Speaker\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*Clarion County Airport hosts action-filled airshow\*\*](#)  
 The Werth brothers Billy in the airplane and David on the motorcycle begin their run down the Clarion County Airport runway Aug. 13 during their daring race. David would then climb onto his brother's airplane while racing down the airstrip. - [\*Clarion News\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*ANF Proposes Longhouse Scenic Byway Road Maintenance Project\*\*](#)  
 WARREN — The Allegheny National Forest is proposing a major road maintenance project on the Longhouse National Scenic Byway (Forest Road 262 ). The project may begin the summer of 2017. District Ranger Rich Hatfield said the project includes replacing nearly... - [\*Bradford Era\*](#)
- 08-16-2016 [\*\*York County ranks high in lengthy interstate closures\*\*](#)  
 Most York County drivers are familiar with Interstate 83 and, of course, the many closures that

plague our stretch of the highway. But are we actually spending an inordinate amount of time at a standstill, or is that just aggravation playing tricks on us? No, it's real.... - [York Dispatch](#)

- 08-16-2016 [E-ZPass tax credit plan: Progressive politics at work](#)  
A recent article reported on the efforts of state Rep. Steve Santarsiero in promoting his bill to permit a state income tax credit of 50 percent of tolls paid by E-ZPass holders for the use of the turnpike and major Delaware River bridges. The article also said Santarsiero would be... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 08-16-2016 [AAA Mid-Atlantic reports surge in roadside assistance due to excessive heat](#)  
Residents from Pennsylvania and New Jersey who are trying to weather the recent heat wave now have an additional concern to address — their vehicles. Numbers released Monday by the AAA Mid-Atlantic region indicate that calls for roadside assistance service in both states have surged in recent days... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 08-16-2016 [Traffic improvements, roadwork coming to City Ave.](#)  
Drivers who use City Ave. will soon see the first of the long-term improvements along the corridor between the Schuylkill Expressway and Rt. 30. aimed at improving traffic flow. The City Ave. District obtained about \$3.6 million in funding from PennDot and a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Delaware River Port Authority \(DRPA\) & PATCO August 17, 2016 Meeting Agenda](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-15-2016 [Expanding the pie: A revamped Parkway Center is another signal](#)  
While Pittsburgh rightly deserves the attention it gets for renewal, it is good to see progress on the city's fringes, too. After a long decline, the old Parkway Center Mall on the city's western edge is being demolished. The mall opened late in Pittsburgh's... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Pa. continues its live-for-today tradition with transit funds](#)  
State lawmakers and ex-Gov. Ed Rendell began feeding off of Pennsylvania Turnpike revenues several years before requiring the agency to pay a \$450 million-a-year subsidy for public transit. Those payments have helped drive the turnpike's debt to an unthinkable \$11 billion.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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This idea could take local apartment living to lofty new heights. Allegheny County Airport Authority CEO Christina Cassotis believes Pittsburgh International Airport is too large for the passenger loads it serves, and she suggested shrinking the number of gates. She did not... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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PHILADELPHIA Almost one in five trains on the regional rail transit lines serving the Philadelphia metropolitan area were late last year, the worst performance of the decade — and that was before one-third of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's fleet was sidelined by structural... - [AP](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Week in review: Unpaid parking tickets will no longer lead to a jail term in Reading](#)  
Good week TODAY'S SPONSOR: Mayor Wally Scott: Even before becoming Reading's mayor, Scott pushed for the city to change its policies on unpaid parking tickets, which opened the possibility that those who didn't pay their tickets could be put in jail. Last week, City Council

approved an ordinance to ensure that no one is put... - [Reading Eagle](#)

