

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

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| <a href="#">HCO2376</a> | <a href="#">Cruz, Angel(D)</a>     | Increases public awareness of state and local solicitation law in the City of Philadelphia to address the safety hazards and increased risk of traffic accidents associated with pedestrians soliciting rides and business along the road. |
| <a href="#">HCO2377</a> | <a href="#">Keller, Fred(R)</a>    | Designates a portion of US Route 522, from the west end of Beavertown Borough to Elm Street in Beaver Springs, as the Staff Sergeant Stanley R. Saylor Memorial Highway.   |
| <a href="#">HCO2379</a> | <a href="#">Keller, William(D)</a> | Clarifies that the \$5 fee for local use on vehicle registrations applies to each year of registration.  |
| <a href="#">HCO2380</a> | <a href="#">Keller, William(D)</a> | Allows the Secretary of Transportation to designate any of the executive deputy secretaries or deputy secretaries to act in his or her place.  |

## Bill Actions

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| <a href="#">HB 542</a> | <a href="#">Thomas, Curtis(D)</a> | (PN 1563) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, defining remote sellers as a vendor located outside the Commonwealth. Provides for notification to the purchaser at the time of purchase, and requires notification by mail for purchases totaling \$500 or more of potential sales and use tax. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 568) |
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**Bill History:** 07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
07-27-17 Laid out for discussion 10:04am  
07-27-17 Third consideration 10:04am  
07-27-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 26/N: 24)  
08-08-17 S Conference call held

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| <a href="#">HB 1699</a> | <a href="#">Marshall, Jim(R)</a> | Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight & load, providing for operation of certain combinations on interstate & certain other highways, repealing provisions & further providing for width of vehicles & for length of vehicles. |
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**Bill History:** 08-04-17 H Filed

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| <a href="#">HB 1700</a> | <a href="#">Comitta, Carolyn (F)(D)</a> | Act establishing the Pipeline Safety and Communication Board and providing for its powers and duties. |
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**Bill History:** 08-08-17 H Filed

## PA Bulletin

### [PPA: NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SALES OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXICAB MEDALLIONS](#)

The Philadelphia Parking Authority removed 29 wheelchair accessible vehicle medallions from being sold as scheduled due to lack of participation, which will be placed before the board for new sale authorization.

### [PPA: TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINE DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017](#)

The Philadelphia Parking Authority published an updated fee schedule for the 2018 Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

## Upcoming Events

### **PA Turnpike Commission**

*August 15, 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

### **House Transportation (PUBLIC HEARING)**

*TUESDAY - 8/15/17, Subcommittee on Highways, 10:00 a.m., PA State Fire Academy, 1150 Riverside Drive, Lewistown*

Joint public hearing with House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness on emergency towing and weight restrictions in PA and:

HB 1414 Barrar, Stephen Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for visual signals on authorized vehicles.

HB 1678 Barrar, Stephen Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for limits on number of towed vehicles, for length of vehicles and for application to tow trucks.

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## Session Schedule

### **Senate**

September 18, 19, 20

October 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

November 13, 14, 15

December 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

### **House**

September 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27

October 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

November 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

## In the News

08-10-2017

[Stateline Daily: As Cashless Toll Roads Proliferate, So Do Rental Car Fees](#)  
(Press Release)

08-10-2017

[British Airways will add a second daily flight to London in April](#)

British Airways will add a second daily flight to London from Philadelphia starting in April. The airline will restore a 10 p.m. departure from Philadelphia International Airport on Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays. For

