

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

[HCO2389](#) [Keller, Mark\(R\)](#)

Transfers the responsibility for procurement of the Commonwealth's motor vehicles to PennDOT.

[HCO2394](#) [Neilson, Ed\(D\)](#)

Strengthens school zone safety by increasing penalties, maintaining school zones, requiring the submission of student travel plans, and advertising importance of school zone safety.

## Bill Actions

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(PN 1779) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for visual signals on authorized vehicles by establishing a tow truck may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more flashing or revolving red lights to remove a disabled vehicle when dispatched by 911, responding to law enforcement, or responding to a request from the owner. The combination of yellow and red lights specified in this subsection may be used only during the period in which the tow truck is at the incident to which it was dispatched or requested for the removal of a disabled vehicle, with violations resulting in a summary offense by a fine between \$500 and \$1,000. Effective in 60 days.

### **Bill History:**

05-19-17 H Filed

05-19-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

08-15-17 H Subcommittee hearing set for 10:00 a.m., PA State Fire Acad, House Transportation -- House Transportation

[HB 1678](#) [Barrar, Stephen\(R\)](#)

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providing for failure to meet restrictions. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 07-20-17 H Filed  
 08-15-17 H Hearing set for 10:00 a.m., PA State Fire Academy, Lewistown, House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.  
 07-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1695](#) [Sankey, Thomas\(R\)](#)

(PN 2280) Act designating the viaduct bridges located on Interstate 80, Eastbound, Segment Number 1382, Offset 0000, and Westbound, Segment Number 1383, Offset 0000, in Cooper Township, Clearfield County, over Moshannon Creek as the Richard B. Whitehead Memorial Bridges. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 08-03-17 H Filed  
 08-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1699](#) [Marshall, Jim\(R\)](#)

(PN 2283) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for operation of certain combinations on interstate and certain other highways, repealing provisions relating to operation of motor homes on interstate and certain other highways and further providing for width of vehicles and for length of vehicles. The stated intent of the bill is to allow 102-inch wide trailers on all Pennsylvania highways, while still allowing the department and municipalities the ability to restrict these vehicles where necessary on specific roadways. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 08-04-17 H Filed  
 08-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1700](#) [Comitta, Carolyn \(F\)\(D\)](#)

(PN 2284) The Pipeline Safety and Communication Board Act establishes the Pipeline Safety and Communication Board as an independent administrative board. The board shall consist of certain specified cabinet secretaries, House and Senate leaders, the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the State Fire Commissioner and six members appointed by the governor who shall be operators or owners of interstate or intrastate pipelines located or under construction in Pennsylvania. The new board's powers and duties include collecting and disseminating to the public information of commonwealth agencies relative to the planning, siting, construction, operation, maintenance, management, inspection and safety of and emergency response procedures for pipelines and coordinating communications relating to pipeline activities with federal, state and local government agencies and regulatory authorities, pipeline companies and the public. Also provides for interagency cooperation; logging of information; and Right-to-Know requests. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 08-08-17 H Filed  
 08-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy

[HB 1710](#) [Neilson, Ed\(D\)](#)

(PN 2295) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points by adding a 90-day suspension (changed from 60) for a first offense and six months' suspension for a subsequent offense

within a four-year license period relating to failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school bus by adding a \$500 fine (changed from \$250) for violations and a \$1,000 fine for subsequent offenses within a four-year license period. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 08-14-17 H Filed  
08-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1716](#) [Neilson, Ed\(D\)](#)

(PN 2301) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in turnpike, providing for toll road conversions by establishing approval by the General Assembly is required in order to authorize the conversion of an existing public roadway to a toll road, either in whole or a portion, not including bridges and tunnels. Effective immediately.

**Bill History:** 08-15-17 H Filed  
08-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1723](#) [Conklin, Scott\(D\)](#)

Amends Title 58 (Oil and Gas), providing for a natural gas severance fee; establishing the Natural Gas Severance Fee Account; and providing for distribution from account.

**Bill History:** 08-17-17 H Filed

[HB 1731](#) [Conklin, Scott\(D\)](#)

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for maximum gross weight of vehicles.

**Bill History:** 08-17-17 H Filed

## Committee Stories

### House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee House Transportation Subcommittee on Highways

*8/15/17, 10:00 a.m., Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, Lewistown*

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## PA Bulletin

### [PUC: REVIEW OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS; PUBLIC MEETING; DOC. NO. M-2017-2596907](#)

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Bureau of Consumer Services will coordinate a stakeholder meeting to allow interested parties an opportunity to provide feedback on the filed comments and on any other priorities, concerns or suggested changes pertaining to the universal service and energy conservation model. The meeting will be held on September 13 and 14 at the Keystone Building, Harrisburg from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., respectively. Agendas will be posted on the commission website. To attend the meeting, contact Joseph Magee at [imagee@pa.gov](mailto:imagee@pa.gov). Comments after the meeting should be submitted by October 16 to [RA-PCLAW-LIURP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCLAW-LIURP@pa.gov).

