

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

<a href="#">HCO 172</a>	<a href="#">Boback, Karen</a>	Creates a new license plate in Pennsylvania to honor women soldiers and airman.
<a href="#">HCO 173</a>	<a href="#">Boback, Karen</a>	Creates a special vehicle registration plate designed to raise awareness about the problem of bullying in our schools.
<a href="#">HCO 180</a>	<a href="#">Lawrence, John</a>	Reduces and eliminates the payments from the PTC to mass transit over the next few years, putting the Turnpike on a more financially sustainable path.
<a href="#">HCO 197</a>	<a href="#">Caltagirone, Thomas</a>	Establishes a Pediatric Cancer Research registration plate to be offered by the Department of Transportation, which will raise funds to be distributed to institutions within the Commonwealth conducting research.
<a href="#">HCO 200</a>	<a href="#">Lawrence, John</a>	Establishes a new procedure that allows citizens to propose road/bridge namings directly to the Secretary of Transportation with the support of a legislative sponsor, a petition showing local support, and a check to pay for it.
<a href="#">HCO 211</a>	<a href="#">Metzgar, Carl</a>	Replaces the Truck Stop Operators on the Storage Tank Indemnification Board with an organization that will represent convenience stores and food merchants.
<a href="#">HCO 223</a>	<a href="#">Dawkins, Jason</a>	Prohibits students from smoking cigarettes at school bus stops.
<a href="#">HCO 231</a>	<a href="#">Readshaw, Harry</a>	Removes the prohibition against municipal police using radar to enforce the maximum speed laws.
<a href="#">HCO 236</a>	<a href="#">Pashinski, Eddie Day</a>	Authorizes parking authorities in cities of the second class A and third class to enforce and administer parking ordinances and resolutions.
<a href="#">HCO 248</a>	<a href="#">Boback, Karen</a>	Creates a new license plate in Pennsylvania to honor women soldiers and airmen.
<a href="#">HCO 254</a>	<a href="#">Lawrence, John</a>	Eliminates the tailpipe test performed in Pittsburgh, & the two-speed idle test via a dynamometer/treadmill in the Philadelphia region, & replaces them with a gas cap test and a visual inspection.
<a href="#">HCO 257</a>	<a href="#">Boback, Karen</a>	Provides civil immunity for any damage that may be done to the vehicle when forceful entry is necessary to rescue a child.
<a href="#">SCO 167</a>	<a href="#">Williams, Anthony</a>	Establishes a Hit-and-Run Advisory Alert system, to be known as Jay Alerts.
<a href="#">SCO 176</a>	<a href="#">Yudichak, John</a>	Creates a license plate for a registered owner who is an honorary consul or official representative of any foreign government.

## Upcoming Events

### PA Turnpike Commission

December 20, 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

### PA Public Utility Commission

December 22, 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

January 3, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31

February 1, 6, 7, 8

March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29

April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

May 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24

June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

### House

January 3, 23, 24, 25

February 6, 7, 8

March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

April 3, 4, 5, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

May 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24

June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

## In the News

12-15-2016

[SEPTA Joins FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System \(C3RS\)](#)

(Press Release)

12-15-2016

[AFA-CWA: Flight Attendants Push Again for Ban on Voice Calls In Flight](#)

(Press Release)

12-15-2016

[Downtown Pittsburgh property owners worried over bike lane plans](#)

Pittsburgh's plans to run bike lanes down Fort Pitt Boulevard next year would badly hamper access to businesses and residences there, obstructing critical deliveries and likely ruining street parking, several Downtown business people warned Wednesday night. In a testy community meeting, city bicycling coordinator Kristin Saunders... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

12-15-2016

[More pain at the pump: Saw this coming](#)

Even if you don't wake up Jan. 1 with a New Year's hangover, you'll still have a fresh headache: yet another hike in Pennsylvania's per-gallon gasoline tax, which is already the highest among the 50 states. Going up 8 cents at 2017's start, the state tax will total 58 cents per... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

12-15-2016

[Commentary: Trump should end Renewable Fuel Standard](#)

By David Williams President-elect Donald Trump's promise to "drain the swamp" is getting an early test from a surprising source: one of his closest friends. Billionaire investor and long-time Trump confidant Carl Icahn is calling for changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), the federal law requiring... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

12-15-2016

[California tells Uber to stop rides in self-driving cars](#)

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Hours after Uber began offering people in San Francisco rides in self-

driving cars Wednesday, California regulators told the ride-hailing company to stop and said it could face legal action if it does not get a state permit... - [AP](#)

- 12-15-2016 [Pennsylvania to eliminate vehicle registration stickers](#)  
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania is doing away with renewal stickers for license plates in a change designed to save millions... - [AP](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Parking authority to keep gates open](#)  
Home News Parking authority to keep gates open Thursday December 15, 2016 12:01 AM By Dan Kelly Reading, PA A worker for the vendor repairing the gates at the entrance and exit of Reading Parking Authority garages and lots was injured Wednesday, causing a halt to repair work for the day, according to the authority's top official.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Speed limit reduced on I-79, I-90 in Erie County](#)  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has reduced the speed limit temporarily on Interstate 90 in Erie County and Interstate 79 in Erie, Crawford and Mercer counties. It was reduced to 45 mph around 10:45 p.m. Wednesday night and continues to be in effect Thursday morning.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Trucker indicted for allegedly trafficking \\$2.8M in raw heroin](#)  
A California trucker arrested in New Jersey has been indicted on charges he was hauling millions of dollars worth of heroin. Oscar Franco, 59, of Chula Vista, Calif., was charged Aug. 14 after state troopers at the Interstate 78 weigh station in Warren County noticed... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 12-15-2016 [LVIA gets security fast-track lane to speed things up](#)  
Lehigh Valley International Airport passengers who have clearance preapproved by the Transportation Security Administration can now get a quicker trip to their gate. Travelers who have received their status, which lasts for five years, can use a specified security lane. It can turn an hours-long task of going... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 12-15-2016 [PennDOT changes to stick in 2017, or not to stick](#)  
The days of attaching vehicle registration stickers to the corner of your Pennsylvania license plate are numbered. In a release on Wednesday, The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) said the last sticker will be issued on December 30 as a result... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Pennsylvania drivers to be hit with gas tax increase](#)  
As national gas prices continue on the rise, Pennsylvania drivers will be hit with another 8-cent-per-gallon tax increase starting Jan. 1, adding to the nation's highest gas tax. The tax hike, the third and final step in gradual gas tax increases phased in as part of a 2013 state law aimed at raising billions for improved... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Route 56 safety study results to be revealed](#)  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will hold an open house and plans display meeting on the Route 56 safety study between Windber Borough and Pleasantville Borough, Bedford County. This study assessed traffic, safety and driving conditions between these areas. Potential improvements... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 12-15-2016 [PennDOT employees dig deep again for Adopt-a-Family effort](#)  
Employees at PennDOT's district office in Oil City are making this holiday season unforgettable for three local families in need. The employees gave more than \$3,400 worth of wrapped Christmas gifts to Community Services of Venango County Wednesday for the agency's annual... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

