

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

<a href="#">HCO 275</a>	<a href="#">Pickett, Tina</a>	Holds passengers traveling in vehicle at the time of an accident causing serious injury or death as legally responsible as the driver for reporting the accident to authorities as soon as possible.
<a href="#">HCO 279</a>	<a href="#">Driscoll, Michael</a>	Requires self-propelled wheelchairs and electrical mobility devices be equipped with reflector requirement.
<a href="#">SCO 269</a>	<a href="#">Ward, Kim</a>	Requires the PA Turnpike Commission to waive tolls for emergency vehicles when directly responding to an emergency situation or participating in an escort.
<a href="#">SCO 272</a>	<a href="#">Yaw, Gene</a>	Requires a passenger to give reasonable assistance if the driver is physically unable or refuses or neglects to render aid.
<a href="#">SCO 282</a>	<a href="#">Tartaglione, Christine</a>	Provides heightened penalties for offenses committed against public transportation employees.
<a href="#">SCO 304</a>	<a href="#">Boscola, Lisa</a>	Bans the use of drones to deliver contraband to correctional facilities, or perform surveillance of correctional facilities.
<a href="#">SCO 306</a>	<a href="#">Schwank, Judy</a>	Requires an offset to be made against Motor License funding in municipalities with populations of at least 5,000 residents that rely on state police for primary police coverage.

## Upcoming Events

### PA Turnpike Commission

January 3, 2017 - 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

## 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

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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

- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Governor Wolf Touts Port of Philadelphia Investment to Create Thousands of...\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Port Authority contract reflects fiscal strength\*\*](#)  
What a difference four years can make. At the end of 2012, the Port Authority was an agency in disarray, having just weathered a bruising union contract fight only through intervention by Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and then-Gov. Tom Corbett. The... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Investing in our waterways\*\*](#)  
By Matt Smith The need to invest in our nation's infrastructure continues to garner bipartisan support in Washington, D.C., and the Pittsburgh region stands to benefit from recently passed legislation. Earlier this month, Congress passed a multibillion-dollar... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Rising gas prices among biggest concerns for drivers\*\*](#)  
Wednesday officially ushers in the start of winter, but drivers traveling for the holiday weekend should enjoy clear roads with unseasonably warm temperatures, making a white Christmas unlikely in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Green instead will be the color of concern for many motorists as gas prices... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Southwest Airlines' website crashes, preventing online ticket bookings and check-in for flights\*\*](#)  
Southwest Airlines' website crashed Tuesday, preventing reservations bookings and online flight check-in during a hectic holiday travel week. "Southwest.com recovery is underway," the airline said in an email statement. "Our technology teams are in the process of restoring our... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Going home for holidays? Airline, route, and airport could make a difference\*\*](#)  
If you want to get to Grandmother's house for Christmas or Hanukkah, the airport, airline, and route you choose can make a difference. Carriers with the most flight cancellations around the December holidays are Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airways. And the chances of your flight... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*PennDOT trucker fired for being 'dangerous' can't get unemployment comp\*\*](#)  
A PennDOT truck driver who was fired for being "dangerous" isn't eligible for unemployment compensation because he refused to obey the rules of the road, a Commonwealth Court panel ruled Tuesday. Winston Banks wasn't fired over just one incident, according to the opinion... - [\*Harrisburg Patriot-News\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Hunting season was a bummer for Hillsgrove businesses due to flash flood damage\*\*](#)  
HILLSGROVE -- It was a bleak fall for the businesses in the small Sullivan County town of Hillsgrove that look to hunting season like mall stores do to Christmas. The business downturn is attributed to damage caused by flash floods that occurred after up to eight inches of rain fell two months ago Wednesday.... - [\*Harrisburg Patriot-News\*](#)
- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Fatal crashes fall in Lehigh Valley despite rise in population\*\*](#)  
Vehicle-related fatalities and major injuries in the Lehigh Valley occurred less frequently from 2010 to 2014 than they did from 2006 to 2010 despite an increase in population and vehicle registrations, according to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's updated traffic safety

plan.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

- 12-21-2016 [Retired Amtrak supervisor admits accepting gifts from vendor](#)  
TRENTON, N.J. A retired Amtrak supervisor has admitted soliciting and accepting more than \$7,000 worth of items from a New Jersey vendor as a reward for spending more than \$185,000... - [AP](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Pittsburgh-area transit agency approves 4-year pact](#)  
PITTSBURGH The board of the Pittsburgh-area transit agency has approved a four-year contract with the agency's largest labor union... - [AP](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Lessons from L.A.'s I-405](#)  
A joke in Los Angeles has it that Interstate 405, or "the 405" as it is known, is named that because it takes "4 or 5" hours to get anywhere. The 75-mile stretch of the 405 in Los Angeles carries 300,000 cars a day. The congestion is Angelinos' problem, but also a broader cautionary... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Kalahari hosting crash victims' memorial](#)  
Kalahari Resort is hosting a memorial service for the Rutkowski family members who died as a result of the Nov. 18 crash on Interstate 80 West near Scotrun. The service is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the resort, 250 Kalahari Boulevard, Pocono Manor, PA 18349.... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Holiday sobriety checkpoints set in York County](#)  
Sobriety checkpoints are designed to remove impaired drivers from the road. Here's what you can expect when you go through one. Sean Heisey, York Daily Record Police in York County will conduct roving DUI patrols and sobriety checkpoints during the upcoming holiday weekends.... - [York Daily](#)
- 12-21-2016 ['We will finish in 2019'](#)  
NORTHUMBERLAND — Representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation told the Northumberland Borough Council and a vocal crowd of more than 30 residents at Tuesday night's meeting that the Water Street-Front Street road reconstruction project will take three years.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Union County man paroled in Budd case back in prison for DUI arrest](#)  
A New Columbia man is back in state prison on a drugged driving arrest two months after he was paroled for his role in the Union County rock-throwing incident that permanently injured an Ohio school teacher. Brett Lahr, 21, is held at the state prison in Coal Township on an alleged... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Bus fares could drop for student riders](#)  
HERMITAGE – In an effort to boost ridership, Mercer County Regional Council of Governments is proposing to drop the fare charged to student riders on Shenango Valley Shuttle Service buses. The change would affect anyone of student age who gets on the bus, including school students who attend Sharon or Farrell schools, where... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 12-21-2016 [New air carrier looks to make travel to, from Johnstown easier](#)  
Smoother check-in and more convenient ticketing and transfers will make Southern Airways Express flights even more convenient, airline executives say. Most of the new features are tied to the rollout of a new Southern Airways Express website, which is expected next month, Chief Marketing Officer... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Happy New Year: Gas taxes to rise 8 cents per gallon](#)  
As the ball drops to bring in the New Year, gas prices will rise in Pennsylvania. Gasoline taxes

