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 Authorizes parking authorities in cities of the Second Class A and Third to enforce and administer parking ordinances and resolutions.

Bill Actions

- N [HB 26](#) [White, Martina](#)
 (PN 1142) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates adding that plates may be used on motorcycles and allowing for the plate to bear the name of a portion of the group. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History:
 03-27-17 H Filed
 03-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

- N [HB 188](#) [Causer, Martin](#)
 (PN 155) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees by increasing the income threshold to \$23,500. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:
 03-21-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 03-21-17 Laid out for discussion 2:03pm
 03-21-17 Third consideration 2:03pm
 03-21-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:186/N: 11)

<p>N HB 204</p>	<p>Jozwiak, Barry</p>	<p>03-27-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation</p>
		<p>(PN 172) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) establishing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and supervise their expenditures of state funding as well as the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used. Effective in 60 days.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>03-21-17 H Set on the House Calendar 03-21-17 Laid out for discussion 2:09pm 03-21-17 Third consideration 2:09pm 03-21-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:197/N: 0) 03-27-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.</p>
<p>N HB 224</p>	<p>Simmons, Justin</p>	<p>(PN 426) Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, authorizing school bus drivers and school crossing guards to administer epinephrine auto-injectors, provided the driver adheres to established policies and has successfully completed a training program that shall be developed and implemented by the Department of Health. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 193)</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>03-29-17 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Education -- Senate Education 03-29-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Education 03-29-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Education 03-29-17 S First consideration 04-18-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar</p>
<p>N HB 247</p>	<p>Sainato, Chris</p>	<p>(PN 209) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 75 (Vehicles) changing the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund to the Pennsylvania Veterans' Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Requires the money to be granted for the operation and maintenance of monuments as designated by the department in consultation with the State Veterans' Commission. Further provides the moneys in the fund shall be used for the promotion, administration, operation, maintenance and completion of the monuments and memorials dedicated to Pennsylvania veterans and military units. Effective in 60 days.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>03-21-17 H Set on the House Calendar 03-21-17 Laid out for discussion 2:10pm 03-21-17 Third consideration 2:10pm 03-21-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:197/N: 0) 03-27-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.</p>
<p>N HB 831</p>	<p>Keller, Mark</p>	<p>Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to persons directing traffic; for following too closely; for inspection by police; for investigation.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>03-29-17 H Filed 03-30-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p>
<p>N HB 952</p>	<p>Snyder, Pam</p>	<p>(PN 1111) Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key</p>

53825, on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, as the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

 [HB 953](#) [Gabler, Matt](#)

(PN 1112) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) & 75 (Vehicles) eliminating statutory authority to toll Interstate Route 80. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

 [HB 964](#) [Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1122) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, requiring that school bus seats be equipped with or be fitted with retractable seat belts. No passenger may be carried for whom a seat belt is not available. Each passenger shall use a seat belt when the bus is in motion. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

 [HB 970](#) [Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1128) Amends Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles), in budget and finance, further providing for municipal corporation portion of fines and establishing the Municipal Law Enforcement Accreditation Fund; in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for State and local powers. The bill provides for the use of speed timing devices and makes related changes. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 [HB 974](#) [Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1132) Amend Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, exempting persons age 65 and older from driver's license and learner's permit fees; and abrogating a regulation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

 [HB 976](#) [Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1133) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in equipment standards, further providing for unlawful activities by providing for doors. A vehicle shall be equipped with doors of a type used as original equipment. The doors shall open and close securely unless the vehicle has been manufactured or modified to the extent that there is no roof or side. If a vehicle is designed by the manufacturer with removable doors for off-road use, the vehicle may be operated with doors removed as long as the owner of the vehicle notifies the motor vehicle insurer and carries acknowledgment of that notification in the vehicle during such operation. Notification shall be provided at the time of application for motor vehicle insurance coverage and when

coverage is renewed. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

N [HB 977](#) [Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1134) Amends the act entitled "An act encouraging landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection therewith, and repealing certain acts," further providing for definitions, for applicability and for liability. The bill adds authorities to the scope and expands "recreational" purpose to include snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and motorcycle riding. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-23-17 H Filed
03-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Tourism and Recreational Development

N [HB 986](#) [Schweyer, Peter](#)

(PN 1147) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in assault, extending aggravated assault to an employee of a transportation company. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-24-17 H Filed
03-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

N [HB 1004](#) [Murt, Thomas](#)

(PN 1164) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in minors, further providing for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages by adding that if a police officer has reasonable suspicion that a minor has consumed alcohol, as part of an investigation into a violation, the officer may request that the minor submit to a test of the minor's breath using a device approved by the Department of Health for the purpose of detecting whether alcohol has been consumed. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-27-17 H Filed
03-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

N [HB 1017](#) [Kauffman, Rob](#)

Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 533 over Muddy Run, Southampton Township, Franklin County, as the Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl Memorial Bridge.

Bill History:

03-29-17 H Filed
03-30-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

N [HB 1029](#) [Moul, Dan](#)

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, providing for education registration plate; and, in fees, further providing for payments to special funds and establishing the Technology in Education Fund.

Bill History:

03-29-17 H Filed
03-30-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

N [HB 1035](#) [Cruz, Angel](#)

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for application for driver's license or learner's permit.

Bill History:

03-30-17 H Filed

N [SB 16](#) [Blake, John](#)

(PN 592) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing

alcohol or utilizing drugs, imposing an immediate suspension of operating privilege on an individual who has violated section 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) if: (1) the individual killed or seriously injured another individual in connection with the violation; or (2) there was a passenger under 14 years of age in the vehicle at the time of the violation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-24-17 S Filed
03-24-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

 [SB 133](#) [Ward, Kim](#)

(PN 555) The REAL ID Compliance Act requires the Department of Transportation to submit a written request to the Department of Homeland Security that seeks an extension of time for the Commonwealth to comply with the provisions of the federal REAL ID Act. The amount of time requested for the extension shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation. Requires the secretary to also present a report to the chairs and minority chairs of the Senate Communication and Technology Committee and the Senate and House Transportation Committees providing details and all estimated costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of all remaining requirements for compliance with the federal REAL ID Act as determined by the US Department of Homeland Security. Also requires the report to include all estimated initial and recurring costs to establish and maintain a two-tiered system which provides individuals with a choice between being issued a standard driver's license or identification card or a driver's license or identification card compliant with the REAL ID Act. The bill makes repeals the REAL ID Nonparticipation Act. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 155)

Bill History:

03-27-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
03-28-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
03-28-17 Laid out for discussion 3:40pm
03-28-17 Third consideration 3:41pm
03-28-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 46/N: 2)

 [SB 171](#) [Rafferty, John](#)

(PN 147) Amends the Administrative Code, in administrative organization, adding that the gubernatorial appointment of the chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is subject to Senate confirmation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:


03-22-17 S Removed from the table
03-29-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
03-29-17 Laid out for discussion 11:57am
03-29-17 Third consideration 11:57am
03-29-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 37/N: 10)

 [SB 289](#) [White, Donald](#)

(PN 611) Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; and designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Fredrick Bridges Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 275)

Bill History:

03-28-17 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S First consideration
 04-18-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 [SB 435](#) [Boscola, Lisa](#)