nearly 19 years, British Airways operated two daily flights, but... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 08-10-2017 [Rapid Bridge Replacement Project nears halfway mark in Allegheny County](#)  
Road construction season in Pennsylvania can seem never ending, but one project is trying to speed up construction work on small bridge projects. The \$1.1 billion Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, a public-private partnership between PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners, is... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-10-2017 [Antis' approach twisted](#)  
Antis Township's decision to abandon maintenance of two roads within the Northside Modular Village development was a decision too long delayed. For years, the township acted improperly in performing maintenance on Northside Drive and Waterline Drive — mostly at taxpayers' expense... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-10-2017 [Bieber Tourways settles lawsuit over bus accessibility](#)  
Bieber Tourways, a transportation group based in Kutztown, agreed Wednesday to change its practices to resolve allegations that the company violated the Americans with Disabilities Act in a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, according to a news release.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-10-2017 [Looking at Pennsylvania's 153,661 regulations](#)  
An algebra formula in the Pennsylvania Code guides the maximum allowable size and depth of a wood knot when a new ladder is built. It is one of the state's 208 regulation restrictions on ladders. The Pennsylvania Code has 153,661 regulatory restrictions, said James... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-10-2017 [Brownsville council holds meeting to get feedback on police, streets expenses](#)  
BROWNSVILLE — Several dozen borough residents and first responders took the podium at a meeting held at the Brownsville Sons & Daughters of Italy so that council could receive public input regarding what the borough should do about police and street maintenance expenses.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 08-10-2017 [State College Borough Council approves changes to rates for parking decks](#)  
State College Borough Council at its meeting Monday approved changes to the rate structure for parking garages. Effective Aug. 15, the first 30 minutes will still be free, but the second half hour will increase from 50 cents to \$1 and each additional hour will... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 08-10-2017 [Lehigh Valley airport owner adds work for \\$300-an-hour consultant](#)  
Nearly 300 acres east of Lehigh Valley International Airport could give rise to a mix of retail and restaurants, office and industrial uses. The land, like the airport, is owned by the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority. The authority's board of governors on Tuesday voted to seek more... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 08-10-2017 [Speed camera plan may be on fast track at Capitol](#)  
Lead-footed drivers might want to flash a smile for the cameras as they cruise through work zones if the state follows through on plans to crack down on speeders. The state Senate in July passed legislation that would allow the Department of Transportation to install speed cameras in construction work zones.... - [New Castle News](#)
- 08-10-2017 [New pumps appearing at Sheetz as gas stations offer ethanol](#)  
Noticed the new pumps at some Sheetz stores in Pennsylvania? The Altoona-based convenience store and gas station chain has started offering Unleaded-15 alongside Flex-Fuel at new stores and a number of its older locations. Over the last year the company has rolled out the new gas offerings to... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Stateline Daily: Solar Eclipse Could Create Once-in-a-Lifetime Road Hazards](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2017 [Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: Port Authority is Facing Several Pesky Issues](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2017 [Line and Substation Equipment Work Underway at West Penn Power to Enhance...](#)  
(Press Release)

- 08-09-2017 [PESCO, A Subsidiary Of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Expands Its Retail...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-09-2017 [Penn Station project shows Amtrak's efficiency, and need for infrastructure investment](#)  
I am a loyal Amtrak rider. And I am proud of it. That's why I am pleased to see that, in spite of great initial fears, the Infrastructure Renewal Program underway at New York City's Penn Station has been going smoothly. The Renewal Program consists of Amtrak removing the equivalent of six... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-09-2017 [PennDOT solicits comment on St. Clair bridge project](#)  
PennDOT will unveil its plan for replacing a bridge on Route 711 in St. Clair Township from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the township building, 550 Seward St., Seward. The preliminary construction plan calls for installing temporary traffic signals and maintaining a single lane of alternating traffic on the bridge... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Townships endorsed Millfair Road bridge, roundabout project: Brian McGrath](#)  
I would like to offer some comments regarding the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation project currently underway on Millfair Road, hopefully clearing up some misconceptions. Several years ago, as part of Erie International Airport's runway extension project, multiple public meetings were conducted. Concerns were... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Lehigh Valley airport unveils closer hub for taxis, buses, car rentals](#)  
Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority officials and local dignitaries unveiled Tuesday a \$5 million transportation hub at Lehigh Valley International Airport. A new, medium-sized parking lot with covered walkways is alongside a side entrance to the airport terminal, providing a new space for bus and taxi... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Gas prices on the rise after months of decline](#)  
- [Beaver County Times](#)
- 08-09-2017 [CATA Fare Increases Set to Take Effect](#)  
Passengers of CATA Bus and CATA Ride will soon see an increase in fares. The new rates are set to take effect on Saturday, Aug. 19, with the start of the fall service schedule The cash fare for one way trips on the CATA Bus system will increase from \$1.75 to \$2. Reduced fare will increase from 85 cents to \$1. One-month... - [State College News](#)
- 08-09-2017 [PennDOT corrects previous statement on bridge removal cost](#)  
PennDOT District 1 Press Officer Jim Carroll contacted The Titusville Herald on Tuesday to correct a statement given by a PennDOT representative at a public meeting in Titusville in July. At the meeting, which took place on July 25, Tom McClellan, design and... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Lehigh Valley airport authority names interim leader, begins search](#)  
A 21-year veteran of Lehigh Valley International Airport and its sister facilities will lead its parent organization on an interim basis. The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority on Tuesday unanimously appointed Thomas Stoudt as interim executive director once the current director,... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Trump cuts red tape: let truckers and train engineers have sleep disorders | Editorial](#)  
Shortly after taking office, President Trump signed an executive order creating task forces in every agency to eliminate "burdensome" regulations. "Every regulation should have to pass a simple test," he said. "Does it make life better or safer for American workers or consumers?"... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Uber, Lyft may provide avenue for city to replace Parking Authority](#)  
Mayor Kenney and City Council need to jump into conversations about letting another state agency take over the role of the Philadelphia Parking Authority, which seems to be drowning without a lifeline. Competition from ride-hailing services Uber and Lyft has hit the city's... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-09-2017 [Contract for trail project awarded as Hatfield seeks grant for signal](#)  
A grant-funded trail project in Hatfield Township has taken a big step ahead, as the township seeks another grant to install a traffic signal at a busy intersection. The commissioners voted unanimously at their July 26 meeting to award a contract for construction of a new mile of Frick's Trail, a project... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)