are set to increase by 8 cents per gallon on Jan. 1. Pennsylvania already has the highest gas taxes in the country, at 50 cents per gallon. That's not including the federal gas tax of 18 cents.... - [Somerset Daily](#)

- 12-21-2016 [Ride-Hailing Gains Prominence for Any Special Session in Albany](#)  
Over Thanksgiving, for example, the company offered \$100 credits to upstate college students who posted good Uber stories using the hashtag lawmakers, while sponsoring a seven-figure digital and broadcast advertising campaign, with the motto "Join the Chorus," citing its... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Volkswagen Expected to Pay Another \\$1 Billion in Emissions Scandal](#)  
Some details were still being worked out on Tuesday by the parties, which include Volkswagen, the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and the Justice Department. "This settlement is about taking pollution out of the air we breathe," said Cynthia Giles, the E.P.A.'s assistant administrator... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Silicon Valley Dominating Self-Driving Tech? Motor City Says Not So Fast](#)  
The latest step came this month when Gov. Rick Snyder signed a package of laws to permit more extensive testing of self-driving cars on public roads, while clearing the way for use of autonomous vehicles in trials by ride-hailing services. "We are opening a new portal for autonomous technology," Mr. Snyder... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [An Avoidable Crash in Car Loans](#)  
Congressional Republicans never wanted the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and have been trying to weaken the agency ever since it was created under the Dodd-Frank financial reform law of 2010. They're likely to intensify their efforts next year with Donald Trump in the White House.... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Metro isn't just broken. It's also broke.](#)  
FOR ALL intents and purposes, Metro is broke. Every few months, it revises upward its projected deficits in operating cash and capital needs, each time to heights dizzyingly beyond the political and fiscal wherewithal of its funding partners, the District, Maryland and Virginia. At each... - [Washington Post](#)
- 12-21-2016 [City Seeks Ambitious Proposal To Add Amtrak Stop At Philadelphia International Airport](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — City officials are excited about a proposal to provide an Amtrak stop at Philadelphia International Airport. The proposal is part of an ambitious long term plan to improve train service along the Northeast corridor. City Planning Commission Executive Director Gary Jastrzab said there have... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Pilots' Union Warns About Possible Amazon Package Delays For Christmas](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A labor dispute could prevent some Amazon packages from arriving in time for the holidays. Union pilots who fly for Amazon warned shoppers the packages could be delayed because of a labor dispute with the internet giant. A judge told the striking pilots last month they had to go back to work.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Multiple Million Dollar Renovation Project Helps Brighten Up Popular SEPTA Stop](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A once speedy subway station stop got a facelift. The Connector Project at the 2nd and Spring Garden SEPTA station features center column lights and a new lighting system, all inside the massive formerly dimly lit viaduct and new sidewalks.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Gas prices continue December rise; additional spike expected with Jan. 1 tax increase](#)  
After inching up through December, gas prices are expected to keep rising through the end of the year, according to a new report from GasBuddy. National gas prices have seen their largest

increase in six years, driven by an agreement from oil producing companies to cut output, which boosts... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