### [CAB: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS](#)

The State Charter School Appeal Board released its meeting schedule through June 12, 2018, available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The meetings will be held at 1 p.m. in the Department of Education Building, Harrisburg.

### [SRBC: COMMISSION MEETING](#)

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold its regular business meeting on Thursday, September 7 at 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Elmira Riverview, Elmira. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* or by contacting Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, (717) 238-0423, Ext. 1312. Comments should be submitted by August 31 to Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-178 or at <http://www.srb.com/pubinfo/publicparticipation.htm>.

### [GOVERNOR: REGULATORY AGENDA](#)

The Governor's Office submitted its semi-annual agenda of regulations under development or consideration, available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. For more information or comments, contact the individual agency.

## Upcoming Events

### **PA Public Utility Commission**

August 31, 2017 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg  
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

## Session Schedule

### **Senate**

September 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

08-17-2017

[Governor Wolf, PennDOT Announce Completion of State's First Diverging Diamond...](#)  
(Press Release)

08-17-2017

[Speeding deaths three times likelier on local roads, NTSB study shows](#)

A nighttime drive along an open suburban road can seem to drag on forever. Without anyone in sight and a heavy right foot on the accelerator, the drive could inspire a liberal interpretation of the speed limit. Thirty-five mph? Why not 50? But a new study by the National Transportation Safety Board found... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 08-17-2017 [\*\*American Airlines to begin nonstop flights from PHL to Budapest and Prague and restore a daily nonstop flight to Zurich\*\*](#)  
 American Airlines will begin nonstop flights to Budapest and to Prague in May from Philadelphia. American will also bring back a daily nonstop flight to Zurich, Switzerland, which had ended last year. The service to three European cities was seen as affirming American's... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*Rabbittransit looks to Uber, Lyft to expand services\*\*](#)  
 Rabbittransit, a nonprofit regional public transportation provider that provides shared ride services to 10 Pennsylvania counties, including York, Cumberland and Perry counties, is looking to Uber, Lyft and others to expand its services. Rabbittransit has had a pilot program in York County for the past six... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*Amtran to seek funds for more CNG buses\*\*](#)  
 Amtran plans to apply for about \$3.1 million in federal and state grants for six new compressed natural gas buses — in addition to three it has ordered for delivery next year. Success in obtaining the grants would give the authority 12 CNG buses among its 26-vehicle fleet to run on fuel provided by a CNG fueling station that... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*Overdoses on the road: Drugged driving rises as a menace\*\*](#)  
 COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — An SUV crashed after all four occupants overdosed on heroin in North Carolina. The same day, a man in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, grabbed the steering wheel after his grandson lost consciousness while driving. Police in the city of 30,000 responded to 11... - [AP](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*Pothole 'hotline' speaks volumes on city streets\*\*](#)  
 We've been saying for years that street conditions in Williamsport are overdue for attention after seemingly being low on the priority list for awhile. There is proof of the situation in the phone logs of the "pothole hotline." A nine-member crew has fielded 58 new work orders as a result of the... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*\\$2.3 million distribution and trucking dispatch center planned at Starpointe, but for whom?\*\*](#)  
 Development of a 31-acre tract as a distribution facility and trucking dispatch operation in the Starpointe Business Park, Hanover Township, is on the horizon, but what will be distributed from there and by whose trucks was not divulged Wednesday at an agenda-setting session convened by the... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*HIA gets final funding for project that will give smoother, better runway\*\*](#)  
 Harrisburg International Airport has received a \$10.9 million federal grant that will fund the final phase of a major runway upgrade. The project, which began in 2015, includes new lighting, new weather surveillance features, removal of trees and an old golf course that... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*Commissioners work to approve additional vehicle registration fee\*\*](#)  
 Drivers in Schuylkill County will soon be paying an additional \$5 fee on vehicle registrations to fund more bridge repair projects. The county commissioners gave their approval Wednesday to advertise a new ordinance imposing the \$5 fee on vehicle registrations. The ordinance will... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*American Airlines Announces More Non-Stop Flights From PHL\*\*](#)  
 Zurich, Budapest, and Prague soon will be closer than ever to Philadelphia. American Airlines says it will begin non-stop flights from International Airport to the three cities next year. Service to Switzerland's largest city will run year-round, while the capitals of Hungary and the Czech Republic will be summer destinations from... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*Huston Twp. awarded \\$50,745 for bridge replacement\*\*](#)  
 Huston Township supervisors announced at their last meeting that funding has been awarded to replace a structurally deficient bridge on Winterburn Road (TR 518). "Clearfield County awarded Huston Township \$50,745 in Act 13 (bridge funding) for the bridge in Winterburn," supervisor chairman Nellie... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 08-17-2017 [\*\*A tale of two parking tickets: Unequal justice\*\*](#)  
 We are promised equal justice under the law, but that promise is not always kept by the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication, the place where you go to appeal tickets written by the Philadelphia Parking