- 12-15-2016 [Lane restrictions scheduled for next week on Route 422](#)  
Lane restrictions on Route 422 have been scheduled for next week. According to a release from PennDOT, eastbound and westbound lanes of Route 422 between Sanatoga and Route 724 interchanges will be restricted beginning next week. The work is weather dependent and is expected to begin on Monday Dec. 19... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Person struck, killed by Amtrak train at Parkesburg station in Chester County](#)  
A person was struck and killed by an Amtrak train in Chester County on Wednesday. Keystone service train 647 struck the individual just outside of the Parkesburg Station around 4:30 p.m. The train does not stop in Parkesburg and was traveling around 60 miles per hour, according to Fox 43.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Pennsylvania vehicle registration stickers will be eliminated in 2017](#)  
Pennsylvania vehicle registration stickers that motorists affix to their license plates will soon become a thing of the past. Effective Dec. 31, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will no longer issue vehicle registration stickers. PennDOT anticipates the change will save more than \$3 million in production... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Next Round Of Pennsylvania Turnpike Toll Hikes Hits In January](#)  
HARRISBURG, Pa. (CBS) — As promised, another increase in Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls will take effect in January. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced back in July that tolls would be going up six percent for both cash and E-ZPass customers, and that... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-15-2016 [SEPTA Santa Gives Bikes To Children In Need](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A project put into gear five years ago has turned into a full-out holiday giveaway for local kids. A SEPTA Santa spent Wednesday morning in South Philadelphia putting smiles on kids faces. Chris Guinan is a get it done type of guy. “I really don’t think what I am doing is extraordinary to be honest... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Pennsylvania Bids Farewell To Vehicle Registration Stickers](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A number of changes are in the offing for Pennsylvania motorists, most notably, the end of vehicle registration stickers on license plates in a few weeks. It’s all the result of transportation legislation enacted three years ago, some provisions of which are only now taking effect. Thanks in part to... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-15-2016 [EDITORIAL: Operation Safe Holiday](#)  
Completely preventable. That’s how West Manchester Township resident Rhonda Grove describes the New Year’s Eve death of her son. Twenty-one-year-old Trent Grove was home on leave from Dover Air Force Base when he was killed by a drunk driver Dec. 31, 2007, near Seven... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Stuban’s refreshing critique:don’t shoot the messenger](#)  
If he ever considered them at all, Michael Stuban probably did not envision his proverbial five minutes of fame going quite like this. Stuban retired from his mid-level management position with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission last month: Not an occasion that normally generates a... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Transit Authority meets most PennDOT standards](#)  
The Butler Transit Authority’s performance standards numbers for its 2016-17 fiscal year are mostly positive. Under Pennsylvania’s Act 44, state agencies are required to follow a set of performance standards. The 2016-17 fiscal year marks the first year the authority is following standards set by PennDOT, based on a study of... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 12-15-2016 [Transit Authority meets most PennDOT standards](#)

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12-15-2016

**[Bradford Airport Authority approves balanced budget](#)**

The Bradford Regional Airport Authority on Wednesday approved the 2017 operating budget that shows income and expenditures balancing out at \$573,418. Despite increases in insurance costs for health and disability, airport liability, commercial auto, professional liability and commercial property... - [Bradford Era](#)

12-15-2016

**[Turnpike retiree's honesty raises hackles](#)**

Many of us have been told that honesty is the best policy and the truth will set you free. Michael Stuban applied those tenets to his exit survey when he... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)

12-15-2016

**[State law on registration stickers changing soon](#)**

By the end of the month, vehicle registration stickers will be a thing of the past. And while the move is intended to save money, some law enforcement officials have expressed concerns about possible impacts to enforcement. Beginning Dec. 31, motorists will no longer be required to place the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

12-15-2016

**[Lower Paxton businesses and police partner to give those who overindulge a ride home](#)**

A partnership between two local businesses and police will guarantee a free ride home for anyone patronizing a Lower Paxton bar or restaurant who has had too much to drink. The complimentary cab rides, available from today through Jan. 5, are the result of a partnership between Wilsbach Distributors Inc., American Taxi... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

12-15-2016

**[PennDOT hopes to have I-80 open nine hours after 59-vehicle crash closed it](#)**

Interstate-80 in Jefferson County is expected to be reopened around 5:30 p.m. Thursday after a 59-vehicle pileup has shut down the roadway most of the day. PennDOT spokesman Jim Carroll said wreckers, tow trucks and emergency crews have been working to move dozens of crushed vehicles after the pileup... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