- 08-15-2016 [Springfield supervisors gain support to save I-90 bridges](#)  
 WEST SPRINGFIELD — Springfield Township supervisors fighting to save local bridges have gained a powerful ally. The two bridges over Interstate 90 being considered by the state for removal serve some 1,000 acres owned by Canadian National Railway. The bridges are at Pond and Huntley roads in Springfield Township.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Waynesburg again discussing truck traffic](#)  
 It was a little surprising last week to hear Councilman Brian Tanner speak at length at a Waynesburg Borough Council meeting about problems caused by trucks passing through town. Tanner cited instances of trucks speeding up High Street, weaving in and out of traffic and running red lights. He warned that sooner or later,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Editorial: Thumbs up, thumbs down](#)  
 THUMBS UP to the Philadelphia transit police who helped a Columbian tourist and her children get their lost passports and luggage back. Transit police released surveillance footage that showed a man walking away with a bag that Ximena Estrada left Aug. 5 on a Southeastern Pennsylvania... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Bridge replacement to start next week](#)  
 August 15, 2016 Another structurally deficient bridge in Warren County will soon be replaced. And it will require a detour. PennDOT said that work will begin on Aug. more »» - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Yaw to introduce overpass fencing measure](#)  
 Legislation to erect protective fencing along certain Pennsylvania highway overpasses will be introduced next week by state Sen. Gene Yaw, R-23, of Williamsport, according to the senator's communications director. SB1354 calls for the state Department of Transportation to add... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Super loads to move when permits are approved](#)  
 SHAMOKIN DAM – The super loads coming from New Columbia to the powerplant in progress still need to be approved for PennDOT permits before they can start moving as scheduled next week, according to Jeremy Carlson, Shamokin Dam Construction LLC site manager. Carlson, who updated the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Have a heavy foot? Ease up or pay up](#)  
 GIRARD, Ohio – On your mark. Get set. Go. But it has to be a slower go. Not exactly the stuff of Michael Phelps at the Olympics. But the Trumbull County city of Girard is sending a strong message that those caught speeding in town will be drowned with traffic tickets.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Route 219 work hits high gear in Somerset County](#)  
 As the summer moves closer to its end, so does progress on the construction of the 11 new miles of Route 219 between Somerset and Meyersdale. David Moe, coordinator of the North-South Appalachian Highway Coalition of the nonprofit Greater Cumberland Committee, said he's impressed by the... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-15-2016 [Proposed ban on drinking coffee while driving a wake-up call | Editorial](#)  
 Every day in this country, nine people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes involving distracted drivers. The figures come from the national Centers for Disease Control, which lists such distractions as texting, grooming, map reading and watching a video.... - [Trenton Times](#)

- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Pennsylvania's child car seat law changes\*\*](#)  
 Families with young children may have some changes to make with their cars as the result a new law went into effect Friday. Children younger than 2 now need to be in a rear-facing car seat until they are 2 years old or until they exceed the height and weight limits for a rear facing seat.... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Bridge closure set for SR 75 near Port Royal\*\*](#)  
 August 13, 2016 PORT ROYAL — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation bridge preservation project is continuing this summer on the state Route 75 bridge near Port Royal, with a traffic pattern change coming... more »» - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Work on US 22/322 rail crossing delayed\*\*](#)  
 August 13, 2016 LEWISTOWN — Overnight railroad crossing work in Lewistown on U.S. 22/322 has been delayed a day and will now take place Aug. 23 and 24, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. more »» - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
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 August 13, 2016 AL SEVER Montoursville Once again, it looks like Lycoming County government will spend more tax money on the Williamsport Regional Airport terminal in Montoursville. more »» - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Growth continues at Watsontown Trucking\*\*](#)  
 Owner recently purchased more property in industrial park, expects to hire more people. MILTON — In just the past three months, 35 new jobs were created at two businesses owned by Steve Patton. His trucking and warehousing businesses, Watsontown Trucking and Patton... - [Milton Standard](#)
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 Officials raise concerns for hikers and first responders By Kristine Porter kporter@tnonline.com The trek up the Glen Onoko Trail isn't like hiking Mount Kilimanjaro, but it certainly isn't a trip to the beach. On Friday morning, state Sen. John Yudichak, state Rep. Doyle Heffley, and... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Montgomery County rail riders cope with SEPTA service problems\*\*](#)  
 It's been a little more than a month since SEPTA took roughly one-third of its rail fleet out of service, and riders and businesses across the region are adapting. As the transit agency works to bring its Silverliner V cars back online after repairs, rail riders across the region shared their thoughts on how... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*New Pennsylvania child safety seat law goes into effect\*\*](#)  
 Those drivers who are unsure about how to install a rear-facing car seat can visit car seat inspection stations at police stations and other locations throughout the area. Each location's requirements for setting up an appointment vary. - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Conchester widening project still on track to start in 2017\*\*](#)  
 After all this time — and we're talking decades, not just days or weeks — state Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-160, of Upper Chichester, says the folks in his district may have to be careful about getting what they asked for when it comes to the Conchester Highway. Mirroring an announcement made in 2014, PennDOT officials declared once... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 08-15-2016 [\*\*Andy Warhol Bridge closes until late 2017\*\*](#)  
 A \$25.4 million rehabilitation project will close the Andy Warhol (Seventh Street) Bridge for more than a year starting at 9 a.m. Monday. The work includes a new concrete deck, structural steel repairs, painting and upgrades to the bridge's draining system, according to the Allegheny... -