(PN 612) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, requiring a driver to make a reasonable effort to remove snow or ice from the vehicle within 24 hours of the cessation of the falling snow or ice. The bill provides for exceptions and penalties. Provides this amendatory act shall be known as "Christine's Law." Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 426)

Bill History:

03-28-17 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S First consideration
 04-18-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 [SB 543](#) [Browne, Patrick](#)

(PN 607) Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers by extending provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. 8332 (relating to emergency response provider and bystander good Samaritan civil immunity) and 8337.1 (relating to civil immunity of school officers or employees relating to emergency care, first aid and rescue) to a school bus driver who administers an epinephrine auto-injector to a student as outlined in the bill. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-28-17 S Filed
 03-28-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

 [SB 553](#) [Rafferty, John](#)

(PN 590) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

03-28-17 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 03-28-17 S First consideration
 04-18-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 [SB 558](#) [Rafferty, John](#)

(PN 597) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for department records for vehicle registration by stipulating that a confidential registration of a vehicle as to which the records of the department are available only as prescribed by this section may be issued to: (1) A governmental law enforcement agency for a vehicle used to any extent for undercover or surveillance purposes, (2) Commonwealth departments and other agencies for vehicles

assigned to department secretaries and deputy secretaries and heads of other agencies, (3) A judge or magisterial district judge, and (4) A district attorney. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History:

03-27-17 S Filed
03-27-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

N [SB 564](#) [Yaw, Gene](#)

(PN 610) The Bridge Fencing Safety Act provides for installation of protective fencing on certain state-owned bridges and for powers and duties of the Department of Transportation. When a bridge is built with a sidewalk or a concrete barrier is installed, modified or rehabilitated on a bridge with a sidewalk over an interstate or other limited access highway, the department shall install protective fencing. When a bridge is built without a sidewalk or a concrete barrier is installed, modified or rehabilitated on a bridge without a sidewalk over an interstate or other limited access highway, the department, as part of its preliminary design process, shall consider installation of protective fencing at certain locations near schools, playgrounds and urban areas; where otherwise deemed necessary; or where there have been incidents of objects being dropped or thrown from the overpass. The department shall consider installation of protective fencing at similar locations on bridges over nonlimited access highways. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

03-28-17 S Filed
03-28-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Committee Stories

Senate Appropriations Committee

3/27/17, 1:30 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Andreas Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

N [SB 133 Ward, Kim](#) - (PN 155) Act requiring the Department of Transportation to submit a written request to the Department of Homeland Security that seeks an extension of time for the Commonwealth to comply with the provisions of Division B of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami Relief, 2005. The amount of time requested for the extension shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation. The bill makes related repeals. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh) noted the bill will have a fiscal impact of \$67 million in costs.

Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks) explained the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will be responsible for implementation and asked if there will be two fee levels for the two tiers of licenses. Sen. Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) said PennDOT supports the bill and that it is based off of conservative estimates, but did not have an answer for the license tiers. Sen. Schwank said the question should be resolved in the near future.

Senate Transportation Committee

3/28/17, 10:00 a.m., 8E-B East Wing

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider three bills and to conduct a hearing on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) budget and program priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

N [SB 553 Rafferty, John](#) - (PN 590) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

N [SB 435 Boscola, Lisa](#) - (PN 426) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, requiring a driver to make a reasonable effort to remove snow or ice from the vehicle within 24 hours of the cessation of the falling snow or ice. The bill provides for exceptions and penalties. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A00546](#) by Rafferty, adds language providing the act shall be known as Christine's Law. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton), prime sponsor of the bill, commented, "This has been a decade in the making." She spoke of Christine Lambert who died when a piece of ice from a passing truck broke through the windshield of the family car, killing her. Sen. Boscola provided a brief overview of the bill.

Chairman Rafferty complimented Sen. Boscola for her advocacy in pushing for this legislation and keeping the issue before the Senate.

N [SB 289 White, Donald](#) - (PN 275) Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A00526](#) by Rafferty, adds language designating a bridge on a portion of State Route 4027 in Blair County as the John Frederick Bridges Memorial Bridge. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[Leslie Richards](#), Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), reported, "As of March 2017, we completed more than 1,900 projects, made possible or accelerated by Act 89, worth \$3.8 billion and have an additional 790 projects worth \$5.1 billion underway." She also reported, "Last year, we improved the equivalent of 6,298 miles of two-land road and fixed more than 500 structurally deficient bridges." Sec. Richards pointed out that the number of structurally deficient bridges has dropped to 3,512 from a high of 6,034 in 2008. She noted, "We made this dramatic headway even as our bridge network continues to see 200 to 250 bridges a year fall into the structurally deficient category." Sec. Richards briefly discussed PennDOT's RoadMaP initiative. She explained that with the additional \$2.1 billion for highways and bridges over the ten-year phase period for the State Police funding cap, she plans to allocate \$1 billion to the counties for improved basic maintenance; an additional \$500 million to the existing interstate preservation program; and \$600 million will go toward highway and bridge capital projects with priority given to rehabilitation and reconstruction needs identified through the district and regional planning efforts. Sec. Richards told committee members, "PennDOT RoadMaP will bring new emphasis on pavement improvements to the secondary, lower-volume road network." She said, "One way we can accomplish this is by expanding the use of recycled asphalt taken from improvement projects."

Sec. Richards also discussed PennDOT Connects an approach in which the department is tasking their staff and the department's planning partners "to consider the community's mobility needs at the beginning of the project planning process to ensure that very project is an asset to the community and their vision." She explained, "Our goal is to make our planning and design processes more efficient and cost effective to the benefit of all Pennsylvanians." According to Sec. Richards, "Specific areas to be discussed during this collaboration include but are not limited to: safety issues, bicycle/pedestrian accommodations, transit, storm water management, utility issues, regional studies and freight-generating land uses."

Sen. Bartolotta asked about investments in safety in smaller communities. She spoke of a recent crash at an intersection in Cecil Township, Washington County. Sen. Bartolotta reported that the first responders are "blowing up Facebook and other social media" saying that this is "ridiculous" and claiming they keep going to PennDOT year after year, studies are done and stop signs and stop lights are not put in at this intersection. She wanted to know if there is a way in those small communities to provide something less costly than a stop sign or stoplight such as rumble strips and the like. Sec. Richards responded that she would be willing to have the PennDOT district sit down with the emergency responders and Sen. Bartolotta or her staff. She commented, "Obviously we want to save lives here." Sec. Richards added that it is a little more challenging when dealing with risky behavior by the drivers because there is only so much the department can do. She observed that there are times when an outreach type of program is helpful. She added, "We want to put in place something that is effective."