12-15-2016

**[Probe underway after Comcast truck blamed for blocking traffic on icy road in Indianapolis](#)**

Motorists in Indianapolis say a Comcast Xfinity repair truck is to blame for multiple slide-offs and a rear-ender on an icy roadway. A video of some of the incidents, posted online Tuesday, shows cars sliding off the slick road as they swerve to avoid hitting the Xfinity truck, which... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

12-14-2016

**[Feds move to require new cars to 'talk' to each other](#)**

Technology developed by Carnegie Mellon University and used by Pittsburgh to control traffic signals should dovetail nicely with a proposed federal Department of Transportation rule issued Tuesday that will require passenger cars and trucks to "talk" with each other in the coming... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

12-14-2016

**[Malfunction in hydraulic system shuts down lock on Ohio River](#)**

Ohio River traffic was brought to a halt Tuesday by the failure of a hydraulic system at a lock near Wellsville, Ohio, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. Crews operating the New Cumberland locks and dam about 8 miles south of Wellsville noticed a sheen inside the chamber of the main lock, then... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

12-14-2016

**[Making rivers work: Approval of new lock construction is long overdue](#)**

The nation's need to invest in infrastructure may have been a key issue in the presidential campaign, but it was old news to those who rely on local rivers for transportation. They have

been advocating for lock and dam improvements for years. Finally, Congress is poised to deliver.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 12-14-2016 [No T service this morning into Downtown, North Shore due to system problem](#)  
The Port Authority is advising T riders this morning to find alternate ways to get to work. The light-rail system is experiencing "significant delays" this morning because of problems with the operating system, the Port Authority said. No cars will enter Downtown or North Shore until the issue is resolved. All... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Westmoreland County expands airshow offerings, with VIP tent and WWII warplanes](#)  
Two warplanes dating from 1945 and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team are among the high-flying acts that will support the Blue Angels Navy jet demonstration team at next summer's airshow at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Those attending the Shop 'n Save Westmoreland County Air Show June 24... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Celebrating a United Nations of riders on Route 47 bus](#)  
Diversity on wheels - that is SEPTA's Route 47 bus, a vital link between many of the city's established and emerging immigrant neighborhoods. Running 10 miles from Olney Avenue in North Philadelphia south to Whitman Plaza, carrying 17,000 passengers a day, Route 47 can resemble a rolling... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Airlines will offer 'basic economy' fares to compete with rivals Spirit and Frontier](#)  
Coming to an airport near you next year: "basic economy" airfares. As the name suggests, the price will be cheaper, but there will be few amenities. You'll get a basic seat on the plane -- and not much else. Major U.S. carriers -- Delta, American, and United -- are introducing... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Part of Schuylkill trail, MLK drive closed for wall reconstruction](#)  
Sections of the Schuylkill River Trail and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will be closed for about six weeks so a wall along the river can be rebuilt. The closures started Dec. 6 and run through Jan. 20, according to the Department of Parks and Recreation. During that time, the Schuylkill trail between Franklin's Paine Skatepark... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Pennsylvania gas taxes scheduled to rise 8 cents in January](#)  
HARRISBURG (AP) - Motorists in Pennsylvania will be hit with the third and final step in the gradual gas tax increases that are being phased in as part of a 2013 state law that's supposed to raise billions to improve bridges, highways and other transportation modes... - [AP](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Pa. drivers say goodbye to vehicle registration stickers; hello to higher fees and new license plate](#)  
The days are now numbered for those little registration stickers attached to the corner of Pennsylvania license plates. The last sticker will be issued on Dec. 30 as a result of a transportation funding law that passed three years ago. But starting Dec. 31, a sticker... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Travel on Pa. Turnpike in 2017 will take a bigger toll on your wallet](#)  
Traveling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike is one more way traveling in Pennsylvania is going to get more expensive in 2017, along with higher gas taxes and increasing motorist fees. A 6 percent toll increase, approved in July, take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 8 on both cash and E-ZPass tolls.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-14-2016 [What Lehigh Valley drivers must accept](#)  
Drivers in the Lehigh Valley know that they are going to have to put up with more and more truck traffic as more and more distribution centers are constructed in the area. And there are plans to make Bethlehem an inland port of entry, which could also greatly increase truck traffic.... -

[Allentown Morning Call](#)

- 12-14-2016 [\*\*New security Precheck program starts today at Lehigh Valley International Airport\*\*](#)  
Lehigh Valley International Airport will welcome the arrival Wednesday of the federal Precheck program, which lets certain passengers bypass airport security lines. About 180 airports across the country use the program, which the Transportation Safety Administration has operated since 2012. Applications... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*Uber self-driving cars hit the streets of San Francisco\*\*](#)  
Uber is bringing a small number of self-driving cars to its ride-hailing service in San Francisco — a move likely to excite the city's tech-savvy population and certain to antagonize California regulators... - [AP](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*Pennsylvania gas taxes scheduled to rise 8 cents in January\*\*](#)  
HARRISBURG, Pa. Motorists in Pennsylvania will be hit with the third and final step in the gradual gas tax increases that are being phased in as part of a 2013 state law that's supposed to raise billions to improve bridges, highways and other transportation modes... - [AP](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*Why you'll soon pay more at the pump in Pennsylvania\*\*](#)  
OK, so it's not New Jersey's 23-cent gas tax hike that took effect this fall. But Pennsylvania motorists will be paying about 8 cents more per gallon of gasoline starting Jan. 1, pennlive.com reports. That's when the third and final gas-tax hike reportedly takes effect under... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*What are those new cameras on York stoplights?\*\*](#)  
Have you spotted the cameras on top of some traffic lights around York? Those cameras are for the "smart" lights that will be coming along routes 30 and 74 in the beginning of the year. The equipment will watch traffic in real-time and adjust the signals accordingly. They are intended to make travel easier.... - [York Daily](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*Uber Expands Its Self-Driving Car Service to San Francisco\*\*](#)  
SAN FRANCISCO — Uber has always had a special relationship with this city. The ride-hailing company was founded and headquartered here. In its early days, one of the towns where Uber grew fastest was its hometown. On Wednesday, Uber again highlighted its special relationship with San... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*In Major Step for Drone Delivery, Amazon Flies Package to Customer in England\*\*](#)  
When Jeff Bezos, Amazon's chief executive, first said that the e-commerce giant wanted to use drones to deliver packages directly to customers' homes, many people thought he was crazy. Three years later, his claims no longer look so outlandish. On Wednesday, Mr. Bezos announced on Twitter that his company had made its... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*With Second Ave. Subway, Cuomo Has Hands-On Role and Eye on the Future\*\*](#)  
As governor of New York, Andrew M. Cuomo has no shortage of complex problems demanding his attention. But his ire has recently been focused on a small switch in a subway station deep below the streets of Manhattan. Delays with the switch, known as a shunt trip breaker, were holding up... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*Without charging stations, electric cars have dim future in N.J. | Editorial\*\*](#)  
To the owners - and potential owners - of electric cars, plans for a network of public-charging stations for their vehicles arrives as welcome news. New Jersey residents interested in breathing clean air also have cause to celebrate, although the proposals are far from concrete at this point... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 12-14-2016 [\*\*Infrastructure Strategy Touted by Trump Has Produced Uneven Results\*\*](#)