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- 08-15-2016      [T's Blue Line almost back on schedule](#)  
 The T's Blue Line is "just about back" to a regular schedule after the Port Authority worked to fix a mechanical problem with a car this morning, officials said. Port Authority spokesman Jim Ritchie said a rail car "experienced mechanical trouble" near the South Hills Junction this morning and could... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-15-2016      [White Rose Taxi expands Hanover services](#)  
 White Rose Taxi company is expanding its services in Hanover. The company has twelve cars that cover York and Adams counties, and as of Aug. 1, at least two of those cars have been stationed in Hanover. "It's \$1.80 for pickup, a \$1.90 per mile," said owner Sylvia Webb of the... - [Hanover Evening Sun](#)
- 08-15-2016      [\\$354M projects include county roads, bridges](#)  
 HARRISBURG — The 12-year transportation plan announced Thursday by the State Transportation Commission includes projects in Butler County. Nine of these are expected to be completed in the county over the next 12 years, either in the first period (2017-20), the second period (2021-24) or... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 08-15-2016      [Drone certification courses available](#)  
 HAGERSTOWN, Md. - V1 Aeronautics, a flight school, air tour operator and Federal Aviation Administration-approved knowledge testing center at the Hagerstown Regional Airport, is accepting students for its new commercial drone pilot certification courses. The two-day course is designed to prepare remote pilots who intend to use... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 08-15-2016      [Two Bucks County roads to be repaired this week](#)  
 PennDOT has announced several Bucks roads will get repairs beginning Monday. - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 08-14-2016      [Inbound Liberty tunnel and Bridge closed until Monday morning](#)  
 The inbound Liberty Tunnel and Bridge will be closed until 5 a.m. Monday while crews move overhead lane indication boxes. One outbound lane will remain open. The work is part of the \$80 million reconstruction of the bridge. As part of that project, the ramp from the Boulevard of the Allies to the outbound... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-14-2016      [Studies suggest ride-sharing service Uber decreases drunken driving](#)  
 Uber's recent expansion in Greensburg could offer bar and restaurant patrons a better way to get home safely after nights out on the town, community leaders believe. The San Francisco-based ride service began operating in Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong and Butler counties on Aug. 4.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-14-2016      [Loaded pistol found in carry-on bag at Pittsburgh airport](#)  
 A loaded 9mm pistol found in a carry-on bag at Pittsburgh International Airport was among the record-breaking 78 firearms confiscated by Transportation Security Administration officers over the last week, the agency reported. The handgun was found on Tuesday. It was the eighth gun found by screeners... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-14-2016      [Sinnott responds to Dahlkemper on EMTA charter](#)  
 But Sinnott has one important condition attached — the issue of appointments to EMTA's nine-member board of directors must off the table. In a letter to Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, dated Wednesday, Sinnott asked that county officials "abandon the County's demand" that the... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-14-2016      [Pennsylvania steers research into driverless technology](#)