Sen. Stefano noted that at a previous hearing Sen. Bartolotta and he brought up the subject of the department not allowing farmers operating farm stands to place signs advertising their farm stands along highways. He wanted an update on the issue. Sec. Richards responded, "We have to follow the law." She explained that it is a federal regulation and the department is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to enforce the regulation or risk losing more than \$1 billion in federal highway funding. Sec. Richards indicated the department has tried to enforce the regulation more consistently from district to district but the FHWA really does not provide the department with much flexibility. Sen. Stefano then asked about a recent report of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee indicating \$222 million more is spent from the Motor License Fund than it costs the State Police to patrol the highways. He wanted to know how the amount from the Motor License Fund is determined for State Police protection. Sec. Richards responded that she has read the executive summary but has not had the chance to read the whole report. She said that she will get back to Sen. Stefano after she has read it and she noted that number is not based on assumptions the department provided the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Sen. Stefano reported that Pennsylvania submitted a wish list of \$1.9 billion in highway projects to the Trump Administration in the event the federal government puts together an infrastructure funding package. He pointed out the wish list did not include US 219 in Somerset County. Sen. Stefano wanted to know how the list was generated. Sec. Richards explained that the department took a look at the different needs. She pointed out, "There are many needs here in Pennsylvania." Sec. Richards further explained she has spoken with the Somerset County Commissioners, Sen. Stefano, and Congressman Bill Shuster, who chairs the House Transportation and Public Works Committee in Congress about US Route 219. She reported, "Chairman Shuster realizes in order to move a project like Route 219 we really would need designated federal funds for that project." Sec. Richards added, "When we look at the total number of projects in Pennsylvania we go over the need, the total number of vehicles that use that roadway which is a significant piece of it." She said that she agrees it is a project that is needed in that particular area but when it is measured up to other projects throughout the Commonwealth the others get graded higher as far as need. Sen. Stefano asked Sec. Richards if she was involved in creating the list. Sec. Richards replied, "Yes, our staff was involved in creating that list." Sen. Stefano wanted to know if US Route 219 was not put on the list because it did not have enough traffic. Sec. Richards explained that it was just one of the factors but there are many factors. Sen. Stefano wanted to know how many projects were designated for rural areas. Sec. Richards responded that she will have to get back to the committee. Sen. Stefano indicated the answer is none. Sen. Stefano asked how the three Pennsylvania projects were selected to be submitted for federal FASTLANE grants in 2016. Sec. Richards responded that Pennsylvania did not get any FASTLANE grants. She added that several projects were submitted but Pennsylvania did not get any. Sen. Stefano wanted to know if the same projects were submitted for 2017. Sec. Richards responded that she would have to get back to the committee. Sen. Stefano pointed out that none of the submitted projects were from rural areas.

Sen. Stefano then discussed the Mon-Fayette Expressway. He noted the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission recently voted to table the extension of the expressway. Sen. Stefano spoke of the importance of completing the project to encourage economic development in that region. Noting Sec. Richards attended the commission meeting, Sen. Stefano wanted to know her feelings on what happened. Sec. Richards indicated it was a coincidence she was at the meeting. She reported the commission members requested more information on PennDOT projects and Turnpike Commission projects in the area. Sec. Richards noted there was a "mix of comments" at the meeting. According to Sec. Richards, "The Turnpike feels they are happy to build the Mon-Fayette but it is not their job to advocate for the project." She reported the tabling motion gives the department the opportunity to get the answers to the questions raised at the meeting by commission members.

Sen. Stefano commented, "Pennsylvania seems to have a very bad habit of starting projects and not finishing them." He added, "Especially in rural Pennsylvania." Sen. Stefano went on to say, "I am really disappointed that the Wolf

Administration focuses on funding infrastructure projects in urban areas where I want to see development in rural Pennsylvania in my district." He was also critical of Gov. Wolf's proposal to require municipalities to pay for State Police services. Sec. Richards disputed Sen. Stefano's assertions regarding the Wolf Administration not focusing on rural areas. She argued that the Wolf Administration is "helping rural areas more than any other administration."

Sen. Wagner noted that at a previous hearing he had suggested the department consider changing its paving schedule. He asked for an update on his suggestion. Sec. Richards indicated that since that previous hearing the department has moved to a 100 percent warm mix asphalt which means the department can now pave in periods which does not require the specific temperatures they previously needed. She added the department is now looking at extending the paving schedule and hope to have it done shortly. Sen. Wagner asked if there is a timeline for the change in scheduling. Sec. Richards responded that there should be results in this construction period. Sen. Wagner then asked about a PennDOT project in Montgomery County that will be using a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and he wanted an update on the project. Sec. Richards described PLA as "another tool" to use in undertaking projects. She explained, "We have been asked to look at the hundreds of our projects that will be advertised and awarded this year and we took a look and selected one as a pilot project to see how this may work in Pennsylvania." Sec. Richards added that the department will be monitoring it closely and assessing it see "if it makes sense to do any more or if it may be a one and done." She reported they have had problems with projects in Pennsylvania with change orders, missing deadlines and cost overruns. Sec. Richards commented, "I truly feel we need to look at every resource and every tool that we have." She pointed out that PLAs have worked very successfully in other states.

Sen. Brewster spoke about the importance of the Mon-Fayette Expressway in his area and how it provided an opportunity to reinvent communities devastated by the collapse of the steel industry in the 1980s. He also spoke about explaining to people who may have moved or sold their homes, often at a loss, because of the expected completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway.

Sen. Dinniman wanted to know if each PennDOT district receives the same amount of money. Sec. Richard explained that it varies from district to district. She said that the money is distributed appropriate to the assets that are in those districts. Sen. Dinniman asked if the same applies to the number of employees. Sec. Richards responded, "That is correct." Sen. Dinniman asked if there is any policy, statute or law requiring PennDOT to provide the same amount of money to each district. Sec. Richards replied, "No."

Chairman Rafferty commented that when the governor spoke about some of the work being done at the port of Philadelphia, the only information the four chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees had was from an article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He suggested the Governor's Office brief the four chairs before any announcement is made. Sec. Richard responded that the department will make sure the four chairs receive information. Chairman Rafferty then asked if there has been any word from the federal government regarding federal infrastructure funding. Sec. Richards responded that there has been no work beyond what President Trump has said publicly. She added there has been no indication how much of it will be for transportation. Sec. Richards reported she recently met with US Transportation Secretary Chao who indicated strong support for high speed rail and the use of public-private partnerships (P3s). Sec. Richards noted that none of the political appointments have been made yet such as administrator of the FHWA.

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PPA: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Philadelphia Parking Authority will be releasing request for information No. 17-04, Cloud Hosting and Managed Services, on Friday, March 31, 2017. Information and important dates for this solicitation can be obtained from the web site www.philapark.org or by calling Mary Wheeler, Manager of Contract Administration, at (215) 683-9665.

Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

April 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. ****Rescheduled from 4/4/17**** Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

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

PA Turnpike Commission

April 4, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. ****rescheduled to 4/3/17**** Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

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

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

April 4, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. ****Note time change**** 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

PA Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

April 5, 2017 - 12:30 p.m. Commonwealth Keystone Building, Conference Room 8N1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-3991

PA Public Utility Commission

April 6, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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

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[Pedestrian deaths increase 22 percent in past two years across U.S.](#)