In late-October, before a restless crowd in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Republican-elect Donald Trump laid out the closing argument of his campaign. "What follows is my 100-day action plan to Make America Great Again," he declared, enumerating legislative and executive actions that... - [Stateline.org](#)

- 12-14-2016 [Ohio cities want state government to funnel more money for infrastructure, drug fight](#)  
As many Ohio cities struggle to recover from the Great Recession and the economic shift away from manufacturing, leaders are looking for renewed urgency from state lawmakers in helping them deal with infrastructure, a horrific drug problem and economic development.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Bridgeport applies for \\$1.2M PennDOT grant](#)  
BRIDGEPORT >> Borough council voted Dec. 13 to apply for a PennDOT grant of approximately \$1.2 million for the enhancement of the borough's commercial district. The commercial district enhancement project is estimated to cost more than 1.8 million and is dividend into three phases to spread out the cost to the... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Rep. Lewis secures \\$5.9 million in grants for Coatesville revitalization](#)  
COATESVILLE >> To attract both businesses and people to the city, state Rep. Harry Lewis Jr. announced he secured a \$5 million grant through the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program to offset the costs of a mixed-use redevelopment project.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 12-14-2016 [PennDOT reviews winter weather preparations](#)  
NORRISTOWN >> With snow already visiting some areas of Pennsylvania, PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards recently outlined the agency's plans for winter services and encourages drivers to be prepared as well. "Our residents count on PennDOT to keep them moving regardless of the... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 12-14-2016 [PA Gas Tax Increase Set For January 1](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — The wholesale tax on gasoline sold in Pennsylvania is sent to increase for the third time in four years come January 1. PennDOT spokesman Rich Kirkpatrick says this is the last of three planned, phased-in wholesale gas tax increases, the first of which, in January 2014,... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Pennsylvania gas tax to rise 8 cents on Jan. 1](#)  
If you're making financial resolutions for New Year's, you might want to resolve to drive a little less or buy a more efficient car. - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Vote 'Yes' for rail trail study](#)  
Not long after SEPTA's Newtown Rail Line was shut down in 1983, a proposal to reopen it as a hiking/biking trail started making the rounds. We don't recall whose idea it was at the time. But we thought it was a good idea then, and we still do. Unfortunately, the proposal has languished lo... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 12-14-2016 [GUEST OPINION: Delay and misinformation plague rail-to-trail issue](#)  
Why can't Northampton residents get the facts on the Newtown Rail Trail? No matter your political party, what troubles citizens most are elected officials and government employees who put other interests before the citizens they serve. The Pew Center research released in October indicates that only 27 percent... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Registration stickers to stop after Dec. 31](#)  
HARRISBURG—Effective Dec. 31, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will no longer issue registration stickers for placement on license plates, according to a press release from the Lewistown Police Department. Motor vehicle owners are still required to maintain current

registration... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)