- 12-21-2016 [VW agrees to buy back or repair 80,000 more vehicles as part of emissions settlement](#)  
A new group of VW diesel vehicle owners are eligible to have their vehicles bought back or repaired as part of the resolution of the company's diesel emissions scandal. In an agreement announced Tuesday, VW said it would buy back 20,000 polluting diesel vehicles with 3-liter, six-cylinder engines and fix about... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Ex-PennDOT driver won't get unemployment comp after being fired for 'dangerous' driving](#)  
A PennDOT trucker won't be getting unemployment compensation after losing his job last year. The court ruled that Winston Banks isn't eligible for the compensation because he repeatedly refused to drive safely, even when he had an agency specialist riding with him.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Improvements planned for towpath in New Hope](#)  
New Hope Borough has plans to improve access to the towpath trail with help from a \$240,000 grant from the Bucks County Open Space program. On Tuesday, the council unanimously adopted the \$4.41 million budget with \$320,000 allotted for the Canal Interface Towpath Trail Access Improvement... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 12-21-2016 [PennDOT: Norry road project may take longer](#)  
Residents cite inconvenience, safety. NORTHUMBERLAND — Some of the more than 30 citizens of Northumberland Borough attending the Tuesday night borough council meeting felt they were misled by PennDOT officials as to the duration of a project to rehabilitate much of Routes 11 and 147 through the borough.... - [Milton Standard](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Despite rising gas prices, record breaking travel anticipated](#)  
Following record low prices, gas prices have been trending upwards and western Pennsylvania saw a three cent increase in the past week. - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [PennDOT to stop distributing tag registration stickers](#)  
As we move into the new year, some old traditions will be left behind. Namely, registration stickers on Pennsylvania license plates. PennDOT will stop issuing the stickers on Dec. 31, and drivers will no longer be required to place the stickers on their plates. They will, however, still... - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 12-21-2016 [New rail rules are bad policy](#)  
In preparing for the holiday season, we spend considerable time on our shopping list of presents, but most of us have no idea how those presents got to the store or warehouse from where they were shipped. About 54 tons of freight is moved for every American each year, hauled by... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 12-21-2016 [Plan for DUI checkpoints, patrols through New Year's Eve](#)  
Holiday revelers should designate a sober driver to get them ho, ho, home — or risk buying themselves what's not-so-affectionately called the \$10,000 ride home. Police in York and Lancaster counties will conduct sobriety checkpoints and have roving DUI patrols through New Year's Eve, according to the Center for... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 12-21-2016 [ACLU: City drops 'retaliation' suit vs. man who sued cops](#)  
PITTSBURGH The American Civil Liberties Union says a western Pennsylvania city has dropped a lawsuit against a man who unsuccessfully sued the city's police for allegedly using excessive force during his 2010 drunken driving arrest. The ACLU sued the city of Greensburg last December, seeking to prevent what... - [AP](#)



- 12-21-2016 [\*\*Pa. AG's office: School transport company owner hired drivers with criminal records\*\*](#)  
The owner of an Allegheny County-based transportation company serving charter schools has been charged by the state Attorney General's office with hiring drivers who have criminal records to transport children and using improperly insured vehicles. - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Flight Attendants Urge the Flying Public to Deny Norwegian Air International\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Infrastructure Roundtable Accelerating Energy, Transportation & Manufacturing...\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Uber. for many, the ideal job\*\*](#)  
Letter writer Joe Mielcarek questions why anyone would work for Uber given that its employees pay for their own vehicles, tires, gas, insurance and inspections ("Uber's Perfect Plan," Dec. 16). It's because Uber enables car owners already paying for those costs to... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Tuesday takes\*\*](#)  
O f the goose & gander: It is apropos that the City of Pittsburgh has cited itself, even if in error, for failing to maintain some of the properties it owns. And regardless of the small number of properties involved (eight), the observation of District Judge Richard King of Carrick is spot-on: The... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Out late? Get ready to feed meter, Pittsburgh\*\*](#)  
Pittsburgh City Council is expected to vote Tuesday to extend parking meter enforcement until midnight — a six-hour increase — on Fridays and Saturdays in the bustling South Side bar and restaurant district. Under the "parking enhancement district" supported by Council... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Tribes' OK sought in South Buffalo's Whiterock Road project\*\*](#)  
Getting approval from as many as 20 Native American tribes appears to be all that's standing in the way of South Buffalo and its Whiterock Road project. The township would like to move Whiterock Road several feet farther from the Allegheny River near the Clinton section of South Buffalo. A tributary... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Uber customer in Philly gets surprise charge of \\$28,000\*\*](#)  
What Uber has described as "a glitch" in its computers led to a number of users' being charged improperly, in at least one case for more than \$28,000, according to the ride hailing app giant. The company said the glitch affected "a handful" of users and was a temporary problem. Its engineers are working to ensure a similar glitch... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Lehigh Valley planners identify crash trends, critical freight corridors\*\*](#)  
Vehicle-related fatalities and major injuries in the Lehigh Valley occurred less frequently from 2010 to 2014 than they did from 2006 to 2010 despite an increase in population and vehicle registrations, according to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's updated traffic safety plan.... - [\*Allentown Morning Call\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Need a car? Downtown Easton will soon have car-share program\*\*](#)  
Easton may be on the banks of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers, but the city has a "shore-town problem" with tourists — and their cars — packing the downtown every summer for festivals and attractions like the Crayola Experience and the State Theatre. Easton officials hope to free up parking spaces by becoming the first... - [\*Allentown Morning Call\*](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Editorial: New excursion train service an exciting development\*\*](#)

The Issue: A railroad company plans a route from Muhlenberg Township to Jim Thorpe. Our Opinion: This could help local tourism and give area residents some new travel opportunities. It's an all too common situation for residents of this area. An out-of-town friend or relative wishing to visit asks about taking a train to Reading.... - [Reading Eagle](#)

12-20-2016

**[GE Transportation gives to three Erie-area charities](#)**

GE Transportation will donate \$35,000 to three local charities during a ceremony Tuesday. The company will give \$15,000 to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which will be used to match other donations for the fund's telethon to be held in early 2017. GE will give \$10,000 to Penn State THON, the university's largest... - [Erie Times-News](#)

12-20-2016

**[Is there hope for LVIA in how bad other airports are?](#)**

Lehigh Valley International Airport has struggled for years in coming up with a marketing strategy to keep flyers from driving the relatively short distances to New York, Newark or Philadelphia to board a plane. Often, travelers will hit the road to find a better deal or a more direct... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

12-20-2016

**[Greene County cleaning up after Sunday flood](#)**

WAYNESBURG – The repeated honking from a neighbor's car alarm woke David Johnson up early Sunday morning. Johnson, 62, who is originally from Alabama and now living temporarily in the Waynesburg area for work, looked out the window of his large recreational vehicle parked at the Raymont RV Park in West Waynesburg and... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