Despite improvements in vehicle safety equipment, it is getting more dangerous to travel on America's streets and highways whether you're driving or walking. And walking while drunk may be no safer than driving while drunk. A study released Thursday by the Governors Highway Safety Association... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 03-30-2017 [**Allegheny Executive Fitzgerald traveling to Asia in effort to boost air travel**](#)
 Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and the CEO of the county's airport authority are among those who left for China on Wednesday in the latest quest to bring more flights to Pittsburgh International Airport. Accompanying Mr. Fitzgerald on the five-day trip are three airport... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**Allegheny County Airport Authority spends \\$13K on officials' 5-day China trip**](#)
 Allegheny County, Pittsburgh International Airport and tourism officials are traveling in China this week in the hopes of establishing air service between the airport in Findlay and China. Bob Kerlik, airport spokesman, said the group includes County Executive... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**Roberto Clemente Bridge to close this weekend**](#)
 The Allegheny County Department of Public Works today announced that the Roberto Clemente Bridge (6th Street Bridge) will be closed to vehicular and bicycle traffic beginning at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 31, 2017. The closure is necessary to do repairs to the concrete deck. The bridge... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
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- 03-30-2017 [**Southern Airways moves back time line to begin flights at Arnold Palmer Regional**](#)
 Southern Airways Express has moved back by six months its proposed timeline for introducing commuter service at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity. Mark Cestari, executive vice president of development at the Memphis, Tenn.-based low-fare carrier, had cited April as a potential date for... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**Trump administration drops human rights in Bahrain F-16 deal**](#)
 WASHINGTON (AP) - The Trump administration has told Congress it plans to approve a multibillion-dollar sale of F-16 fighter jets to Bahrain without the human rights conditions imposed by the State Department under President Barack Obama... - [*AP*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**Carvana drives into Philly**](#)
 Car buyers can now pick what they want from Carvana, an eCommerce platform known for its giant car-vending machines, as the company began offering used cars in Philadelphia on Wednesday. It's part of the company's expansion into the Northeast. Philadelphia becomes the company's 23rd market to offer its free,... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**\\$3 million project will improve dry dock at Erie's shipyard**](#)
 A \$3 million state grant will pay for upgrades to Erie's shipyard and continue a pattern of state and federal funding for the facility. The massive dry dock at Erie's Donjon Shipbuilding & Repair isn't always as dry as the name would suggest. Puddles of water could be seen throughout the southern end of the space... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**Airport, Allegheny County officials travel to China to promote tourism, new air service**](#)
 A contingent of officials from the Allegheny County Airport Authority left for China on Wednesday in an effort to recruit more international air service to Pittsburgh. Christina Cassotis, chief executive officer of the airport authority, traveled with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and other... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 03-30-2017 [**Ortitay questions Wolf budget, has proposals of his own**](#)

The Pennsylvania budget is a roiling pot again, and this time state Rep. Jason Ortity is gripping the ladle. Ortity, a Republican from South Fayette Township, has criticized the budget Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf proposed in early February for fiscal 2017-18. Facing a \$3 billion deficit, Wolf said he came up with cuts and... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

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[Parking an issue in York? Here's a solution](#)

Ryan Schriver has heard the complaints. "Everybody talks about it," he said. "It" is parking. And "everybody" includes all the people who hear a new restaurant is opening in downtown York. When Tutoni's opened in 2013, the parking worriers surfaced on Facebook.... - [York Daily](#)

03-30-2017

[Hal Mowery served as a 'bridge' between the city and suburbs: Dee Mowery-VanGavree](#)

Regardless of who is in favor or opposed to the renaming of the West Shore portion of the Market Street Bridge, as former Sen. Harold "Hal" Mowery's daughter, I wish to outline a few of his many accomplishments that impacted not only the East and West Shores, but Pennsylvania as a whole. Since my... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

03-30-2017

[Multiple bridge projects in the works countywide](#)

The weather seems to finally be clearing up and getting warmer, and all Pennsylvanians know what that means: It's roadwork season. To kick it off, the state Department of Transportation has announced several area bridge construction and renovation projects, among other... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

03-30-2017

[Mill Street building still crumbling, future in limbo](#)

The owners of the former Fisher Brothers Dry Goods Building want to make the best decision about their crumbling building that last week closed two downtown New Castle streets. On Wednesday, Chad Wise, one of the partners in the 103 South Mill Street Group LLC, said they are "trying to be expeditious" in deciding... - [New Castle News](#)

03-30-2017

[Bus tour focuses on what Lebanon County has to offer](#)

Representatives of the local tourism industry toured the Cornwall Iron Furnace in Lebanon County Wednesday, March 29. The tour was facilitated by the Visit Lebanon County office to spur interest by organizers of bus tours to seek out or include Lebanon locations. Re-enactor Jim Polczynski played... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)

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[Bus tour focuses on what Lebanon County has to offer](#)

It's a "FAM" Tour, short for familiarization tour featuring the many historical sites around Lebanon County that could attract tourism. Organized by the Visit Lebanon Valley office, the tour invites tour bus operators to a day on the road with Lebanon history.... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)

03-30-2017

[Trails add to the Flight 93 experience](#)

National Park Service Ranger MaryEllen Snyder said the walking trail inside the Flight 93 National Memorial helps people process what they have seen in the visitor center. "One of the things I tell people is the whole idea of the walking trail is that it gives you time to think of the significance of events after you... - [Somerset Daily](#)

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[Google's Claim Against Former Executive Could Help Uber in Driverless-Car Lawsuit](#)

SAN FRANCISCO — Several months before filing a lawsuit against Uber, Google demanded arbitration against the head of Uber's self-driving car unit, claiming that he used confidential

salary information while trying to poach former colleagues to a new venture that he eventually sold to Uber.... - [New York Times](#)