- 12-14-2016 [Last gas tax installment pushes prices up at Pa. pumps](#)  
Gas prices are expected to spike as much as 8 cents per gallon in January, as the third and last installment of Pennsylvania's gas tax increase kicks in. That's on top of projections that gas prices will hit \$3 per gallon in the new year. The money from Pennsylvania's gas tax hike goes toward improving the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Boat launch closed in Halifax after fatal train wreck won't reopen unless township takes over road](#)  
A Halifax boat launch that was closed after a kayaker leaving the ramp was killed in a train collision will not reopen unless the township takes over the private road that leads to the launch, township officials announced this week. The township originally had intended to take over the road when it was... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Our trip down the rabbit hole for Harrisburg parking data: the saga continues](#)  
In this week's installment of our quest to find out information regarding parking tickets issued in Harrisburg, we received a response Monday from the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS). We're trying to find information about parking tickets in Harrisburg. We found a Right-to-Know... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-14-2016 [Pennsylvania to eliminate vehicle registration stickers](#)  
HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania is doing away with renewal stickers for license plates in a change designed to save millions... - [AP](#)
- 12-14-2016 [American Airlines fined \\$1.6 million for keeping passengers on planes longer than 3 hours](#)  
American Airlines, Philadelphia's largest airline, has been fined \$1.6 million for violating a U.S. Transportation Department's rule of keeping passengers on planes for more than three hours without letting them get off and return to the terminal. The Transportation Department cited American for 20 flights at Charlotte... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Potter Township residents wonder about cracker plant's effects](#)  
Bob Schmetzer calls himself the bull's-eye. "Whatever goes wrong, I hear about it," he said. "And I know it's coming." As president of the council of South Heights Borough in Beaver County, Mr. Schmetzer is expecting an avalanche of calls from constituents stuck in... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Safety reward from self-driving vehicles worth the risk, experts say](#)  
Testing self-driving vehicles on public roads comes with some risk, but the potential benefits — especially in lives saved in traffic accidents — make well-regulated testing worth the effort. That was the conclusion Monday at separate state and federal forums on... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Pa. state police on lookout to fill 500 job openings](#)  
The Pennsylvania State Police are recruiting candidates to fill about 500 job vacancies to bolster the department's contingent of troopers and liquor enforcement officers. "There are plenty of openings for those interested," said liquor enforcement officer Glen A. Titler of the Pittsburgh District office.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Bucks rail trail runs into opposition](#)  
A long-debated rail trail in Bucks County that would run along eight miles of unused SEPTA track could move forward or hit a dead end when a holdout township votes Wednesday on an engineering study of the project. Northampton Township supervisors must approve the study, or the proposed... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 12-13-2016 [\*\*NJ out of running to station Air Force's latest fighter jet\*\*](#)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) - The U.S. Air Force has taken New Jersey out of consideration to station its most sophisticated jet to date, the new F-35A stealth fighter... - [AP](#)
- 12-13-2016 [\*\*Harrisburg parking rates to increase next year, but will that include street meters?\*\*](#)  
HARRISBURG-- Harrisburg's parking system is on track to meet its budget this year, but rising expenses and debt obligations in future years will require additional revenue, parking officials explained at a public meeting Monday night. Parking meeting Harrisburg resident Bill Cluck told members of the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-13-2016 [\*\*Is political gridlock keeping bus services from being consolidated in the midstate?\*\*](#)  
CARLISLE -- The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners wants to join with Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg to consolidate bus services. But, not all parties are interested in the idea. The plan would be to have the three jurisdictions leave Capital Area... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-13-2016 [\*\*Harrisburg parking rates to increase next year, but will that include street meters?\*\*](#)  
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- 12-13-2016 [\*\*Soda tax falls flat in parts of Philadelphia airport\*\*](#)  
PHILADELPHIA With two-thirds of Philadelphia International Airport technically located in Delaware County, terminals within that designation will not be subjected to the city's controversial soda tax... - [AP](#)
- 12-13-2016 [\*\*BARTA buses won't run Christmas Day and will operate on reduced schedules before, after\*\*](#)  
Reading, PA BARTA buses will not run on Christmas Day and will operate on reduced schedules the days before and after. The Monday after Christmas - Dec. 26 - both fixed-route and shared-ride services will run on Sunday schedules. The agency's administrative offices... - [Reading Eagle](#)
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County Council expected to approve municipal statement of revival for EMTA Erie County Council is ready make another move that officially closes the door on the 18-month-long city-county dispute over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's operating charter.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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Erie County Council is ready make another move that officially closes the door on the 18-month-long city-county dispute over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's operating charter. Council on Tuesday night is expected to sign off on what is known as a municipal statement of revival regarding EMTA.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-13-2016 [\*\*School District applies for PennDOT grant\*\*](#)  
The Lebanon School District is banking on a large PennDOT grant to help pay for sidewalk improvements around the new Northwest Elementary School. Construction recently began in the Aspen Business Park on the \$25 million school, that is expected to be completed in time for students to begin the... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
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CHARLES W. CALDWELL III, whose job description, now soaked with irony, is chairman of the Prince George's County liquor board, was arrested last week and charged with driving under the

influence, as well as reckless driving. Mr. Caldwell had attended the grand opening last Thursday of the... - [Washington Post](#)

- 12-13-2016 [Maryland panel poised to approve Northrop Grumman loan](#)  
 Maryland lawmakers are poised to approve a \$20 million forgivable loan to aerospace giant Northrop Grumman, the largest deal of its kind in state history. A panel of state lawmakers, whose leaders already committed to the deal in a compromise with Gov. Larry Hogan, is scheduled to vote Tuesday on whether... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Feeling the squeeze of Uber and Lyft, Hertz looks to start-up Shift to sell its used cars](#)  
 Seeking new sources of cash as ride-hailing companies eat into the rental car business, Hertz Corp. on Tuesday announced a partnership with Shift, a San Francisco start-up that connects buyers and sellers of used cars online. Shift provides a new sales channel for Hertz to unload used rental cars,... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Route 422 westbound lane closures coming Friday](#)  
 The right lane on westbound Route 422 will be closed between the Sanatoga and Route 724 interchanges starting Friday, PennDOT has announced. The closure, on Friday, Dec. 16, and Monday, Dec. 19, through Thursday, Dec. 22, is to allow the placement of concrete beams on the new bridge... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Sheriff's DUI sweep rounds up 24 alleged offenders](#)  
 NORRISTOWN >> A holiday season crackdown on drunken drivers by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has ended with getting two dozen of the county's most wanted offenders off the roads. During a week-long initiative targeting those on the county's "Most Wanted List" of DUI scofflaws, deputies arrested 15 people and an... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
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- 12-13-2016 [When the snow flies, slow down while you're behind the wheel](#)  
 Over the past couple of days, the Juniata Valley got its first significant taste of snow, sleet, freezing rain and ice this season. And, predictably, the frequency of automobile accidents seemed to rise as the roads became slicker. We realize the vast majority of you reading this are no stranger to... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
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 Mahanoy City Borough Council voted 5-0 on Thursday to apply for a state grant for the rehabilitation of two sections of Market Street, one of which is currently closed to traffic. "This resolution is allowing us to apply for a competitive CDBG for Market Street," Borough Manager Daniel L. Lynch said.... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
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 A CAT bus makes a stop along South Hanover Street in Carlisle. Cumberland County's government notified the press during a meeting Monday evening that it is asking for the City of Harrisburg's partnership in regionalizing transit service. Such a move would radically alter, or end, the current Capital Area Transit... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 12-13-2016 [Pennsylvania gas taxes scheduled to rise 8 cents in January](#)  
 Motorists in Pennsylvania will be hit with the third and final step in the gradual gas tax increases that are being phased in as part of a 2013 state law that's supposed to raise billions to improve bridges, highways and other transportation modes... - [AP](#)