- 08-08-2017 [Harrisburg wins ruling in wall collapse case](#)  
With ownership of the collapsed wall in Harrisburg established, a judge on Monday dismissed an appeal filed by the owners of the McFarland apartments that questioned the city's condemnation order. The order by Common Pleas Senior Judge Lawrence F. Clark Jr. affirmed the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-08-2017 [PennDOT buys land to add Lancaster Amtrak parking, but timetable undetermined](#)  
There's great news and not-so-great news for passengers using the Lancaster Amtrak station. The state Department of Transportation recently bought land next to the station to help alleviate a parking shortage there. But it's unknown when that \$1.68 million investment will lead to a... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Duncansville project needs to be priority in here](#)  
If President Donald Trump's proposed trillion-dollar national infrastructure-improvement initiative now were on the verge of evaluating shovel-ready projects for funding, the borough of Duncansville's busiest corridor might be a good candidate for a grant under that program.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Hyndman cleanup efforts continuing](#)  
HYNDMAN — Railroad workers are set to burn off lingering chemicals and load dangerous liquids out of derailed train cars today as they clean the site of last week's destructive CSX train derailment in Bedford County. CSX representatives said work would continue this week as most of... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Autonomous vehicles could be on their way](#)  
Recommendations for the transition to driverless trucks Governments, industry and researchers should continue to advance self-driving truck tests on public roads in designated corridors and areas so no commitment is made to an individual company, standard or technology... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Can truck owners track vehicles?](#)  
While driverless vehicles have captured the imagination of the public, human beings still operate commercial trucks in the United States. Freight companies want to keep track of those rigs so they employ GPS technology. Some critics of the technology believe the devices infringe on privacy.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Up front: Why we need infrastructure improvements](#)  
There has been a lot of talk about how President Donald Trump wants to improve the nation's highway infrastructure. I'm for it. I mean, it's a jungle out there. I have more than an hourlong commute. Almost every week, an accident sends me scurrying to find an alternate... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Office Space: Here's how to lower insurance premiums](#)  
If you haven't had your insurance policy reviewed for a couple of years, you may be surprised to find out that you're not covered for what you really need, or even worse, you're overpaying for coverage you don't need. So how do you know if you're really getting a good rate on your auto or... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Viewpoint: A look at upcoming trucking industry trends](#)  
There are about 3.5 million truck drivers in the U.S. These truck drivers are moving about 70 percent of all freight tonnage. When you look at these statistics, it is no surprise that change is apparent in the trucking industry. In 2017, here are a number of trends that will definitely impact the future... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Office Space: The rise of the European-style van](#)  
If you didn't think modes of transportation could be exciting, think again. The rise of the European-style van has hit the U.S., and it offers some new efficiencies and choices in a segment that otherwise has been very traditional and standard. European-style vans are being specially fitted from vehicles offered by the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Greenwich Township supervisors learn that revised warehouse plans to be reiewed](#)  
The developer has submitted revised plans for the Crossroads X warehouse project in Greenwich Township, officials said at Monday's supervisors meeting. Chris Noll, township zoning officer, reported that JVI group of Wind Gap, Northampton County, updated its plan for the project in July.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Office Space: Here's how to lower insurance premiums](#)  
If you haven't had your insurance policy reviewed for a couple of years, you may be surprised to find out that you're not covered for what you really need, or even worse, you're overpaying for coverage you don't

need. So how do you know if you're really getting a good rate on your auto or... - [Reading Eagle](#)

08-08-2017

**[Q&A: Charles Everett Jr., departing Lehigh Valley airport director](#)**

After six years as executive director of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, Charles Everett Jr. is leaving to become the deputy director of aviation at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Those six years transformed the authority. Once a struggling organization... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

08-08-2017

**[City votes to help fund bus service](#)**

LOCK HAVEN — Just like the wheels on the bus, the city is rolling ahead. City council approved a memorandum of understanding Monday about how the proposed new bus service in town will be financed. Council's vote was unanimous. Councilman Jonathan Bravard continues to... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