- 03-30-2017 [Kasich will now decide if you can drive on shoulder of I-670](#)
The House and Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a two-year, \$7.8 billion transportation budget that includes new fees. The budget does not take steps to address long-term funding shortfalls for state and local transportation projects. But Senate President Larry Obhof,... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 03-30-2017 [Gas prices set to rise in Pennsylvania this summer](#)
Get ready to dig deeper to go down the shore this summer. The AAA auto club is projecting gas prices will increase 40 cents a gallon this summer to bump them up to just under \$3 a gallon. Nothing like the record \$4.16 a gallon they were in June 2008 but a jump... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 03-30-2017 [Expected rise in gasoline prices has motorists rethinking their driving habits](#)
Gas prices are expected to go up by 40 cents per gallon before summer hits, and that has many people thinking about changing their driving habits. They might drive at a more steady pace, at a lower speed, monitor their braking and shop around for less expensive gas to keep down the costs of... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 03-30-2017 [Monroe questions PennDOT sidewalk plan](#)
Monroe board questions PennDOT sidewalk plan By Tom DiStefano CLARION NEWS Writer REIDSBURG PennDOT is planning sidewalks as part of its improvement project of Route 68 north of Exit 62, but Monroe Township supervisors want more information before entering into a maintenance agreement.... - [Clarion News](#)
- 03-30-2017 [County's per capita tax has vexing situations](#)
County's per capita tax has vexing situations Idea surfaces license plate fee By Brett R. Whitting CLARION NEWS Writer CLARION Clarion County levies an annual \$5 per capita tax on all residents 18 years or older, but collection costs and percentage of collections came under... - [Clarion News](#)
- 03-30-2017 [Wolf appoints former state senator to Turnpike Commission](#)
Gov. Tom Wolf Thursday named John Wozniak, a former Democratic state senator from Johnstown, to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Mr. Wozniak, 61, will replace former Chairman Sean Logan in the part-time position. Mr. Logan resigned from the commission last month for a full-time... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-30-2017 [Wolf names ex-senator to Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission](#)
HARRISBURG, Pa. A former Democratic state senator is being nominated to fill an opening on the five-member Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission... - [AP](#)
- 03-30-2017 [PennDOT says it's committed to I-81 crossover safety](#)
Since 2012, 13 people have died in crossover related traffic crashes along I-81 in Cumberland County. Just this past weekend, two people were injured and one died when a tractor-trailer crossed the grass median along the highway and struck two other vehicles.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 03-29-2017 [SEPTA Releases Proposed FY 2018 Capital Budget & 12-Year Program](#)
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- 03-29-2017 [PennDOT Seeking to Expand Photo License Center Co-Locations](#)
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- 03-29-2017 [**PUC Schedules May "Smart Hearings" for Laurel Pipe Line Application**](#)
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- 03-29-2017 [**Fitzgerald, Cassotis head to China with hopes of boosting airline service**](#)
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald is leaving Wednesday on a five-day trip to China along with the airport authority's chief executive officer and other county officials in an effort to boost airline service between the Pittsburgh region and Asia. County spokeswoman Amie Downs said Mr. Fitzgerald and the others will meet... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Pennsylvania may regulate how towing operations unfold**](#)
For Pittsburgh police, the rivalry among tow truck drivers has reached the point where fights at accident scenes are a monthly occurrence. But three months ago on the South Side, police Lt. Ed Cunningham told a state committee, competitive hostilities reached a new level when a driver pulled... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Bus rapid transit is a boondoggle similar to the North Shore Connector**](#)
Like the half-billion-dollar tunnel that the Port Authority operates, the quarter-billion-dollar Downtown-to-Oakland bus rapid transit connector is a boondoggle, a project to benefit contractors, developers, apple-polishing politicians and travel writers rather than the public that pays for it.... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**AAA says most Americans planning a road trip this summer**](#)
More Americans are expected to take road trips for vacation this summer despite gasoline prices that are expected to be as much as 40 cents higher than today and 30 cents higher than last summer. A telephone survey by AAA of 1,017 families found 80 percent are planning a... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Cameras give police more 'eyes' on Alle-Kiski roads**](#)
Driving away from a crime scene in Allegheny County might not get you out of the police's view as a result of a street camera network that continues to grow in the Alle-Kiski Valley. And police think that's a great thing. But civil rights advocates want assurances that such surveillance footage... - [*Tarentum Valley News Dispatch*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Tesla touts varied products, small-team approach to Carnegie Mellon students**](#)
Tesla is going to roll out its Model 3 electric car this year, but it's not the only thing on the minds of the company's employees. Andy Stevenson of Tesla's special projects division outlined a handful of the company's projects during a speech Tuesday as part of Carnegie Mellon... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Distracted driving kills**](#)
Dear cellphone-using drivers: Stop being so distracted. Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. That is like driving blindfolded for the length of a football field. Driving while on a cellphone increases your chance of causing an accident... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Cumberland County blasts bus-transportation service on 'mismanagement,' cost to taxpayers**](#)
CARLISLE - Self-preservation. Self-serving actions that throw good money at bad. Throwing up road blocks at anyone who asks questions. And it all comes at the cost of the taxpayers. The Cumberland County commissioners said at a press conference Tuesday that these have been the actions of Capital Area Transit, the organization that... - [*Harrisburg Patriot-News*](#)
- 03-29-2017 [**Braden Airpark getting a facelift**](#)
After fighting for years to keep Northampton County's only airport open, small-plane pilots will finally see the fruits of those labors as work will begin soon to rejuvenate the long-struggling

Braden Airpark in Forks Township. The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority on Tuesday agreed to match a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

- 03-29-2017 [Chris Kelly: HARD RAIN FALLS](#)
Lafayette Street meets North Duffy Avenue in a wooded corner of West Scranton, and a river runs through it. The river — a deluge of uncontrolled stormwater — ponds into a small lake after a hard rain and pools in Lenny Srebro's basement. Flooding from the nasty Feb. 25 storm that spawned a tornado tore an 8-inch... - [Scranton Times](#)

- 03-29-2017 [DA's office reports increase in criminal investigations](#)
WILKES-BARRE — The county district attorney's office is busier these days. The office opened 4,698 new cases in 2016, said District Attorney Stefanie Salavantis during her annual report at Tuesday's county council meeting. That's 176 more cases than in 2015 and 254 more than in 2014, or an... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

- 03-29-2017 [Local officials, residents speak out against proposed state police fee](#)
PITTSBURGH -- Perry Township Supervisor A.J. Boni said charging residents without local police \$25 for state police services would be like charging them twice for services they already receive. Boni testified against the proposed \$25 per capita fee, which Gov. Tom Wolf... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

- 03-29-2017 [The Lehigh Valley's 35 most dangerous roads and intersections](#)
A car crash can happen any time and anywhere on the hundreds of miles of roads in the Lehigh Valley, but there are certain stretches in the region that state officials have identified as high-crash corridors. The lists The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation recently released its latest... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

- 03-29-2017 [Changes are coming to Braden Airpark this year](#)
Braden Airpark in Forks Township is in line for an estimated \$500,000 in work slated for completion by the end of 2017. Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority governors on Tuesday adopted the timeline by accepting a \$250,000 grant from Northampton County, which... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

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- 03-29-2017 [Pothole patching on I-180 starts](#)
The state Department of Transportation will patch potholes this week in both directions on Interstate 180 in Williamsport. There will be moving operations today in alternating lanes during the day between the Route 15 north interchange and the Carl E. Stotz Memorial... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

- 03-29-2017 [Editorial | Hazards await bikers who are first on the roads](#)
Robert Shroyer, 42, of Johnstown lost his life tragically in a motorcycle accident on March 22. We join his family, friends, co-workers and loved ones in mourning his death. According to Cambria County Coroner Jeff Lees, Shroyer apparently "lost control around the slight curve and the motorcycle went off the roadway,... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

- 03-29-2017 [PennDOT secretary explains Route 219's exclusion from infrastructure list](#)
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie Richards said that completing four-lane Route 219 to Maryland did not measure up against other projects included on an infrastructure wish list sent to President Donald Trump. Funding is still needed for the final 6

miles of the four-lane road from... - [Somerset Daily](#)

- 03-29-2017 [KOP-BID executive director: 'King of Prussia is on fire'](#)
Upper Merion >> "King of Prussia is on fire." Although he was not in attendance at the King of Prussia District (KOP-BID) annual report and awards luncheon held recently at Sheraton Valley Forge, executive director Eric Goldstein spoke to the business advocacy... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 03-29-2017 [Maryland lawmakers scrap requirement that transit systems cover some of their operating costs](#)
Maryland lawmakers have voted to scrap a state requirement that bus and rail systems cover at least 35 percent of their operating costs through ticket revenue. Supporters of the change say the "farebox recovery ratio" mandate, which has been in place since at least the 1990s, discouraged the state... - [Washington Post](#)
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- 03-29-2017 [Parking tickets up 70 percent in first 2 months of 2017](#)
Parking tickets were up sharply in the two months after the Lancaster Parking Authority took over a major share of enforcement duties from city police. - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 03-29-2017 [DUI checkpoints coming to Montgomery County municipalities in April](#)
Sobriety checkpoints and roving DUI enforcement patrols will be taking place in several Montgomery County municipalities in the coming weeks. The patrols will be conducted by the Eastern Montgomery County DUI Task Force and will occur in Abington during the weekend of April 7 and in Upper... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
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- 03-29-2017 [County presses complaints ahead of CAT board meeting](#)
The board of Capital Area Transit will meet Thursday in what is expected to be another round of debate over the future of the local bus system. Cumberland County Commissioners held a press session yesterday to reiterate their objections to CAT's fiscal policies, again pointing to the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 03-29-2017 [The case for a state police service fee keeps growing](#)
The evidence that the commonwealth needs to find an alternative funding source for Pennsylvania State Police is piling up. The latest addition: revelations that despite receiving hundreds of millions of dollars from the state's Motor License Fund, the agency... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 03-29-2017 [A gas war looms in Pennsylvania, but the battleground is not at the pump](#)
A gasoline war is developing in Pennsylvania, though it's being waged not at the pump but over an underground pipeline, out of view of most consumers. Laurel Pipe Line Co., which operates a 350-mile cross-state pipeline used by Philadelphia refineries for six decades to transport motor fuel and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 03-28-2017 [Stateline Daily: How Truckers, Hotel Workers Can Fight Sex Trafficking](#)