12-20-2016

**[Officials: PennDOT will save section of historic bridge for park](#)**

SHARPSVILLE – Sharpsville officials said PennDOT confirmed recently that part of the historic Kelly Road Bridge will be made available to the borough to incorporate in an extension of Canal Recreation Park. As part of the project to replace the two separate Kelly Road Bridge spans,... - [Sharon Herald](#)

12-20-2016

**[Tractor-trailer fire shuts down turnpike in Chester County](#)**

Charlestown >> A tractor-trailer fire closed the eastbound lanes on the Pennsylvania Turnpike east of the Downingtown interchange during the height of rush hour Monday morning. The truck was stopped at mile marker 315.4 backing up eastbound traffic for miles.... - [Phoenixville News](#)

12-20-2016

**[Safety advocates fear truck speed limiter rule could stall](#)**

DETROIT >> Highway safety advocates are worried that a government rule that would electronically limit speeds of tractor-trailers could be scuttled or ignored by the administration of President-elect Donald Trump... - [AP](#)

12-20-2016

**[Wires fixed, delays remain on SEPTA regional rails](#)**

SEPTA crews completed overhead wire repairs early Monday afternoon, but, later in the day, the transit agency still was reporting delays ranging from 20 minutes to 45 minutes on the Warminster, West Trenton and Doylestown-Lansdale regional rail lines. "Any service delay is annoying to customers but a major travel interruption... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)

12-20-2016

**[Continued sprawl stymies traffic flow](#)**

The editorial on traffic must have been written by someone who is very naive or doesn't read or travel much, or all of the above ("Traffic jammed," Dec. 8). It might seem logical that road "improvements" would alleviate congestion. They might, but only briefly. After that, traffic will fill the... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

12-20-2016

**[Rail Crossing Warnings Are Sought for Mapping Apps](#)**

These days, drivers count on mapping apps for more than getting from one place to another. The apps serve as in-car bulletin boards, alerting drivers in real time about their surroundings. Navigation apps such as Waze provide warnings for traffic jams, broken-down vehicles, roadway

debris or... - [New York Times](#)

- 12-20-2016 [PennDOT centers closed for Christmas](#)  
HARRISBURG-The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced Monday that all driver license and photo centers, including the full-service center in Harrisburg, will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday, according to a press release issued... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 12-20-2016 [County approves transit study](#)  
In a swift vote, the Armstrong County Commissioners approved a transit coordination study that will be conducted by PennDOT. Resolution 2016 No. 34 was adopted by unanimous vote, and PennDOT will perform a study on public transportation efforts between Armstrong and Indiana counties from... - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 12-20-2016 [Police on hunt for drunk drivers](#)  
This holiday season, police are looking for drunk drivers as part of a special year-end Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization. From now into the new year, motorists will see stepped-up enforcement watching closely for anyone who is driving impaired, David Everly, North... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 12-20-2016 [Port Authority OKs new transit union contract](#)  
The Port Authority of Allegheny County's board of directors on Tuesday approved a new contract with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85 during a six-minute special meeting. The labor union, made up of about 2,200 bus drivers, mechanics and other employees, on Sunday voted to approve the contract.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-20-2016 [Port Authority approves contract with bus drivers, mechanics](#)  
The Port Authority board of directors this morning unanimously approved a new four-year contract with about 2,200 bus drivers and mechanics. Members of Local 85 of the Amalgamated Transit Union voted Sunday to approve the deal, which grants raises of 11.25 percent. The deal also... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-20-2016 [Uber blames glitch for Philly woman's \\$28,000-plus fare](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ride sharing giant Uber is blaming a computer glitch for overcharging a "handful" of customers, including one Philadelphia woman whose bank blocked an attempt to charge her more than \$28,000 for a ride... - [AP](#)
- 12-20-2016 [N.J. Transit is learning the consequences of truth | Editorial](#)  
In a moment of bracing candor, a Bergen County attorney named Bruce Meisel - upon announcing his departure after four years as vice-chair on the board of NJ Transit - admitted Wednesday that the third-largest commuter rail system in the U.S. is built on stupid and unsustainable economics.... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 12-20-2016 [Stop suspending drivers' licenses for unjust, irrelevant reasons | Editorial](#)  
At the height of our failed drug war, a federal law was passed, sponsored by the late U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), that required those convicted of even the smallest drug offense - like smoking a joint on a park bench - to automatically lose their drivers' licenses.... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 12-20-2016 [Trout vs the Pa. Turnpike: Court refuses to kill sportsmen's group's challenge over turnpike expansion](#)  
The fish won a small victory Tuesday in a legal battle over a proposal to widen part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It came when a Commonwealth Court panel refused to dismiss all of a petition a Trout Unlimited chapter filed opposing a deal between the turnpike commission and Tredyffrin Township that the sportsmen's group... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)



- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Free parking day added in Harrisburg around the holidays\*\*](#)  
 Harrisburg's parking system has added another day of free parking around the Christmas holiday. SP Plus announced it will suspend all parking and ticket enforcement activities on Saturday, Dec. 24 throughout Harrisburg. Christmas Eve is not an official city holiday and would normally fall under established parking... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Statewide partnership provides Amtran with six new buses\*\*](#)  
 The grants — \$864,000 from the Federal Transit Administration and \$2 million from PennDOT — will cover the entire cost. Manufacturer Gillig will deliver the buses in June 2018, according to Amtran General Manager Eric Wolf. Amtran is buying them as one of 29 transit agencies participating in a... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 12-20-2016 [\*\*Airport making alcohol push\*\*](#)  
 The Altoona-Blair County Airport Authority is going to try again to introduce alcohol sales at the airport restaurant. In a unanimous vote at Monday night's monthly meeting, the authority authorized Solicitor David Pertile and airport Manager Tracy Plessinger to... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*Amtrak Offers Increased Service & Convenient Transportation to Inauguration...\*\*](#)  
 (Press Release)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*PennDOT Driver License, Photo Centers Closed For Christmas Holiday\*\*](#)  
 (Press Release)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*Pittsburgh's Health Ride bike-sharing program to expand\*\*](#)  
 Pittsburgh's Health Ride bike-sharing system has received a \$200,000 state grant to expand the number of stations it operates by 50 percent. The program, which began about 18 months ago, has 50 stations across the city where riders can rent bicycles at one location, ride to another and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*As Pittsburgh metro area's needs to grow, so do fundraising campaigns on GoFundMe website\*\*](#)  
 When the Wilkesburg Community Ministry needed some extra money over the summer to buy food and necessities for the people it serves, its executive director set up a campaign on GoFundMe.com. With the nearly \$2,500 raised through the campaign it started in July,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*Port Authority drivers and mechanics approve tentative contract\*\*](#)  
 Port Authority's drivers and mechanics approved a new tentative contract tonight. About half of the union's 2,200 members turned out to vote on the proposal which includes an 11.25 percent wage increase over four years. The same proposal was rejected by members in September, but the president... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*Port Authority union approves new contract\*\*](#)  
 Port Authority of Allegheny County's unionized workers have approved a new contract, Steve Palonis, president/business agent for ATU Local 85 told the Tribune-Review Sunday evening. The Port Authority board will hold a special meeting Tuesday to vote on approval the contract, said Port Authority spokesman Jim Ritchie.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*Businessman says NJ Transit reneged on promise, owes him \\$1M\*\*](#)  
 PATERSON, N.J. (AP) - A small businessman says New Jersey Transit owes him more than \$1 million after the agency reneged on a promise to let him run a restaurant in Atlantic City's bus terminal... - [AP](#)
- 12-19-2016 [\*\*Pittsburgh-area transit authority union OKs new contract\*\*](#)

PITTSBURGH The union representing 2,200 bus and light-rail drivers and other employees of the Pittsburgh area's transit agency has approved a new tentative contract... - [AP](#)

- 12-19-2016 [More than 100 million to travel during holiday season](#)  
Santa isn't the only one taking a road trip during this holiday travel season. A record 103 million Americans - an increase of 1.5 percent from 2015 - are expected to travel during the peak holiday season between Dec. 23 and Jan. 2, according to AAA. Most of them, about 93.6 million by AAA estimates, will making the trip by... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-19-2016 [How sharing cars can help Easton's parking problem](#)  
As more people flock to dine and live in Easton, it's getting tougher to find a place to park downtown. City council hopes a new car sharing program can help provide at least some relief. Council agreed to dedicate two non-metered parking spaces on Ferry Street... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Student manufactures emblems for River Walk Initiative](#)  
The manufacturing skills of a Pennsylvania College of Technology student are helping a local business highlight its commitment to the community. Joel E. Bergerstock, of Liverpool, produced aluminum emblems depicting the logo of The Bicycle Center for the South Williamsport business'... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Try, try again](#)  
SHARPSVILLE – Sharpsville council members have agreed to resubmit to the state a grant application for development of the former Sharpsville Furnace property. “We didn’t have success with the last round, so we’re going to take a stab for this year’s,” said Borough Manager Ken Robertson.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Letter to the editor | Warning light is accident waiting to happen](#)  
When traveling on William Penn Avenue north from Johnstown, just before you get to the Conemaugh Valley schools, there is a battery-operated warning light with a sign under it. The lights blink 24/7. The sign alerts motorists to school hours and urges them to slow down.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Major delays on Regional Rail lines](#)  
Riders should expect delays of up to two hours on some Regional Rail lines Monday morning. SEPTA said the lengthy delays were due to power problems at Jenkintown Station. There are two-hour delays on the irport, Lansdale/Doylestown, Warminster and West Trenton lines, the transit agency said.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Pa. Turnpike shut down in Chesco due to tractor-trailer fire](#)  
A section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike is shut down in Chester County due to a tractor-trailer fire. Eastbound lanes on Interstate 76 are closed between Exit 312 in Downingtown and Exit 326 for Valley Forge, according to PennDot. The tractor-trailer caught fire about 8 a.m. Monday.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Pittsburgh bike-sharing program gets \\$200K grant to expand](#)  
PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh's Health Ride bike-sharing program has received a \$200,000 grant to expand... - [AP](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Google Wants Driverless Cars, but Do We?](#)  
Love was in the air at President-elect Donald J. Trump's summit meeting last week with tech executives. Alphabet, Google's parent company, was really feeling it, coming as it did a day after the company announced that its self-driving technology was ready for commercialization. The meeting... - [New York Times](#)