- 12-13-2016 [Get ready for another gas tax increase](#)  
Drivers in Pennsylvania face the third and last installment of gas tax increases Jan. 1 resulting from Act 89, a bipartisan effort to address a large backlog of highway and bridge repair needs in the state. The increase in the tax is the equivalent of about eight cents per gallon,... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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All new cars and light trucks would be able to talk wirelessly with each other, with traffic lights and with other roadway infrastructure under a rule the Transportation Department proposed Tuesday... - [AP](#)
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(Press Release)
- 12-12-2016 [CMU grant shows Pittsburgh's growth as a transportation innovation center](#)  
Pittsburgh's size, relationships and vision continue to raise the region's transportation profile on a national level. Last week's award of a \$14 million grant to Carnegie Mellon University to establish a National University Transportation Center on mobility is the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Sleepy drivers kill: An impairment that cannot be brushed aside](#)  
Society looks askance at the inebriated person who gets behind the wheel and the one who texts while driving. But no such opprobrium faces the groggy driver. Perhaps America is too tired to notice him. A new study by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, however, provides a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Wallet warning: State gas tax set to rise Jan. 1](#)  
"Don't tell me the price of gas is going up again," Chuck Wright said Thursday morning at the Glassmere gas station in West Deer. Wright, 52, a truck driver from East Deer, probably won't be the only motorist surprised to learn about the change in gasoline prices on New... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Snow, sleet mix blusters into region, threatening drivers](#)  
A wintry mix of rain, sleet, and snow predicted for parts of the Philadelphia region Sunday could create problems for commuters in the early hours of Monday during the morning rush. The National Weather Service in Mount Holly expects little or no accumulation, especially in Philadelphia and south and east of the city... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Eastbound I-76 reopened, westbound remains closed](#)  
Officials have reopened Pennsylvania Turnpike eastbound between Blue Mountain and Carlisle, but the westbound lanes remain closed. The 4 a.m. crash involved two tractor-trailers and a minivan, with four people injured and one of the trucks overturned. The crash at milemarker... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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BREEZEWOOD, Pa. A three-vehicle crash has closed a section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike... - [AP](#)
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PITTSBURGH An appeals court has cleared the way for refiling of a lawsuit against an engineering firm in the deaths of four people killed in flash flooding in Pittsburgh more than five years ago... - [AP](#)
- 12-12-2016 [PennDOT reduces interstate speed limits; Crash slows traffic on I81 South](#)

According to PennDOT: A multi vehicle accident on I-81 southbound between Exit 184: PA 307 - MOOSIC ST. There is a lane restriction. Also, Due to the severity of the winter storm, PennDOT is temporarily reducing the speed limit on all interstates throughout Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike,... - [Scranton Times](#)

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**[Deer-versus-car collisions common this time of year](#)**

Avoiding deer collisions Slow down, particularly at dusk and dawn. If you see one deer, be prepared for more deer to cross the road. Pay attention to deer crossing signs. Always buckle up, every trip, every time. Make sure both headlights are working properly and use your high beams... - [Reading Eagle](#)

12-12-2016

**[Contractors to present plans for state Pa. Welcome Center](#)**

The Pennsylvania Welcome Center in Delaware Water Gap may get some improvements. A state-hired contractor will go before Smithfield Township Planning Commission this week with upgrade plans. "They're still at the beginning of the process," said Township Supervisor... - [Pocono Record](#)

12-12-2016

**[Public forum to discuss automated vehicles set](#)**

The state's Autonomous Vehicles Testing Policy Task Force has delivered recommended guidance to state Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie S. Richards for developing policies to oversee testing of highly automated vehicles, also known as HAVs, and has scheduled an online public forum on... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

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**[PennDOT reduces interstate speeds due to freezing conditions](#)**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is temporarily reducing the speed limits on Interstate 80 and Interstate 180 due to the snowy conditions. PennDOT's community relations coordinator Dave Thompson said the speed limits on I-80 and I-180 have dropped to 45 mph in Montour and Union... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)

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**[Two years or four? Miscommunication mars Route 147 reconstruction project](#)**

NORTHUMBERLAND — Borough Council Vice President Paul Boyer is upset with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and how they've handled communications with both the council and the public at large regarding the \$14 million road reconstruction project commencing in April 2017.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)

12-12-2016

**[PennDOT lifts speed limit restriction on Interstates 80, 81](#)**

MOOSIC, Pa. Wintry weather was affecting various parts of Pennsylvania, with the northeastern part of the state bearing the brunt of a system that produced rain farther south, but icy and snowy conditions to the north... - [AP](#)

12-12-2016

**[Boeing Speaks in Trump Terms on Iran Deal: It's About Jobs](#)**

Boeing officials, already dismayed by Mr. Trump's attack last week over the costs of a new Air Force One, acknowledged that the Iran jet deal still faced contingencies — a polite way of saying they were deeply worried about whether Mr. Trump and the Republican-led Congress would support it.... - [New York Times](#)

12-12-2016

**[Sen. Dinniman announces funding for Exton and Downingtown transportation projects](#)**

WEST CHESTER >> State Sen. Andrew E. Dinniman announced that two multimodal transportation infrastructure improvement projects in Exton and Downingtown will receive more than \$600,000 in total state funding. The projects, which were approved for funding on Dec. 6 by the Commonwealth... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)

12-12-2016

**[Meeting on Route 322 widening to four lanes set for Dec. 14](#)**

State Rep. Steve Barrar, R-160, of Upper Chichester, and state Sen. Tom Killion, R-9, of Middletown, will be hosting a public meeting on planned improvements to Route 322 at 6 p.m.