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- 03-28-2017 [Uber's self-driving cars resume service in Pittsburgh](#)
Uber's self-driving cars returned to Pittsburgh streets Monday, capping a nearly three-day hiatus. The ride-hailing company suspended its autonomous vehicles over the weekend after a wreck in Tempe, Ariz., rolled one of the cars. Police there cited a driver in another vehicle for a moving violation. They said the Uber SUV,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-28-2017 [Turnpike tolls, always rising, still baffle](#)
There are a lot of injustices today, and one of them is the Pennsylvania Turnpike. If you enter at Exit 10 New Castle and travel to Exit 28 Cranberry, 17.77 miles, your toll is zero. If you enter Exit 39 Butler and travel to Exit 28 Cranberry, 10.63 miles, your toll is \$1.64. The toll per mile is over 15 cents a mile one way and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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By Bob Macey The Mon-Fayette Expressway is the foundation of the Mon Valley's future. Combining it with an extension of the East Busway would make the project even better. As a lifelong resident and elected official representing most of the Mon Valley economically distressed communities, I cannot disagree more with the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-28-2017 [A bump in the road: Uber was right to pause after Ariz. mishap](#)
Over the years, Uber has picked fights with regulators and municipal officials in various states over its full-speed-ahead approach to its ride-hailing and autonomous vehicle enterprises. But after a weekend accident in Arizona, Uber slowed down, a responsible step that's also... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-28-2017 [Business briefs: Manufacturer says drones should transmit ID](#)
Manufacturer: Drones should transmit ID The world's largest manufacturer of civilian drones is proposing that the craft continually transmit identification information to help government security agencies and law enforcement figure out which might belong to rogue operators. DJI, a Chinese company, said in a paper released... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-28-2017 [Gaming expansion back on state Legislature's radar](#)
HARRISBURG — When state legislators made a plan to pay for the current fiscal-year state budget, they included money from an expansion of gambling. But nine months later, they still haven't agreed on how do to it. The demand for that money hasn't gone away. Gov. Tom Wolf's... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-28-2017 [Debate over state police fee continues at Pittsburgh hearing](#)
Warning that the agency is on the brink of a manpower crisis, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association pleaded Monday for agency support as state and local officials debated how to fund it during a hearing in Pittsburgh. State police funding became an issue in the ongoing state budget debate... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 03-28-2017 [Tuesday takes](#)

The right signal: Extending a system of synchronized traffic signals on Route 22 along a four-mile stretch in Monroeville is good news for motorists who regularly idle in congestion there. A synchronized lights system along a nine-mile segment of Route 22 in Murrysville has made a big... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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[U.S. airlines are cutting seats and flights to Cuba, amid a glut in capacity](#)

If you have been waiting since last year for the first commercial flight between Philadelphia and Cuba, it's not happening. Frontier Airlines, which won permission for weekly trips between Philadelphia International Airport and Camaguey, Matanzas, and Santa Clara,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[SEPTA's capital budget funds buses, trains, bridges, and more money for the Key card](#)

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[How the overworked, unstable EI just might be saving Philadelphia](#)

The creaky, overburdened Market-Frankford Line has as important a place among millennials, immigration, and swanky restaurants as keys to Philadelphia's early 21st century turnaround. For the next few weeks, the Inquirer and Billy Penn will be teaming up with stories like this to show... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Driver charged with homicide by vehicle in crash after texting quarrel](#)

A York County woman has been charged with homicide by vehicle in a 2015 crash that police said occurred minutes after she sent jealous text messages to her girlfriend. Brooke Livering, 20, of Fairview Township, was charged Friday by Fairview Township police. She is accused of driving a Mitsubishi Eclipse at an... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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[Expressway push needed](#)

Timothy S. Mahoney When the 10-county Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission met last week to map out \$29 billion worth of regional project spending, finishing the northern end of the Mon-Fayette Expressway was surprisingly left off the list. Those who killed the \$2 billion project are saying they merely "tabled" it... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

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[Preventive law needed on ice-covered vehicles \(editorial\)](#)

What if Pennsylvania's speeding laws could only be enforced if a driver killed or seriously injured someone while speeding? Kind of stupid, eh? How about if you could drink as much alcohol as you wanted and then drive – and you could only be criminally charged with DUI if you hit or... - [York Daily](#)

- 03-28-2017 [**PennDOT: Traffic fatalities continue trending lower**](#)
TOWANDA — Traffic fatalities have been on a downward trend across the region in recent years. According to preliminary data provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering District 3-0, the number of people killed in crashes across its nine county region —... - [*Towanda Daily Review*](#)
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During a recent warm spell, Sharon Custer of Central City stepped out to pick up a 12-pack. She wasn't doing it for her pleasure. She was cleaning up after slobs who carelessly tossed the empty beer cans out their vehicles' windows. Kudos to Custer for her conservation efforts. And we also applaud those who... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
- 03-28-2017 [**Higher fees, I-670 variable speed part of transportation budget**](#)
Ohio drivers would pay new fees, truck registrations in Franklin County could cost less, and I-670 motorists would soon see variable speed limits and be able to drive on the shoulder under a new two-year transportation budget headed for final votes this week.... - [*Columbus Dispatch*](#)
- 03-28-2017 [**Turnpike users' heavy toll**](#)
Anyone who travels the Pennsylvania Turnpike routinely might easily be persuaded that the toll road spawned the phrase "highway robbery." For less frequent users of the road — particularly those who pay cash — the sticker shock at the toll booth is even more pronounced.... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 03-28-2017 [**Strategic plan adopted for DuBois airport**](#)
FALLS CREEK – The Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority has a strategic business plan to navigate the future. At its last meeting, the authority adopted the plan, which was developed in three strategic planning sessions going back to Aug. 12, 2015. The last one... - [*DuBois Courier-Express*](#)
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- 03-28-2017 [**Work to start on Pa. 533 bridge**](#)
PLEASANT HALL -- The bridge on Upper Strasburg Road (Pa. 533) just west of Pleasant Hall will be closed until the end of August starting Tuesday, April 4. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation recently posted signs announcing that bridge over Lehman Run will close on April 4.... - [*Chambersburg Public Opinion*](#)
- 03-28-2017 [**Will Pennsylvania IDs become federally compliant?**](#)
Staring down a federal deadline, the state Legislature is starting to move legislation that could prevent Pennsylvanians from needing a passport to board airplanes. After a recent extension, the state has until June 5 to gain compliance under the federal Real ID Act, which establishes minimum-security standards... - [*York Dispatch*](#)
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They have already uncovered what they called "questionable practices" and "costly shortcomings" with Capital Area Transit's management, and today, Cumberland County's commissioners announced some new revelations. The commissioners earlier this month sent a letter to the state's auditor... - [*Harrisburg Patriot-News*](#)