Imagine a future where the cars have no driver behind the steering wheel, and maybe no steering wheel at all. It may sound like far-fetched science fiction, but as companies such as Google, Uber and Tesla continue to roll out new advances in driverless vehicle technology, Pennsylvania doesn't want to be caught off guard if and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

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**[As roads crumble, Christie treats his job like a sporting diversion | Editorial](#)**

During that quixotic tour of windbagery known as his presidential campaign, Chris Christie told a roomful of fiction lovers that the job of a governor "is to get people in the room and to bang enough heads together and rub enough arms and cajole enough to have them put the state's greater... - [Trenton Times](#)

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**[School bus drivers in demand](#)**

By Sonja Reis With the start of another school year just around the bend, transportation directors throughout the region are worrying if they have enough school bus drivers to transport their students. Worries expressed throughout the year by local school directors and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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**[PIT flight plan: The airport's savvy CEO is showing results](#)**

Christina Cassotis, CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority, has one eye on the sky and another on the ground. While she works to build Pittsburgh International Airport's portfolio of nonstop domestic and international flights, she's also looking at possible right-sizing and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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It's straight out of a spy movie. The U.S. military wants drones, gliders or other airborne delivery vehicles to vanish once they safely send supplies or intelligence to troops, aid workers or agents in hostile territory or behind enemy lines. And researchers at Carnegie Mellon University are working on it.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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**[Why your train is always late: SEPTA Regional Rail's on-time problem](#)**

In a boardroom on the 10th floor of SEPTA headquarters, Knueppel covered a floor-to-ceiling whiteboard in writing. Real-time info, infrastructure, flying blind: Bulleted points listing the obstacles SEPTA faces, divided into 30 categories. "Almost anything you can ask about, we have a plan [for] it," the general... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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**[We heard your complaints. And we looked into why Regional Rail is so often late](#)**

Three months ago my colleague Justine McDaniel and I posted on this blog asking readers for their stories about lateness on SEPTA's Regional Rail. More than 100 of you responded. You said you missed children's events because of late trains. You were late for work or appointments. One... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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**[GoPuff, taking aim at Wawa, debuts in the suburbs](#)**

GoPuff, the 24-hour, app-driven online delivery service that aims to take out Wawa, made its first foray into the Philly suburbs this week. GoPuff cofounders Rafael Ilishayev (left) and Yakir Gola, in one of their four warehouses. The former Drexel roommates' "Wawa on wheels"... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 08-12-2016 [\*\*Lowball: Atlantic City gets \\$50 million bid for Bader Field \(once valued at \\$800M\)\*\*](#)  
 The city of Atlantic City received just two bids in a sealed auction for its defunct municipal airstrip, Bader Field, with a \$50 million top bid for a waterfront property that had an offer of \$800 million less than a decade ago. But the cash-strapped city said it would not rule any bid out at this... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*Pa. at forefront of self-driving car movement, PennDot official says\*\*](#)  
 Self-driving vehicles are coming, a top Pennsylvania transportation official said Thursday, and they will change life beyond anyone's wildest imagination. A new state task force that includes industry heavy hitters General Motors and Uber has been meeting with state officials and transit trade groups to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*Documents reveal political intrigue by Christie allies behind port authority deal\*\*](#)  
 The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was furious. In May 2012, top officials at the bistate agency lashed out at a processor of imported vehicles that operated at Port Newark and owed \$2.8 million in rent and fees. The agency warned Foreign Auto Preparation Service (FAPS) that if it did... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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 Pennsylvania Turnpike officials about 10 years ago decided to enter into a public-private partnership with private companies for the operation of service plazas. Going that route allowed the turnpike to focus on using its money to improve the 76-year-old toll road.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*New law pushes for faster removal of dead deer from highways\*\*](#)  
 With autumn approaching, reports of vehicles hitting deer will undoubtedly see an uptick on Pennsylvania roads, and a new measure is now in place to ensure the carcasses don't stay belly-up for too long. An amendment, introduced by Sen. Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson County, onto a... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*PennDOT opens bids for I-81 expansion\*\*](#)  
 The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is planning on widening a congested stretch of I-81 in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County. The department on Thursday said it had opened bids a the project to extend the I-81 on-ramp from I-83 north to Mountain Road, and the I-81 on-ramp... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*PennDOT 12-year plan outlines county funding\*\*](#)  
 The state Department of Transportation announced an update to its 12-year transportation program, and Centre County is getting a slice of the pie. The new plan anticipates almost \$62 billion being available during the next 12 years for improvements to roads, bridges, transit systems, airports and... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*Law requiring rear-facing seats for young kids takes effect\*\*](#)  
 HARRISBURG, Pa. Motorists in Pennsylvania must now make sure car seats face backward for all children until they're 2 years old... - [AP](#)
- 08-12-2016 [\*\*Lower Macungie plays hardball with Jaindl over Movie Tavern plan, traffic impact fees\*\*](#)  
 TREXLERTOWN — Developer David Jaindl and Lower Macungie Township have not budged from their opposing positions on whether the Movie Tavern-anchored Trexler Business Center should be subjected to traffic impact fees. Jaindl insists the law is on his side. But township officials know time is... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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 Dunmore Mayor Patrick "Nibs" Loughney has asked council to accept his judgment for disrupting a police DUI checkpoint without explaining his underlying reasons. (Times-Tribune