- 12-19-2016 [Major delays, cancelations on SEPTA regional rails this morning](#)  
SEPTA is reporting equipment problems are causing up to 2-hour delays on several regional rail lines this morning. The delayed lines include the Lansdale/Doylestown, Warminster and West Trenton Lines. SEPTA is saying power problems at the Jenkintown station is the cause.... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Upper Merion Township receives \\$1.25M grant for Crow Creek Trail expansion](#)  
UPPER MERION >> Upper Merion Township has been awarded a \$1.25 million grant for improvements to the Crow Creek Trail, as approved by the Commonwealth Financing Authority from the Multimodal Transportation Fund. The grant was supported by State Representative Tim Briggs and State... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Rail trail will hurt residents](#)  
Multiple letters and opinions have been published in favor of the rails trail project through Northampton Township. Many long and ugly meetings with posturing and name calling have been held. Proponents declare the arguments against the project have no basis and the residents who abut the... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Dam safety is very important](#)  
Dams provide a vital service to our communities and economy, creating reservoirs for our water supply, protecting us from floods, and providing clean, renewable energy through hydropower, and serving as recreational facilities. But as our population grows and more people live below dams, potential... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Police brace for sticker shock](#)  
Area chiefs fret about enforcement as state drops license-plate decals. BLOOMSBURG — Starting Dec. 31, PennDOT will no longer issue the vehicle registration stickers most drivers put on their license plates every year. The state... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Norfolk Southern wants to close 2 RR crossings](#)  
CHAMBERSBURG -- Freight trains rumble through Guilford Township at 40 mph or faster. Norfolk Southern has proposed closing two railroad crossings – one on Lighthouse Road and another on South Third Street in Marion. Local officials are trying to adapt. The crossing on Lighthouse Road is arguably the most unsafe in Franklin... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Pa. Turnpike reopens in Chesco after tractor-trailer fire](#)  
A section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Chester County that was shut down due to a tractor-trailer fire has reopened... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Port Authority union approves new contract](#)  
Port Authority of Allegheny County's unionized workers have approved a new contract, Steve Palonis, president/business agent for ATU Local 85 told the Tribune-Review on Sunday evening. The Port Authority board will hold a special meeting Tuesday to vote on approval of the contract, said Port Authority spokesman Jim Ritchie.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-19-2016 [Pittsburgh bike-sharing program gets \\$200K grant to expand](#)  
Pittsburgh's Health Ride bike-sharing program has received a \$200,000 grant to expand. The program has 500 rental bikes at 50 stations in 11 of the city's neighborhoods. People can rent the bikes by the half-hour or by purchasing a membership for unlimited 30-minute or 60-minute rides for a monthly fee.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Repeal Pennsylvania's Act 44](#)  
Pennsylvania could face a transportation disaster if the Pennsylvania Legislature doesn't act now to repeal Act 44. Act 44 is rapidly bankrupting the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, threatening the commission's ability to maintain the safety of our crucial turnpike

system. A lawsuit may be brewing, however, that could save... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 12-18-2016 [Bike lane limits: Listen also to the needs of city business owners](#)  
In April 2015, Mayor Bill Peduto issued an executive order requiring the city to develop a “complete streets” policy for the Downtown business district. “Complete streets” are defined as streets that safely accommodate four groups of users: pedestrians, transit riders,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Pennsylvania to get \\$110 million to offset pollution from VW cheating scandal](#)  
Pennsylvania is slated to receive more than \$110 million to reduce air pollution from vehicles, ferries and other diesel-powered machines under the terms of a settlement with Volkswagen over the car company’s emissions-cheating scheme. The Pennsylvania-directed money will come from \$2.7 billion Volkswagen must... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Construction to begin in January on next phase of Southern Beltway](#)  
Construction of the next phase of the Southern Beltway around Pittsburgh International Airport has been discussed for decades, but timing is everything. After that long wait, the highway’s construction couldn’t have come at a more opportune time. The 13-mile, \$700 million toll road project coincides with the construction... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Ice storm hammers Pittsburgh, most T service resumes after shutdown](#)  
Port Authority light-rail service mostly resumed around 11 a.m. today after an hours-long shutdown this morning due to an ice storm that downed a key power line. Cars serving all three rail routes — the Red Line, Blue Line-South Hills Village and Blue Line-Library — are now heading inbound, Port... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Feds back ambitious plan to speed up Northeast rail service](#)  
Federal railroad regulators endorsed an ambitious and costly plan to rebuild the congested Northeast Corridor over the next 30 years by shoring up crumbling infrastructure, running more trains and building new tracks that would allow speeds of up to 220 mph on a stretch of the... - [AP](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Grants pave way for Hempfield park upgrades](#)  
A series of state grants will allow Hempfield to upgrade the township's main park, including the addition of a sixth pavilion to meet demand for parties and picnics. A \$212,000 allotment from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant program will allow the township to add lights to the upper soccer fields... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Pennsylvania drops vehicle registration stickers, but new tech too pricey for police](#)  
Police chiefs say they can't afford the equipment departments will need next year to replace what officers now do with their eyes — check vehicle registrations. Beginning Jan. 1, motorists no longer will be required to place registration stickers on their license plates. They were eliminated by... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-18-2016 [Philly International ranks among bottom-five airports in J.D. Power passenger-satisfaction ratings](#)  
Once again, Philadelphia International Airport has come in near the bottom of J.D. Power's annual survey of passenger satisfaction. With 31.4 million travelers last year, PHL scored 688 out of 1,000 possible points for terminal appearance, airport accessibility, and food, beverage... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-18-2016 [PennDOT lifts weather restrictions on Lehigh Valley highways](#)  
A temporary speed limit reduction on the Lehigh Valley's highways has been lifted as wintry weather has passed. Amid snow and ice Saturday morning, PennDOT limited speeds to 45 mph on Interstates 78, 80, 81, 176 and 380; and on Routes 22, 209, 222, 422, 33 and 309.... -

[Easton Express-Times](#)