on Dec. 14 in the Concord Township Municipal Building, Meeting Room 43, Thornton Road, Glen Mills.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)

- 12-12-2016 [State legislators announce grants for county improvements](#)  
State Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky, D-161 of Swarthmore, announces that the Commonwealth Financing Authority approved a grant totaling \$750,000 for Nether Providence Township to create walkable and bikeable pathways. "This project will allow Nether Providence to provide residents safe... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
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MAHANAY CITY — The borough council voted 5-0 on Thursday to apply for a state grant for the rehabilitation of two sections of Market Street, one of which is currently closed to traffic. "This resolution is allowing us to apply for a competitive CDBG for Market Street," Borough Manager Daniel L. Lynch said. "As we... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Reasoning behind chip and oil roads](#)  
This letter is in response to "Steep cost for inadequate roadwork," Nov. 9, by Bruce Masternak. If he thinks "fair is fair," then he should start by thanking former Republican Gov. Tom Corbett. He passed a transportation bill that raised the registration and license fees; that is also why we pay an... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Pedal to the mettle: LifeCycles provides an invaluable service in Lancaster County](#)  
THE ISSUE LifeCycles, a Lancaster nonprofit that, according to its website, builds "young men of character with a Christ-centered bicycle touring adventure experience," was founded last year by 56-year-old Lee DeRemer, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel. The organization, which started... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Airport authority seeks to cut expenses after county allocation falls short](#)  
FALLS CREEK — The Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority is looking to cut costs in its 2017 spending plan after the airport allocation from Clearfield County fell short of the requested amount. Airport manager Robert W. Shaffer provided the response from the... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Bridge over Alloway Creek replacement plans open to review](#)  
The community is invited to view plans for the replacement of the Route 97 bridge over Alloway Creek between Mount Joy and Germany townships in Adams County. The construction work scheduled for next year is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) Rapid Bridge Replacement Project.... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Safety of children should be No. 1 priority](#)  
The driver of a Baltimore school bus that crashed into another vehicle last month, killing himself and five other people, was driving 57 mph in a 30 mph zone, had a record of previous crashes and had been taking medication for seizures, investigators reported this week.... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Such a huge increase in parking meter rates not justified](#)  
Dec 10, 2016 Increasing the rates at the prime and busiest downtown parking meters by a significant amount is not justified, and is not good business. While we appreciate the extensive work that Gregory J. Wilson, assistant city manager, did in formulating ideas for City Council to consider, with... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 12-12-2016 [PennDOT keeps focus on bridges](#)  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has managed to repair some of the structurally-deficient bridges in Northeastern Pennsylvania, but still has many to go. Susan Hazelton, assistant district engineer for design in PennDOT's Dunmore district office, briefed members of

the Greater Hazleton Chamber of... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)