File) Dunmore Mayor Patrick Loughney is, as his title suggests, a Democrat. But in terms of his recent governance style, he seems a devotee of Republican... - [Scranton Times](#)

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Motorists traveling along Interstate 70 will continue to experience delays as the Route 917 bridge demolition is scheduled to begin Monday. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Boeing celebrates century milestone](#)  
Boeing, which has a plant in Smithfield, is celebrating 100 years this year. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
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Recently retired Yough School District teacher Debby Iwaniec couldn't do anything to save the life of her son, Kenton, a 24-year-old state trooper who was killed by a impaired driver on March 27, 2008. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Nation needs new eyes on its skies](#)  
Wanted: Someone to help airplanes fly safely through our nation's skies. No experience necessary. The federal government is looking for a few good men and women, preferably under the age of 31, to become our nation's future air traffic controllers. On Monday, the Federal Aviation Administration posted 1,400 openings for... - [Reading Eagle](#)
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Maidencreek Township officials are taking issue with Route 222 roundabout maintenance agreements proposed by PennDOT. According to Solicitor Eugene Orlando Jr.'s associate Christopher Garrell, PennDOT's proposed agreement makes Maidencreek liable for everything but... - [Reading Eagle](#)
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ERIE, Pa. -- There is no disputing the transformative work done by Save Our Native Species of Lake Erie. Cascade Creek runs clean; millions of walleye and yellow trout have been released into Presque Isle Bay; and the public, through zoning protections, is guaranteed access to Erie's bayfront, thanks to decades of advocacy and... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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If a decision is not reached, all involved must resign. The \$125,000 spent for a study on how to make Erie better was completely wasted when our leaders are acting like spoiled children instead of working for the benefit of the citizens whom they pledged to serve when they took office.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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FINDLAY TWP. -- The chief executive officer of the Pittsburgh International Airport said Wednesday that downsizing the facility and demolishing unused gates is a possibility moving forward, and one airline expert said the move wouldn't be all that radical. The airport has struggled to recover in the aftermath of US Airways!... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Southern Beltway plans forcing change for local businesses](#)  
Inconvenience has been a word associated with the long-discussed Southern Beltway project, which spans all the way back to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act of 1985. More than 30 years and an estimated 310 property impacts later, the 13-mile... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Shortage of impact fee dollars, weather at airport's location raise questions about viability of expansion](#)  
August 12, 2016 County funds for a new terminal at the Williamsport Regional Airport continue

to remain in question as one commissioner raised the idea of moving the airport's location altogether. more »» - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