- 12-18-2016 **[Speed limit restrictions on central Pa. roadways lifted: PennDOT](#)**  
Speed limit restrictions on major roadways and interstates in central Pennsylvania have been lifted, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Speed limits were reduced to 45 mph at 6:30 a.m. Saturday as the region was hit with snow, freezing and and sleet.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-18-2016 **[Study: Lehigh Valley fliers have worst airport options in the country](#)**  
If you're a Lehigh Valley frequent flier, there's a very good chance that much-needed trip to the Caribbean or maybe your family's long-awaited trip to Disney World started with absolute misery. That's according to a J.D. Power study, which says three of the airports... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 12-18-2016 **[Uber Defies California Regulators With Self-Driving Car Service](#)**  
For seven years, Uber's stance on complying with regulations has been consistent: Ask forgiveness, not permission. On Friday, the ride-hailing company stuck to that position. It said it had no intention of ending a new test of its self-driving vehicles in San... - [New York Times](#)
- 12-18-2016 **[If Uber doesn't like California's rules, it can test its driverless cars elsewhere](#)**  
Uber is at it again. The company, famous (or notorious, depending on your point of view) for flouting regulations as it built its disruptive, multi-billion-dollar business, rolled out a fleet of autonomous cars in San Francisco this week despite an explicit warning from the Department of... - [COL](#)
- 12-16-2016 **[Allegheny County begins process to reopen hot metal bridge between Swissvale and Munhall](#)**  
With a goal of reopening the span, Allegheny County is ready to move ahead with an evaluation of the hot metal bridge that crosses the Monongahela River between the Carrie Furnace site in Swissvale and Route 837 in Munhall. The Commonwealth Financing Authority announced last week the county will... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-16-2016 **[Vehicle hacking would create catastrophe on America's roadways](#)**  
Let's say driverless vehicles take off in America and hundreds of thousands of them are eventually on the road, cruising down the interstate at 70 mph. What happens if, say, the Russian or Chinese government decides to hack these driving systems and suddenly shuts off hundreds of thousands... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 12-16-2016 **[Short-term fix in sight for New Cumberland, but aging locks, dams will 'fail sooner or later'](#)**  
STRATTON, Ohio — As the lockmaster at Ohio's aging New Cumberland Locks and Dam, Willie Maynard is accustomed to dealing with problems. About two years ago, Maynard shut down the facility's crumbling auxiliary lock because structural problems prevented crews from closing the lock's... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-16-2016 **[Police chase policy leaves questions over fatal Thanksgiving Day crash](#)**  
The chase policy of a police department involved in a fatal Thanksgiving Day pursuit in North Versailles raises questions as to whether officers should have stopped the pursuit — or initiated it at all. Kaylie Meininger, 21; her 2-year-old daughter, Annika; and Meininger's... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 12-16-2016 **[Bridge work a necessary evil](#)**  
John Scott considers a bridge replacement project that will close Saxonburg Boulevard for five weeks next year to be a necessary evil. It's frustrating, but the owner of Gators Grille in Indiana Township says his business will survive. "We knew it was coming," he said. "It has to be



done.”... - [Tarentum Valley News Dispatch](#)

- 12-16-2016 [Airlines didn't gouge passengers after the deadly 2015 Amtrak crash in Philadelphia, report finds](#)  
A U.S. government investigation found no evidence of airline price-gouging after the deadly May 2015 Amtrak crash in Philadelphia that snarled rail travel for days. "There was no evidence of unfair manipulation of airfares or capacity, nor evidence of unconscionable increases in fares beyond... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Bucks rail trail plan hits roadblock](#)  
Bucks County's Newtown Rail Trail has become a path to nowhere, at least for now. In a 3-2 vote Wednesday night, Northampton Township supervisors rejected an engineering study for their piece of the proposed eight-mile trail, vetoing the next step in a plan to convert an unused SEPTA line into a bike and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 12-16-2016 [I-80 reopens following 59-vehicle pileup in Jefferson County](#)  
Interstate-80 in Jefferson County reopened late Thursday afternoon after a 59-vehicle pileup during a snowstorm shut down the roadway most of the day. The highway was closed from Exit 90 (Route 830 East/DuBois Regional Airport ) to Exit 97 (Route 219/DuBois/Brockway). It reopened around 4 p.m.,... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Uber maximizes efficiency](#)  
A recent letter in the CDT titled "Look up taxi definition" argued that Uber is an "illegal gypsy taxi company" that "wants to cripple the taxi industry." Aside from the insensitivity to Roma culture, this opinion is inaccurate on many levels. Laws are written by legislators and examined by courts. The Pennsylvania... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Gregg Township residents voice opposition to Penns Cave Road proposal](#)  
Residents voiced their opposition to a state Department of Transportation proposal concerning Penns Cave Road at a public hearing Thursday night at the Old Gregg School. PennDOT representative Randy Albert presented the proposal — which was explained as a possible solution to safety concerns — at the Gregg... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 12-16-2016 [LCTA making changes to shared ride program](#)  
The Luzerne County Transportation Authority is changing its shared ride program. The authority will now charge more for rides beyond six miles. Previous rates for two programs that used the shared ride service were capped at \$2.80 for people 65 years old or older and at \$3 for people with... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Norfolk Southern train derails on Erie's east side](#)  
The incident occurred at about 3 p.m. Thursday in the 1500 block of Downing Avenue. A Norfolk Southern Transportation train derailed on Erie's east side Thursday afternoon, forcing the closure of a portion of Downing Avenue. There were no injuries in the incident, according to an Erie County 911... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Business in brief: Airport satisfaction on the upswing](#)  
Even with an increased number of travelers moving through airports - many of which are not designed for the volume of people and flights they now support - satisfaction with their airport experience is improving. That's according to the J.D. Power 2016 North America Airport Satisfaction Study,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 12-16-2016 [The shipping industry is poised for massive upheaval. Can FedEx weather the storm?](#)  
MEMPHIS — Between 10 and 11:30 p.m., as most of this city is winding down for the night, the FedEx Express World Hub is revving up for its busiest hours of the day. Some 10,000 workers pour into the campus, ready to begin a mind-bogglingly complex ritual of steering packages to

customers' doorsteps on time.... - [Washington Post](#)