08-08-2017

**[Nazareth parking meter rules change after council debate](#)**

Drivers and business owners in Nazareth will have more options at the meter when they want to park downtown. Nazareth Borough Council voted Monday to revise the parking meter rates and provide business owners with permits so they can avoid filling meters every... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

08-08-2017

**[Rate Changes Approved for Downtown Parking Garages](#)**

Drivers will soon see a change to hourly parking rates at State College's three downtown parking garages. In April 2016, the borough auctioned a \$6.3 million general obligation bond to fund restoration and improvement projects for the garages. Along with that borough council approved a number of rate changes for garage, meter... - [State College News](#)

08-08-2017

**[Pottstown regional trail plan has price tag of \\$9M to \\$13M](#)**

The collective cost of a years-long plan to expand the network of trails around the region and to connect them with the Schuylkill River Trail was revealed during a final public hearing on the study to be between \$9 million and \$13 million. Years in the making, and years yet before it's complete, the Tri-County... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)

08-08-2017

**[UPenn Engineering Students Building Top Electric Vehicles](#)**

Not many are on the level of University of Pennsylvania engineering students. And they recently blew away the competition with their electric race car, which proudly sports the words "Silent But Deadly." "So we build world-class electric race cars," says Johnathan Chen,... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

08-08-2017

**[Teamsters accuse UPS of thwarting organizing efforts at Lehigh County warehouse](#)**

WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP – In February 2016, about 30 truck drivers at UPS Ground Freight voted overwhelmingly to join the Teamsters union. But the union claims UPS Freight is refusing to negotiate a labor contract, and legal appeals filed by company have prevented the workers at a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

08-08-2017

**[Hyndman derailment witness: 'It's something I will never forget'](#)**

Tom Kennell won't soon forget what he witnessed shortly after 5 a.m. Wednesday as he stood outside his Hyndman residence. "I was drinking a cup of coffee and I heard it before I saw it," said Kennell, who saw the 32-car CSX derailment unfold some 75 feet from... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

08-08-2017

**[Ride-hailing drivers: Tired of showing up at the airport at the wrong time? There's an app for that.](#)**

William O'Brien believes the Pittsburgh market for ride-hailing drivers is over-saturated. The 52-year-old Uber driver from Heidelberg shares some of his off-surge hangout spots where other drivers wait, hungry for riders. There's a hole-in-the-wall car wash in the Strip District where Mr. O'Brien... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-08-2017

**[Pittsburgh consumers not balking at waiting over a year for Tesla Model 3](#)**

How long would you wait for something you've already started paying for? That's the question facing Pittsburgh residents who placed a \$1,000 down payment on a Tesla Model 3 earlier this year. Pre-orders for the electric-carmaker's most affordable vehicle yet blew past the Palo... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-08-2017

**[New business revives border question](#)**

A new convenience store to be constructed along Route 108 has put into question where the border actually is between Butler and Lawrence counties. A Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores outlet will be

built on land the company bought adjacent to the road's interchange with Interstate 79 by the... - [Butler Eagle](#)

- 08-08-2017 [Highway user-fee pilot program coming to Pennsylvania, Delaware](#)  
When Pennsylvania passed Act 89 in 2013 to fund a host of highway and transportation infrastructure needs, it continued a long tradition of funding those programs via the use of a tax on fuel, paid for by motorists. But at the time, even as the state's legislature voted to enact the tax... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Penn State student-designed car hits 2,400+ miles-per-gallon at competition](#)  
A car designed and built by students at Penn State Erie's Behrend College cracked the 2,400 miles-per-gallon threshold this June at an international competition in Michigan. Powered by a 10hp Briggs & Stratton engine, the car uses a reverse-tricycle configuration as opposed to a standard four-wheel car -- one of the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-08-2017 [Ride-hailing drivers: Tired of showing up at the airport at the wrong time? There's an app for that.](#)  
William O'Brien believes the Pittsburgh market for ride-hailing drivers is over-saturated. The 52-year-old Uber driver from Heidelberg shares some of his off-surge hangout spots where other drivers wait, hungry for riders. There's a hole-in-the-wall car wash in the Strip District where Mr. O'Brien... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-07-2017 [Bill aims to prevent deaths in hot cars](#)  
Every summer, cases of children being left in hot cars evoke outrage and heartbreak. Now, state lawmakers are moving legislation aimed at helping residents rescue kids left in cars during summer. A state House panel has passed a bill that would protect residents from any civil penalties for breaking... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-07-2017 [Bill would bar driving with hand-held phones](#)  
Texting while driving is illegal in Pennsylvania. But calling and talking on a cellphone while driving remains legal. State Rep. Rosemary M. Brown, a Monroe County Republican, wants to change the law. She is pushing a bill to prohibit driving while using a hand-held... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-07-2017 [Rail accident underscores shortcomings](#)  
Wednesday's train derailment in the southwestern Bedford County borough of Hyndman, while tragic, can also spawn appreciation for all of the strides that have been made in terms of railroad safety. While last week's accident might make some people skeptical about... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-07-2017 [2 major paving projects get started in Lebanon County](#)  
Two paving projects are getting under way this week on Routes 72 and 422 in Lebanon County. Work was scheduled to start Sunday night on milling and paving a 4.52-mile section of Route 422 from Clear Spring Road at the North Annville-South Annville township line to 25th Street at the North Lebanon-North Cornwall... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-07-2017 [Most drunken-driving programs focus on driving. This one worked because it focused on booze.](#)  
Driving under the influence of alcohol is by far the most common drug-related arrest in the United States. Police make more than 1.4 million drunken-driving arrests annually, and they catch only a fraction of offenders. The criminal justice system often responds to drunk drivers by focusing on... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-07-2017 [What will Los Angeles transportation be like when the Olympics arrive in 2028?](#)  
During the 1984 Summer Olympics, Los Angeles was a rail transit dead zone. The region's extensive streetcar network, once the largest in the world, had been ripped out decades earlier. And the ribbon-cutting on the first modern rail line, from Long Beach to downtown, was still six years... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\\$2.75 million road project starting](#)  
A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation contractor is beginning preparations to repair and resurface sections of three roads in the Waynesboro area. The \$2,749,999.97 contract was awarded on June 20 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc. of New Enterprise, Bedford County, and includes, tree... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)

- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Pottstown regional trail plan has price tag of \\$9M to \\$13M\*\*](#)  
 The collective cost of a years-long plan to expand the network of trails around the region and to connect them with the Schuylkill River Trail was revealed during a final public hearing on the study to be between \$9 million and \$13 million. Years in the making, and years yet before its complete, the Tri-County... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Pennsylvania state, local officials call for changes to DUI laws following medical marijuana legalization\*\*](#)  
 Medical marijuana has been legal in Pennsylvania for over a year now. Yet for many, there are still plenty of unanswered questions about the law and its impact on those who will choose to use the prescription products once they hit the market. One such question focuses on Pennsylvania's current driving under the... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Dinniman introduces legislative package on pipelines\*\*](#)  
 State Sen. Andy Dinniman, D-19 of West Whiteland, has introduced a package of legislation designed to protect local communities, natural resources, and individual property rights in the crosshairs of the ever-growing number of pipelines planned in Chester County and Pennsylvania.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*One man's quest to save the South Perry Street Bridge\*\*](#)  
 For several years, Petroleum Centre Road resident James Miller optimistically followed the ongoing news surrounding the fate of the South Perry Street Bridge, which carries Perry Street over Oil Creek, in Titusville. When he read about the state's decision to remove or sell the historic... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Kayaker DUI\*\*](#)  
 In response to David Coe's response to my original comments on the DUI while kayaking, you say that there is a distinction between having a couple of beers and being legally intoxicated. Well, there isn't much of a distinction. With the BAC or blood-alcohol content limit of .08, depending on the... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*PA Congressman Puts Forth Bill On Self-Driving Tech\*\*](#)  
 Automakers and technology firms are full speed ahead on self-driving technology. A local lawmaker says now is the time for the government to step in, but with a light touch. Congressman Ryan Costello's bill addresses information security for automated vehicles and sets rules for recalls.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Ignition-interlock rule lets more DUI offenders get back on the road earlier\*\*](#)  
 People convicted of drunk driving for the first time in Pennsylvania who would otherwise be forced to give up their license will soon have an option to get back on the road - and back to work - sooner. Officials say the new law that creates that option could also cut back on... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Gasoline prices surge to \\$2.61 a gallon in Pittsburgh region\*\*](#)  
 The average price of gasoline in the Pittsburgh region increased 4 cents a gallon in the last week to \$2.61 on Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of more than 700 stations in southwestern Pennsylvania. It was the third consecutive week of increasing pump prices in the region... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-07-2017 [\*\*Student parking a chief concern raised over Lafayette's new dorms\*\*](#)  
 Why are residential street parking permits issued to Lafayette College students living in private housing owned by the college? That is one of the parking concerns being raised as part of the review of Lafayette's development plans for two of four proposed student... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-06-2017 [\*\*Hyndman residents learn a hard lesson from train derailment: 'Expect the worst'\*\*](#)  
 CSX railroad tracks cut straight through Hyndman, a borough in Bedford County with a population of about 900. Barb Lehman lives with three grandchildren on Hogback Road, which crosses the tracks. Trains rumble by 20 to 30 times a day. About 5 a.m. Wednesday, Ms. Lehman got out of bed for a few moments. As she... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-06-2017 [\*\*Turnpike's unfair 'hammer': Out-of-staters' 'E-ZPass'\*\*](#)  
 Even if the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's partial amnesty program for toll scofflaws didn't collect every dollar technically owed, it incentivized cheaters to pay, bringing in, as one official said, "revenue we didn't have a month ago." Yet only Pennsylvanians were... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 08-06-2017 [Ethanol bill sputters: The wrong mix](#)  