- 12-12-2016 [Allegany State Park cross country ski trail system open for season](#)  
 RED HOUSE, N.Y. — There were cross country ski tracks on the Art Roscoe Cross Country Ski Trail at the first sign of snow in Allegany State Park before Thanksgiving. The 24-mile trail system wasn't officially open and there wasn't enough snow to groom, but a few cross country skiing enthusiasts decided... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Pennsylvania Turnpike reopens after crash Monday morning](#)  
 The eastbound lane of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Carlisle and Breezewood reopened around 10:45 a.m. after a crash closed the highway earlier today. Posted earlier on Cumberlink: The westbound lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Carlisle and Breezewood reopened at 8:45 a.m.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Pa. Turnpike now open between Carlisle and Blue Mountain](#)  
 Officials have completely reopened Pennsylvania Turnpike eastbound between Blue Mountain and Carlisle after a 4 a.m. crash Monday. The westbound lanes had reopened earlier, and now eastbound lanes are open as well. The crash involved two tractor-trailers and a minivan, with four people... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Ohio River work approved, funding still needed](#)  
 Congress has approved building three new sets of locks and dams at the head of the Ohio River, leaving funding for the \$2.65 billion project the only hurdle left to completing the overdue work. Replacing Depression-era locks and dams at Emsworth, Dashields, near... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-12-2016 [Public meeting over Harrisburg parking set for tonight as officials spar over revenue, meter rates](#)  
 A public meeting is set for tonight about Harrisburg's parking system amid a showdown over parking revenue and meter rates. Parking officials have been threatening since last year to increase the \$3 hourly rate for street meters downtown and the central business district to... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-11-2016 [Zero-emissions vehicles: Driving a market perversion](#)  
 Government emissions diktats continue to produce market distortions so ridiculous that General Motors "stands to lose as much as \$9,000" on every sale of a new battery-electric subcompact, according to Bloomberg. The \$37,500 Chevrolet Bolt is debuting in California and Oregon before... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 Shares of major U.S. airlines were higher Friday, after American Airlines and United Airlines raised profit and revenue forecasts for the fourth quarter. Several carriers said ticket bookings have been stronger during the holiday season and since Election Day.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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 It might be a messy commute for drivers tomorrow morning. According to the National Weather Service, a wintry mix of snow, freezing rain and sleet is expected to begin today and move through the region during tomorrow morning's commute. A winter weather advisory has been issued for areas of eastern Pennsylvania... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-11-2016 [This weekend on SEPTA: New schedules, shuttle buses, closed trolley tunnel](#)  
 SEPTA riders should prepare for a number of changes to their trips this weekend. Here's what you need to know if you're getting around on public transit Saturday and Sunday. New Regional Rail schedules: Perhaps the biggest change is that new schedules on most Regional Rail lines go into effect Sunday. The new... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 12-11-2016 [State, Google target methane](#)  
Since his election, President-elect Donald Trump has offered mixed signals regarding his view of climate change, which he had characterized during the campaign as a hoax concocted by the Chinese to diminish Western economies. He told reporters and editors at The New York Times that he has an... - [Scranton Times](#)
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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will repair guide rails on Interstate 81. Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the department will repair damaged rails on the southbound and northbound sections of the interstate. The repairs will be made between exits 178 to 206; there will be single... - [Scranton Times](#)
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Luzerne County is still considering a \$5 tax on vehicle registrations. This amounts to a luxury tax. A tax on items deemed to be a luxury. Is an automobile a luxury? No, it is yet another expensive cost in the many costs which are absolutely necessary to live.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 12-11-2016 [Your View: Luzerne County residents should draw line at vehicle registration fee](#)  
I am a Luzerne County resident who is opposed to the new vehicle registration tax. There has to be another way to raise revenue, or maybe it's time to just cut back. With this new tax Luzerne County Manager Dave Pedri wants to hire 18 new county workers. It's time they stop putting the financial burden on the... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 12-11-2016 [PennDOT restores speed limits on Erie-area interstates](#)  
PennDOT has lifted speed limit restrictions that were placed on Erie-area interstates during Saturday's winter storm. While speeds had been restored to their usual limits by Sunday morning, the winter weather isn't over. The National Weather Service has issued a winter... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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The day before Election Day, even the most frequent of travelers may have missed the bad news about Hertz. After a disappointing earnings release, its stock fell by 23 percent. The trouble seemed to come mostly from too many of its cars losing value too quickly, but revenue fell, too. Which could not be less surprising,... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-11-2016 [Turnpike makes changes after snowstorm stranded motorists in January](#)  
Conditions on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in January were frightening: nearly 500 vehicles stranded westbound between Bedford and Somerset and unable to move for more than 24 hours after more than 36 inches of snow fell unexpectedly. Waves of emergency workers, including turnpike personnel, the National... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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(Press Release)
- 12-09-2016 [PEMA: Commonwealth Response Coordination Center Activated Due to Vehicle...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-09-2016 [Fewer snow angels: Lack of funds restricts volunteer snow-shoveling effort](#)  
Sidewalks glistening with powdery snow may look romantic and ethereal on a postcard. But anyone living in Western Pennsylvania knows that negotiating frozen walkways is anything but a joy. And for some, clearing snow and ice from their sidewalks and driveways is... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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State regulators today opened up the application process for ride-hail services to, for the first time, apply for permanent licences to operate in Pennsylvania. In a 5-0 vote, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission established regulations under which these companies, like Uber, Lyft and zTrip will... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Tom Treadwell doesn't see drivers for J.A. Trucking taking a back seat to self-driving rigs. "It's not to say that it wouldn't work well out West," said Treadwell, information technology manager of the West Newton-based regional hauler, of future trucks piloting themselves.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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The Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority could vote Tuesday on whether to apply for funds to dismantle the Coxtan Railroad Bridge. The organization sent a letter of intent in November to the state Department of Community and Economic Development to apply for funds from... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
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The Reading Parking Authority's computer system has been hit with a virus that shut down accounting and other software programs, officials said Thursday. As a result, about 7,500 people who park in authority garages and surface lots were greeted Wednesday with a small sticker on the parking gates at... - [Reading Eagle](#)
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The state Department of Transportation says a section of westbound Interstate 90 in northwestern Pennsylvania will probably remain closed through noon as crews clear wreckage from a 15-vehicle pileup being blamed on lake-effect now... - [AP](#)
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The trucking industry scored a victory this week when Republican lawmakers effectively blocked Obama administration safety rules aimed at keeping tired truckers off the highway... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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If you're interested in becoming a driver for Uber or Lyft and the car in your driveway is a 2003 Chevy Malibu with 350,001 miles on it, you're going to need a new whip to get the job. The provision that a ride-hailing service vehicle can be no older than 10... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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And any scaling back of fuel-economy goals by the Trump administration, if Mr. Pruitt's climate change skepticism and embrace of fossil fuels translates to policy, could also influence the types of vehicles the industry plans to build in coming years — and where it builds them.... - [New York Times](#)
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A day before President-elect Donald Trump threatened one of Boeing's most high-profile defense procurements, the deal to build the new Air Force One, the company had finalized a deal to pledge \$1 million for his inaugural festivities, the company said Thursday.... - [Washington Post](#)
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If President-elect Donald Trump is going to go line by line through the Pentagon's budget looking for waste, the first place Rep. Jackie Speier thinks he should examine is the Littoral

Combat Ship program. When the program began some 15 years ago, the Navy planned on purchasing 55... - [Washington Post](#)

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Relief for car owners who fear rogue towing operations: Philadelphia city council passed a bill on Thursday making it harder to tow without cause. Towing operators showed up in force to try to dissuade the bill's sponsor, Maria Quinones Sanchez, but she could not be moved.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
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Talking on the phone? Good idea or bad idea? The Department of Transportation wants to know your thoughts before they implement a policy which would allow mile-high phone conversations. Over the next 60 days, the Department of Transportation will be gathering... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
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Philadelphia has earned a 'silver-level' status from the League of American Bicyclists, thanks in part to the Indego bike sharing program and additional bike lanes lining the streets. The City of Brotherly Love was named 'silver-level' in 2012, a boost from 'bronze-level' status in 2009.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
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A rocket scientist says he's developed the solution to distracting driving caused by cellphones. And better yet, it may be available as soon as early 2017 to Sprint customers. T-Mobile is also interested, The Washington Post reported. Scott Tibbitts, and his colleagues at Katasi have been pushing for his... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
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Somerset Township supervisors heard from a state trooper during their meeting Thursday about efforts to combat distracted driving. - [Somerset Daily](#)
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Jefferson County has exceeded its requested allocation for the DuBois Regional Airport for 2017 while Clearfield County's contribution is significantly lower, according to figures from the two counties' 2017 budgets. Recently, the Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
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The relatives of a mother and two children who died in a 2011 flash-flooding of Washington Boulevard in Pittsburgh's Highland Park will get a second chance to sue the engineering company they say should have warned authorities and prevented the catastrophe, a Pennsylvania appeals... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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