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 Schuylkill bridge needs face-lift Philadelphia is one of the premier rowing venues on the East Coast, hosting the annual Dad Vail and Stotesbury Cup Regattas and several other races. Last year's Dad Vail attracted "schools from 24 states, 3,700 student-athletes, [and] more than 35,000 spectators," according to the... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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 By John R. Lott Jr. Last week, government officials banned most carry-on electronic devices from U.S.-bound flights originating in more than a dozen Middle Eastern and African countries. The reason was due to an increase in terror threats. No judges are stopping the ban on electronic devices. No states are suing... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 03-27-2017 [**How the overworked, unstable EI just might be saving Philadelphia**](#)
 Jesse Hein bought a new house with his husband about a year ago in Kensington near York Street. The rowhouse — just a few blocks away from the Berks Street station on the Market-Frankford line — had only been on the market a month. Hein, a communications professional at a Center City... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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 On a Friday afternoon in winter, the Market-Frankford EI rolls into the 8th Street Station, the screech of metal-on-metal rising then fading as the car slows. A dozen-or-so travelers on the platform look up in unison, stepping forward and clutching the straps of their bags and packs. A balmy wave of... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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- 03-27-2017 [**Mahoney**](#)

When the 10-county Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission met lastweek to map out \$29 billion worth of regional project spending, finishing the northern end of the Mon-Fayette Expressway was surprisingly left off the list. Those who killed the \$2 billion project are saying they merely "tabled" it... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

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[Editorial: Promoting downtown crucial during bridge project](#)

The Issue: A planned billboard will remind motorists that despite traffic issues, Reading is open for business. Our Opinion: It's important to make sure local attractions don't lose ground while work is underway. We are pleased to see continuing efforts by local leaders to get ready for... - [Reading Eagle](#)

03-27-2017

[The Rundown: Should tax credits be available to help pay for toll roads?](#)

Seeking tax breaks for toll payments Some commuters spend plenty of money on tolls as they head to work. A state lawmaker wants Pennsylvanians to have the chance to get a tax credit to cover part of the tolls. State Rep. Perry Warren, a Bucks County Democrat, is introducing a bill that would allow residents to qualify for a... - [Reading Eagle](#)

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[Quiet zone railroad crossing work gets going in Newberry](#)

The start of construction on the railroad quiet zone in Newberry to eliminate the train horn noise and improve safety on the tracks and cross-streets has begun, city officials said. The SEDA-Council of Governments Joint Rail Authority began Friday by making signal upgrades at Arch Street, said John Grado, city engineer and director... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

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[Runners take to Carantouan Greenway Wildwood trails](#)

By Russell Pekelnicky WAVERLY — Over a score of runners were out on the trails of Carantouan Greenway's Wildwood Park. Greenway Vice-President Marty Borko said the event was postponed from the previous Sunday after a foot of snow blanketed the trails. He also noted that because of the close-knit nature of many of... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)

03-27-2017

[Getting ready for automation](#)

Pennsylvania is moving into the fast lane when it comes to driverless cars and lawmakers are preparing to line up rules to oversee the burgeoning industry. The commonwealth is trying to become an industry leader, building off the success of Uber's pilot-less vehicle pilot program up and running since... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)

03-27-2017

[Opinion | A plan to finance infrastructure](#)

REP. PETER DEFAZIO (D-Ore.) has a long record of clever legislative proposals for financing infrastructure. His latest, announced Wednesday, is to increase the federal gas tax by up to 1.5 cents per year, with proceeds going to pay interest on an annual surface transportation bond issue of \$17... - [Washington Post](#)

03-27-2017

[Maryland alcohol tax increase linked to drop in drunk driving crashes](#)

Alcohol-related crashes where people were killed or hurt dropped by an annual rate of 6 percent after the state raised the alcohol sales tax in 2011, according to a University of Maryland-led study to be released Monday. The decline, which was even higher for younger drivers, was more... - [Baltimore Sun](#)

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[GUEST OPINION: Portion of Byberry Road to be dedicated to fallen war hero](#)

"There's no tragedy in life like the death of a child. Things never get back to the way they were." — President Dwight D. Eisenhower In 2005, the war in Iraq was painfully brought to our doorsteps in Hatboro, when 30-year-old Maj. Jeffrey P. Toczylowski was killed in hostile enemy... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

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[March storm costs taxpayers more than \\$1.4 million in Bucks and Montgomery counties](#)

So you think the \$25 you paid the neighbor kid to shovel your sidewalk was the biggest expense

you had during the March 14 snowstorm? Think again. Recently released PennDOT figures show that taxpayers spent \$1.43 million to move the snow off Bucks and Montgomery highways.... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

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[Adams County police to move to e-tickets](#)

CARROLL VALLEY – You might notice something different next time Adams County police pull you over. It’s an effort to save time and tax dollars, and other counties could soon pick up on this, too. Only two of Adams County’s 16 municipal police departments have digital... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)

03-27-2017

[Uber self-driving cars return in San Francisco, still grounded in Pittsburgh, Arizona](#)

Uber’s fleet of self-driving cars will be back on the road in San Francisco on Monday morning but will remain grounded in Pittsburgh and Arizona as the company continues to investigate a crash Saturday. Uber pulled its self-driving cars from the streets in Pittsburgh, Arizona... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

03-27-2017

[Mild winter is boon for area municipalities](#)

Winter officially came to an end Monday, and municipalities around Butler County are taking inventory of their salt stockpiles and maintenance expenditures. With a mild season of snow and freezing temperatures in the books, many say they were able to save tens of thousands of dollars — money that the... - [Butler Eagle](#)

03-27-2017

[Company disputes driver’s claims](#)

Subsidiary: Defendant was ‘administratively suspended’. The company that provides transportation services for Altoona Area School District students has denied claims in a federal lawsuit that it “fired” a longtime bus driver for her religious beliefs. Rather Altoona Student Transportation Inc., a subsidiary of Student... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

03-27-2017

[A moral deficit in Legislature](#)

As the enabler of casino gambling, the state government is partially responsible for thousands of cases of gambling addiction. Its half-hearted acknowledgment of that responsibility includes using some of its vigorish from slot machines and table games for public service announcements and a... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)

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[Uber plans to resume self-driving operations in Pittsburgh on Monday](#)

Uber will return its self-driving cars to service sometime Monday in Pittsburgh after a wreck Friday night in Tempe, Ariz., a company spokesperson said. Autonomous vehicles in Tempe also will resume operations Monday, according to the ride-hailing company. Uber restarted self-driving services earlier... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

03-26-2017

[Northeastern Extension, I-476 section of Pa. Turnpike to close Sunday](#)

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is advising motorists that the Northeastern Extension, I-476, will be closed in both directions on Sunday from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. between the Wyoming Valley Interchange, Exit 115, and the Clarks Summit Interchange, Exit 131... - [AP](#)