- 08-12-2016 [Authority approves grant money for new terminal](#)  
August 12, 2016 The Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority unanimously approved a reimbursement agreement with the state Department of Transportation for a \$1. more »» - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
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A bitter fight between Gov. Larry Hogan and the Democratic leaders of the General Assembly — over a law governing how billions of state dollars will be spent on transportation projects — is flaring anew. Hogan vehemently opposes the law, which creates a scoring system that could... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Vehicles can cross covered bridge](#)  
It's been years since anyone has driven a motorized vehicle across Martin's Mill Bridge. Drivers will get that chance Saturday, Aug. 13, as the 39th triennial Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week comes to a close. Between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Aug. 13, vehicles will be able to... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
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Motorists and business owners on the west end of Somerset have experienced growing pains this summer. The state has been improving Route 31 in Somerset Township near the Somerset Borough line. Thank you for reading! - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Somerset Township moving pipelines to make way for road work](#)  
Residents near the intersection of Route 281 and Lake Road should expect some minor inconveniences as the Somerset Township Municipal Authority moves ahead with its utility relocation project. The authority is moving some municipal water and sewer pipes to make way... - [Somerset Daily](#)
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The Norfolk Southern railroad crossing on Fifth Street in Lebanon will be closed beginning August 15 for repairs, according to the Lebanon Department of Public Works. Fifth Street from Willow to Weidman streets will be open to local traffic only during the length of the project, which should take about a week.... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 08-12-2016 [PBA expresses interest in former STS trolley](#)  
The Pottsville Business Association is interested in buying the former "Miss Dolly Trolley," a 26-passenger bus once used by the Schuylkill Transportation System. But at the PBA's August meeting Thursday morning at Union Station, Karen Kenderdine, PBA's president and treasurer, wasn't sure if the... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

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 LANGHORNE, Pa. (CBS) – The 2017 12-year State Transportation Commission program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The program this year is a 251 page report that outlines all state transportation projects. It's re-evaluated and approved every other... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
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 PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Some dogs are getting relief at airports throughout the country including here in Philadelphia. Service animal relief stations have been in place for a week now at Philly International Airport. Following a US Department of Transportation regulation, Philadelphia... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-12-2016 [Uber launching luxury option in Pittsburgh](#)  
 Uber Pittsburgh announced it is launching a new option for passengers who want to sit in a BMW, Lincoln, Mercedes or other luxury vehicle for their ride. Called Uber Premium, the service has a \$2.50 base fare and \$12 minimum fare. With per minute, per mile and a \$1.60 booking fee included, the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-12-2016 [State Transportation Commission approves 12-year plan](#)  
 The State Transportation Commission Thursday approved an updated version of its 12-year program, which calls for Pennsylvania to spend \$61.9 billion on transportation improvements, a decrease of \$1.4 billion from the 2014 update. Officials approved funding for dozens of major projects across the state.... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
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 SAYRE — A second man has died following a five-vehicle chain-reaction crash Aug. 3 on Route 15 in southern Tioga County, according to the Elmira, New York,... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
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 The Hamilton/Fairfield Joint Parks and Recreation Commission heard the second of two planned presentations that could lead to selection of a play structure for a proposed municipal park. The project's first phase includes a play structure, a 16-foot-by-24-foot pavilion, a walking path, a... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
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 A television that was recently dumped near a spring along East Diamond Avenue in Hazle Township is not part of an overall uptick in illegal dumping in the area, a township supervisor said. Illegal dumping that has plagued the state highway and others in nearby... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
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 CHAMBERSBURG - Uber began operating its Franklin County transportation service a week ago. Uber, based in San Francisco, essentially works as a middle man connecting riders with drivers. Glen May, an Uber driver since March, is ecstatic to be working in his own... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
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 A number of upset parents attended the Dallastown school board meeting on Thursday to voice their concerns over a letter sent by the district to daycare providers saying that there would no longer be free transportation of students to these centers starting January.... - [York Dispatch](#)
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 Dignitaries and community members came together Thursday to celebrate the conclusion of a five-month, \$1.1 million enhancement project for the York County Heritage Rail Trail. Mayor Kim

Bracey and representatives from Downtown Inc, York College, the York City Department of Public Works and other civic organizations and... - [York Dispatch](#)

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