 Legislation to vastly expand ethanol's mix in the nation's fuel supply has run out of gas, as rightfully it should. The bill to increase the availability of gas containing 15-percent ethanol likely won't be revisited until Congress returns from its summer break... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-06-2017 [Cabs becoming chaotic as the PPA cuts staff](#)  
 Uber and Lyft's gutting of the city cab industry and the legislation that made ride-sharing legal have cost the Philadelphia Parking Authority money and personnel, leading to regulatory chaos, officials said Friday. With only eight inspectors — down from 12 — and an additional... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-06-2017 [Most residents allowed home after Pennsylvania derailment](#)  
 Most residents were being allowed to return to the homes they were forced to leave after a train derailment and resulting fires in their small Pennsylvania town, authorities said... - [AP](#)
- 08-06-2017 [Ten hospitalized after shaky flight from Greece to PHL](#)  
 Ten people were hospitalized Saturday after landing in Philadelphia on an American Airlines flight from Athens, Greece, that had encountered heavy turbulence. The three passengers and seven crew members were taken to a hospital for evaluation after Flight 759 landed at Philadelphia International Airport,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-06-2017 [Parking garages may get new rates](#)  
 To draw more customers to downtown garages, Scranton may offer premium garage spots and a special deal for new monthly parkers. The basic monthly rate would remain \$90, but parkers who want spaces closer to the ground, elevators or stairs could pay \$120, under proposed revisions... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-06-2017 [Top executive leaving Lehigh Valley International Airport owner](#)  
 The owner-operator of Lehigh Valley International Airport is losing its executive director. Charles Everett submitted his resignation Friday to the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, authority spokesman Colin Riccobon announced. Everett is taking a position with the Port Authority of New York and New... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 08-06-2017 [All levels of government addressing Uniontown flooding issues](#)  
 While Uniontown's council meeting was canceled for lack of a quorum last week, Mayor Bernie Kasieivich and Councilman Ron Metros listened to frustrated residents' concerns about flooding, while plans are in the works to clear a local creek. "We all did this dance last year in June," said Uniontown... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 08-06-2017 [Charles Everett Jr. resigns as executive director of LVIA](#)  
 The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority will be looking for someone new to take the helm after Charles Everett Jr. resigned as executive director Friday. Everett has steered the authority through turbulent financial times since taking the yoke in 2011 as a consultant. During his tenure, the authority... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-06-2017 [U.A.W. Accuses Nissan of 'Scare Tactics' as Workers Reject Union Bid](#)  
 In a test of labor's ability to expand its reach in the South, workers at a Nissan plant in Mississippi overwhelmingly rejected a bid to unionize, an election that the union quickly criticized. Out of roughly 3,500 employees at the Canton-based plant who voted Thursday... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-06-2017 [High-speed 'Hyperloop' tubes could connect Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh](#)  
 The almost 500-mile corridor from Chicago to Columbus to Pittsburgh could become a "mega-region" connected by high-speed tubes that drive economic growth across four states, officials for Hyperloop One believe. Now, "there's not even a direct highway linking the three"... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 08-04-2017 [Uber's cheaper carpool service is MIA in Pittsburgh. What are we missing out on?](#)  
 Washington, D.C., resident Natalee Dawson "shudders to think" about all the money she would have spent without using the UberPool app to carpool with strangers and friends traversing the nation's capital. She estimates she pays \$5-7 per ride when she uses Pool, but double that... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-04-2017 [In Camden, a project to tell residents where it's safe to walk](#)