- 12-16-2016 [Pa. considers new rules for self-driving cars](#)  
Technology might one day prevent nearly all traffic deaths across Pennsylvania, say state policy-makers. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Monday held a public review of policies drafted by its Autonomous Vehicle Task Force. PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards said 95 percent of traffic fatalities... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 12-16-2016 [PennDOT warns motorists to remain alert for blowing or drifting snow](#)  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY — With wintry winds and more snow in the forecast, PennDOT is reminding motorists to slow down, pay attention and use caution on area roadways, especially during snow squalls that may occur. - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 12-16-2016 [DUI crackdown promised throughout holiday season](#)  
COAL TOWNSHIP — This holiday season, Northumberland County police will be out looking for drunk drivers as part of a special year-end Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization. - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Getting our gas money's worth](#)  
The start of another year is just a few lines away on the calendar, as is another scheduled increase in Pennsylvania's gasoline tax. As gas prices slowly tick back up, Pennsylvania motorists can also "celebrate" the New Year with the third and final bump in the... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 12-16-2016 [\\$875k grant will cost Point Twp. \\$375k](#)  
NORTHUMBERLAND — A major \$1.25 million road infrastructure project partially funded by a state Department of Community and Economic Development grant will pay for the total reconstruction of Cannery Road and Sixteenth Street — two major arteries in the township that are in major... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Road salt fouls environment](#)  
ANDERSON, Ind. — As significant snowfall makes its first appearance of the season, fleets of municipal and state trucks have begun spraying thousands of tons of salt on roads and streets across Indiana to make them safer for travel. In the United States, interstate de-icing is the largest single use for... - [New Castle News](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Columbia Gas' street repaving much appreciated](#)  
Editor, The News: I wanted to acknowledge Columbia Gas for paving half of Maryland Avenue, Adams Street, Meyer Avenue and all of Beckford Street after replacing gas lines. Also to Shields Paving for their exceptional work. We are not sure how to act here on the East Side with these newly... - [New Castle News](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Lebanon County in dispute over farmland for rail trail](#)  
The Lebanon County Board of Commissioners on Thursday voted unanimously to take a group of North Lebanon Township farming families to court to settle a dispute over the ownership of a rail bed that can be used to extend the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail. The rail bed, roughly half a mile long, is located between Tunnel Hill Road... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Officials plan to make Route 56 safer, but work not likely to start until 2021](#)  
A stretch of Route 56 between Windber and Pleasantville that has been plagued by rollovers — most notably on the infamous Peggy Westover curve — likely won't see improvements until 2021. Officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Burns Engineering met with residents Thursday at Windber Area Elementary School... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 12-16-2016 [Trail spur gets funding](#)

\$88.5K grant awarded for key component of city's trail plan Continued implementation of Titusville's Trail Town Master Plan took another step forward on Wednesday when it was announced that a grant had been awarded to fund the construction of a trail spur that will bring users... - [Titusville Herald](#)

12-16-2016

**[Whitemarsh applies for \\$615K PennDOT grant](#)**

WHITEMARSH >> The board of supervisors voted Dec. 15 to apply for a PennDOT grant aimed at improving traffic flow and safety around Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. The township's grant proposal calls for a pedestrian signal on Germantown Pike near Mayflower Road and a new traffic light at Flourtown... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)

12-16-2016

**[Police to step up DUI enforcement over holidays](#)**

This holiday season, Schuylkill County police are looking for drunk drivers as part of a special year-end Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization. Beginning today and continuing into the new year, motorists will see stepped up enforcement watching closely for anyone who is driving impaired,... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

12-16-2016

**[Bucks County not moving forward with Newtown Rail to Trail project](#)**

A plan to convert 8.3 miles of a defunct SEPTA rail line into a multipurpose recreational trail is essentially dead following a vote in Northampton on Wednesday night, according to a Bucks County official. Bucks County Planning Commission Executive Director Lynn Bush said there... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

12-16-2016

**[Rep. Murt announces \\$1.4 million transportation grants for Lower Moreland](#)**

The Commonwealth Financing Authority has voted to give Lower Moreland two Multimodal Transportation Fund grants totaling more than \$1.4 million. The authority has awarded \$1 million to offset the costs of building the Philmont Avenue SEPTA Parking Garage project and \$420,000 for the township... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

12-16-2016

**[Celebrate the holidays, but not the rapidly rising cost of living](#)**

Reports that Pennsylvania's gasoline tax will rise by 8 cents in 2017 remind us of how the cost of living is far outpacing the growth of middle America's income, and how the price of public services is, indeed, rising at a pace beyond what's affordable to most.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)

12-16-2016

**[Pittsburgh accepts \\$542,750 bid from Wisconsin firm to build fireboat](#)**

The City of Pittsburgh has accepted a proposal from a Wisconsin company to build a fireboat for more than a half-million dollars — significantly higher than the \$400,000 previously allocated. Lake Assault Boats of Superior, Wis. beat out two contenders with a bid of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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**[Feds back ambitious plan to speed up Northeast rail service](#)**

Federal rail regulators are endorsing an ambitious and costly plan to rebuild the congested Northeast Corridor over the next 30 years. They say it will shore up crumbling infrastructure, expand service and speed up travel, with some trains eventually able to reach 220 mph on part... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

12-16-2016

**[Where are the worst airports in America?](#)**

New York fancies itself the biggest and the best at pretty much everything. But when it comes to airports, the city that never sleeps is really good at being the absolute worst. Few places offer as much decrepitude, congestion or inconvenience as LaGuardia and Newark Liberty airports, both of which are warrens of... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)