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[Signal lights to be removed from Turnpike E-Z Pass toll booths](#)

Along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, E-ZPass users may face some confusion in coming months as the familiar feedback signal lights prompting a yellow “Low Bal” or a green “Thank You” begin to disappear across the 550-mile system. As part of a project to update toll equipment with new

hardware and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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- 03-26-2017 [With TSA, indignity security's price](#)
 It was probably worse for the Transportation Security Administration officer than it was for me. Maybe I'd better explain. I recently had the misfortune of experiencing the TSA's recently enhanced pat-down procedure. According to ABC News, you see, an audit by the Department of Homeland... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 03-26-2017 [For some airline passengers, electronics restrictions pose big challenge](#)
 As far as the indignities of modern air travel go, the latest ban on laptops and tablets on some international flights falls somewhere between taking off shoes at the security checkpoint and testing baby food and milk for bomb residue... - [AP](#)
- 03-26-2017 [Uber to suspend autonomous tests after Arizona accident](#)
 Uber Technologies Inc. is suspending its self-driving car program after one of its autonomous vehicles was involved in a high-impact crash in Tempe, Arizona, the latest incident for a company reeling from multiple crises. In a photo posted on Twitter, one of Uber's Volvo self-driving SUVs is... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 03-26-2017 [Northeast Corridor train service disrupted by Penn Station derailment](#)
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- 03-26-2017 [Our view: Air show's return is a real winner for area](#)
 Diamonds to the return of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Air Show at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. After being grounded for 17 years, the event is set to take flight Aug. 12 and 13 following unanimous approval of the idea from the Bi-County Airport Board on Thursday. The show... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
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 A group of students learned how to craft the perfect resumé Saturday afternoon. The Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind and the Community Services for Sight partnered to teach the kids about resumé building as well as about traveling via Luzerne County Transportation Authority buses... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 03-26-2017 [Air show good NEPA marketing](#)
 An air show at an active commercial airport is the wild blue yonder of logistics. Moving thousands of spectators on and off the airport property without compromising safety, security or the movements of arriving and departing passengers, and conducting flight demonstrations without... - [Scranton Times](#)
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 Darian Cruz wowed high school sports fans as a young wrestler at Bethlehem Catholic High School. He did it again last week when he was crowned a national champion at the NCAA Division I Championships in St. Louis. Cruz, a 125-pounder at Lehigh University, is universally praised as an exemplary... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

- 03-26-2017 [**Pennsylvania highways lose funds to state police, study says**](#)
 A state Legislative Budget and Finance Committee report this week calculated the "appropriate and justifiable" level of highway funding for the state police at \$532.8 million. That's based on last fiscal year, when Gov. Tom Wolf and lawmakers approved \$755 million in highway funds for the state police.... - [AP](#)
- 03-26-2017 [**Uber Suspends Tests of Self-Driving Vehicles After Arizona Crash**](#)
 Uber said on Saturday that it was suspending the testing of its self-driving vehicles, a day after one of the vehicles was involved in a collision in Tempe, Ariz. The Uber vehicle, which had a person in the driver's seat but was in self-driving mode, was not at fault in the accident, according to Josie... - [New York Times](#)
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 Any attempt to repurpose the \$2 billion set aside to build the Mon-Fayette Expressway would face a daunting hurdle because the Legislature was very specific in its earmarks. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission this week asked the Turnpike Commission whether the money earmarked for the 30-year-old project --... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 03-24-2017 [**Uber plans major expansion at self-driving car test track in Pittsburgh**](#)
 Uber plans to double its office and storage space at its test track at the Almono development site in Pittsburgh's Hazelwood neighborhood. The company wants to add about 7,000 square feet of office space to the existing 6,000 square feet at the test track site and 9,250 square feet of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 Lockheed Martin said Thursday it will expand production for components of the F-35 Lightning II with a new facility in the Johnstown area, including adding more than 40 jobs by the end of 2018. "The F-35 Lightning II is beginning the transition to full-rate... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 The newest cars in SEPTA's Regional Rail fleet will come from the world's largest rail car producer, a Chinese company attempting to gain a foothold in the U.S. market. The transportation authority's board voted unanimously Thursday afternoon to award a \$137.5 million contract to CRRC MA, the American... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 03-24-2017 [**Pa. Capitol Police face questions over 'missing' parking ticket money, report: Friday Morning Coffee**](#)
 The Pennsylvania State Capitol Police, the nation's second-oldest police organization, are facing questions over their bookkeeping procedures for the parking tickets that officers write to motorists around the Capitol grounds. As ABC-27's Dennis Owens reports, the agency, whose main duty is providing... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 03-24-2017 [**More details emerge on air show at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport**](#)

PITTSTON TWP. — Tickets for the revived local air show go on sale online next Friday at 1 p.m. The tickets will be available on the air show website, nepairshow.com. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport and officials plan to announce other ways to buy tickets later.... - [Scranton Times](#)

03-24-2017

[Scranton may put \\$710K debt refund toward road paving](#)

Scranton City Council advanced a plan Thursday to spend a \$710,000 debt refund on paving roads. Council voted 5-0 — with President Joe Wechsler, Wayne Evans, Tim Perry, Bill Gaughan and Pat Rogan all in favor — to advance on second reading an ordinance from Mayor Bill Courtright's administration to... - [Scranton Times](#)

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[Air show set for Aug. 12-13 at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport](#)

AVOCA — The Bi-County Airport Board on Thursday unanimously approved hosting the Northeastern Pennsylvania Air Show at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport from Aug. 12-13. The show, back after a 17-year absence, will feature several acts: • The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

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[Thruway construction moves ahead; bids opened for third phase](#)

NORTHUMBERLAND — Valley drivers using Route 147 for their morning and evening commutes might be surprised to know how far along construction on the northern section of the \$650 million Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway has come, said the project director for the Pennsylvania Department of... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)

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PHILADELPHIA >> Commuters aboard crowded Philadelphia-area trains are going to have more places to sit... - [AP](#)

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[State Rep. Perry Warren introduces legislation to give tax credit for tolls](#)

State Rep. Perry Warren, of Newtown Borough, has introduced legislation that would offer an annual state income tax credit of up to \$500 per filer for those who pay tolls on area bridges and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. HB926 would allow both Pennsylvania individual and business filers... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

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[All E-ZPasses aren't equal to Pennsylvania's](#)

Drivers from across the country who use E-ZPass rather than pay cash get a toll discount while driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Other states, though, don't give the same break to drivers who haven't purchased the electronic device in their state. The New Jersey Regional E-ZPass Customer Service Center, for example,... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

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[Route 93: it's all downhill from here](#)

Route 93 is a 41-mile stretch of road that starts at the intersection of Route 209 in the borough of Nesquehoning, goes through other sections of Carbon County and then into Luzerne before ending in Columbia County. The 2-mile section from the top of Broad Mountain to the Route 209... - [Lehighon Times News](#)

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[PennDOT opens bid for Route 15 bypass interchange work](#)

MONTOURSVILLE -- Bids have been opened for the third and next to last contract for the northern section of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. Inc. of New Enterprise submitted the low bid of \$37.2 million to build the Route 15

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A Legislative Budget and Finance Committee report suggests \$200 million a year is being diverted from roads to state police. CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE, PennLive file photo (CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE,...) - [AP](#)