The small group of teenagers making their way through the streets of North Camden were on a mission: Map out the best places in the city to walk and get others moving, too. In a city where some residents may believe there are no places to walk or their neighborhoods are too dangerous, youth involved in this new project... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-04-2017

**[Erosion triggers most bridge collapses, so a Pitt engineer buried an alarm](#)**

Michael Rothfuss buried 15 PVC tubes packed with batteries and radios around a remote bridge that spans a small creek in Armstrong County more than two years ago. He hasn't heard from them since. Rothfuss, who has a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-04-2017

**[25 of 37 school buses fail state police inspection, company says fleet will be ready to start school](#)**

More than two thirds of a school bus fleet failed state police inspections Wednesday, but the company responsible says its buses will be ready for the start of the new school year. Of the 37 Boyo Transportation buses inspected at the business' Harrisburg location, 25 of those buses failed the Aug. 2 inspections, state police... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-04-2017

**[Hyndman fire delays CSX cleanup](#)**

BEDFORD — About 5 a.m. Wednesday the sound of a distant blast awoke Philip Mack, a counselor at the KnightLights Christian youth camp in Hyndman. "I heard the explosion," Mack said Thursday. "I was like, 'Oh,' and I went back to sleep." Barely an hour passed before a state trooper knocked on the camp door,... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

08-04-2017

**[Attorneys eye trucking company in Fla. wreck](#)**

KINGSTON — The trucking company involved in a fatal motor vehicle crash in Florida that also hospitalized several local musicians with severe injuries has a checkered safety record, attorneys representing the survivors said at a press conference Monday. Attorneys Greg Fellerman, Edward Ciarimboli and Neil O'Donnell are... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

08-04-2017

**[Bike racks combine art, functionality on North Queen Street](#)**

Bicyclists who want to stop in one of the boutiques in the 300 block of North Queen Street in Lancaster can now park their rides in style. Two eye-catching bike racks, designed and fabricated by a local artist, TJ Dreier of Manheim, were unveiled Thursday. One was installed in front of... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

08-04-2017

**[City has gained nearly \\$7 million in grants for Erie Refocused](#)**

More than \$113,000 in grant money has been used since May to demolish 13 blighted properties in Erie's east and west bayfront neighborhoods. City of Erie officials have procured nearly \$7 million in grants in the past seven months for Erie Refocused, the city's comprehensive... - [Erie Times-News](#)

08-04-2017

**[Texting ban not keeping roads safer](#)**

Pennsylvania is among 44 states that ban texting while driving. And in each year since enacting the law in 2012, the number of citations has risen, reaching 3,336 in 2016, according to state records. Yet distracted driving also has risen over that period. Vehicle crashes due... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

08-04-2017

**[Pennsylvania, local officials call for changes to DUI laws following medical marijuana legalization](#)**

Medical marijuana has been legal in Pennsylvania for over a year now. Yet for many, there are still plenty of unanswered questions about the law and its impact on those who will choose to use the prescription products once they hit the market. One such question focuses on Pennsylvania's current driving under the... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)

08-04-2017

**[Cyclists push for safer rides as they 'share the road' in Lebanon County](#)**

Bicycle riders were shocked to hear that an SUV driver intentionally ran into a group of four cyclists on July 22 on Colebrook Road, then swerved back a second time toward one rider who hadn't crashed. This photo, taken during the Ride of Silence for bike This photo, taken during the Ride of Silence for bike safety in May, shows... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)

08-04-2017

**[Carlisle borough considers downtown parking change](#)**

Walking down Locust Avenue in Carlisle in the daylight, Christin Kapp points out hazardous, narrow sidewalks that hug walls where paint covers graffiti and only a few streetlights that sometimes don't work illuminate the road. It's an even less welcoming route at night when she has to walk up the... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)

- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Milford supervisors approve St. Luke's plans for hospital, state road improvements\*\*](#)  
Route 663 will be paved with good intentions for a new 80-bed hospital in Milford. The township's supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved St. Luke's University Health Network's plan for a 132,000-square-foot hospital but on the condition the nonprofit pay to improve two intersections and later... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Study looks to improve interchange\*\*](#)  
LEWISTOWN – In an effort to improve safety on a problematic stretch of road, the Mifflin County Commissioners on Thursday approved an agreement with the EADS Group of Lewistown to conduct an improvement study for the Electric Avenue/Mill Road intersection. Bill Gomes, the county's director of planning, said the intersection... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*PennDOT gives update on road closures\*\*](#)  
BRADFORD COUNTY -- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has provided an update on state roads closed by flooding in Bradford County. \* Route 1049 (Leraysville Road) between Cadis Road and Route 187 in Windham Township remains closed. A project to repair bridge damage will be let in... - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Rain damaged Route 22; repairs could cause delays\*\*](#)  
Expect more delay than normal this morning along Route 22 West in Hanover and Whitehall townships as PennDOT works to repair drainage inlets following heavy rains Thursday. The restrictions will be in place between Airport Road and Fullerton Avenue as contractors attempt to shore up the inlets, which deteriorated in the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Congested section of Route 22 undergoing widening, bike and pedestrian improvements\*\*](#)  
A heavily traveled section of Harford County highway is getting a \$6.5 million makeover as workers begin resurfacing and widening portions of Route 22 between Prospect Mill Road and Route 136 in the vicinity of Harford Community College and Churchville. The work will be arranged to minimize disruptions for drivers on a section... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*High-speed "Hyperloop" tubes could connect Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh\*\*](#)  
The almost 500-mile corridor from Chicago to Columbus to Pittsburgh could become a "mega-region" connected by high-speed tubes that drive economic growth across four states, officials for Hyperloop One believe. Now, "there's not even a direct highway linking the three"... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Linking Public Works to Local Hiring Faces a Trump Challenge\*\*](#)  
When the Chicago Transit Authority chose a Chinese joint venture to build the city a new fleet of rail cars for \$1.3 billion, the manufacturer's vow to construct an assembly plant on the Southeast Side helped tilt the scale in its favor. "This is a classic win-win for Chicago," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Making the City More Accessible\*\*](#)  
As frustrating as the subway can be for most New Yorkers, it is a joy ride compared with the ordeal that physically challenged commuters face. They are stymied by hard-to-negotiate staircases and hard-to-find elevators. On a typical weekday, 20,000 or more disabled riders turn instead to... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Disabled vets, Purple Heart recipients get free parking at all N.J. meters\*\*](#)  
ASBURY PARK -- Disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients will no longer have to pay to use parking meters in New Jersey. Vets will be exempt from feeding the meter once they obtain a placard that will have to be renewed every three years, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*This city issued \\$14 million in parking violations last year\*\*](#)  
If you've ever walked up to your car to find a white and red slip tacked onto the windshield and thought "not again," you're probably not alone. In 2016, Jersey City issued more than 280,000 parking violations totaling more than \$14 million. The city does not pocket most of the money collected... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Trump's N.J. stay will cost local airports \\$40K, aviation group says\*\*](#)  
BEDMINSTER -- As President Donald Trump gears up for his summer vacation at the northern White House, the local aviation industry says his jaunts to Jersey have cast a "black cloud" over their business during peak flying season, costing them thousands in revenue.... - [Trenton Times](#)

- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Gateway Tunnel good for the environment, needs green light ASAP\*\*](#)  
Our region needs the Gateway Tunnel because it will move our transportation system into the 21st century. The existing tunnels are 100 years old and we need to update this antiquated and falling apart system. This project will allow us to repair and replace those old tunnels in the future and make our... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Toyota and Mazda join forces on electric vehicles. Is this the end of the road for gas cars?\*\*](#)  
European moves to mark the end of the road for diesel and gas-powered cars are putting pressure on carmakers to not get left behind in the shift towards electric vehicles, analysts said. In a further sign of those pressures, Toyota Motor Corp and Mazda Motor... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Langerholc wants to clear the air on emissions testing\*\*](#)  
We agree with state Sen. Wayne Langerholc Jr.'s call to end vehicle emissions testing in Cambria County. The freshman lawmaker from Richland Township authored a resolution asking the Joint State Government Commission to find out what the ramifications would be if Cambria County were removed from the list of counties that... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*No timeline for evacuees' return after Hyndman train derailment\*\*](#)  
HYNDMAN – CSX officials said Thursday afternoon that no timeline has been established for Hyndman residents to return to their homes following Wednesday's 32-car train derailment. The nearly 1,000 residents who were evacuated Wednesday morning will be spending at least one more night sheltering at alternate sites.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Displaced Hyndman residents flock to motels\*\*](#)  
LAVALE, Md. – Donna Jenkins has lived in Hyndman for 47 years. "Never a derailment in all those years until now," Jenkins, one of dozens of evacuees staying at LaVale's Holiday Inn Express, said Thursday, a day after a 32-car derailment of a CSX freight train forced... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Philly Police Taking Precautions Amid Fears Of CO Leaks In Ford Explorers\*\*](#)  
PHILADELPHIA (CBS)—The Philadelphia Police Department is among police departments around the nation taking a close look at some of the SUVs that officers drive every day. The trouble has to do with carbon monoxide, which is leaking into some of the SUVs made by Ford.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Shuttle buses to sub for SEPTA airport trains on weekends all month\*\*](#)  
Shuttle buses will replace all SEPTA Regional Rail Airport Line trains between 30th Street Station and Philadelphia International Airport every weekend this month starting Saturday, the transit agency said. The changes are due to a track improvement project.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Dick Yuenqiling donates \\$2.8 million to Pottsville\*\*](#)  
Richard "Dick" Yuenqiling, president and CEO of D.G. Yuenqiling and Son Inc., has pledged a donation of up to \$2.8 million to Pottsville that will be used for the construction of a new parking deck. The announcement was made at the Pottsville Parking Authority meeting... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-04-2017 [\*\*Propane fire out after derailment; sulfur fire still burning | National\*\*](#)  
HYNDMAN, Pa. (AP) — A railroad spokesman says a propane fire caused when at least 32 freight cars derailed in a small Pennsylvania town has burned itself out overnight... - [AP](#)