Authority. That's what Lois DeISpechio-Janke found when she went to the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 08-17-2017 [American Airlines trims seats by 4% in Philly, while promising new 2018 international flights](#)  
American Airlines' announcement this week that it will add flights next spring to Budapest, Prague, and Zurich from Philadelphia comes against the backdrop of trimmed seat capacity by the carrier in the current third quarter at six of its hub or focus cities, including Philadelphia.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Incident-Reporting Features Allow SEPTA Riders to Discreetly Share Safety...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-16-2017 [Costa: \\$75,900 State Grant to Provide Cleaner-Running School Buses](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-16-2017 [PennDOT, AAA Highlight Back to School Safety Tips](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-16-2017 [Public meeting set about McKeesport bridge project](#)  
PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration plan to hold a public meeting Wednesday about the Jerome Street Bridge rehabilitation project in McKeesport. The open house will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at McKee's Point Marina, 501 Water St. in McKeesport. The project involves repainting and repairing the bridge, which travels... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Public wants West Shore Bypass fix sped up](#)  
Except for the fact that it won't be finished until 2032, the planned \$550 million West Shore Bypass improvement got mostly positive reviews from the public Tuesday night. Folks like the idea of six lanes across Route 422 up from the current four. Some people had misgivings about two of the four proposed interchange... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Disaster declared in train accident](#)  
BEDFORD — The Bedford County commissioners formally declared a disaster emergency Tuesday around the town of Hyndman, freeing officials in the area to respond more readily two weeks after a train derailment. The commissioners voted to allow Hyndman Borough, Londonderry Township and... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-16-2017 [SEPTA releases new safety app](#)  
SEPTA plans to introduce a new mobile app Wednesday that will allow riders to discreetly report security or safety issues in fewer than 20 seconds. The mass transit agency teamed up on the SEPTA Transit Watch app with ELERTS Corp., a provider of "See Something, Say Something" mobile apps for... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Pittsburgh International Airport gets \\$12.3 million federal grant](#)  
FINDLAY TWP. -- Pittsburgh International Airport has received a \$12.3 million grant that will be used to rehabilitate a deicing pad. The Federal Aviation Administration on Monday announced it was awarding a total of \$162.4 million in airport infrastructure grants to 72 airports in... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Palmer tractor-trailer center developers grilled about traffic, safety](#)  
The first round of a conditional use hearing began Monday for a tractor-trailer maintenance and driver training facility that's drawn criticism from neighbors. The Palmer Township Board of Supervisors heard from the first witness who testified on behalf of Werner Enterprises regarding the proposed facility... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Stroudsburg borough discussing intersection sightlines](#)  
STROUDSBURG — An Oct. 3 public hearing is scheduled on a proposed ordinance amendment that would hold property owners responsible for making it easier for motorists to see around corners at intersections. The proposed ordinance amendment would ban a corner-property owner from... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Borough discusses adding speed humps](#)  
STROUDSBURG — A committee will look into a three-year plan for installing and funding a total of 20 speed humps needed on Scott, Thomas, North Sixth, North Seventh and North Eighth streets. Mayor

Tarah Probst and Borough Council members James Smith, Boyd Weiss and... - [Pocono Record](#)

- 08-16-2017 [Trump Signs Order Rolling Back Environmental Rules on Infrastructure](#)  
President Trump announced on Tuesday that he had signed a sweeping executive order to eliminate and streamline some permitting regulations and to speed construction of roads, bridges and pipelines, declaring that the moves would fix a “badly broken” infrastructure system in America... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Philly moms petition Amtrak to provide lactation facilities](#)  
Is the seat of a toilet in a public restroom anywhere to prepare your kids' lunch? Two local working mothers don't think so, and a lot of people agree with them. Samantha Matlin and Lacey Kohlmoos, both Philadelphia residents, have put up online petitions protesting the lack of clean, private lactation areas... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Railway crossing in Etna deemed public, could save millions in extension of Three Rivers Heritage Trail](#)  
Etna could see the completion of its Riverfront Park and Trail sooner than anticipated now that a major impediment to its development has disappeared. The proposed park and trail would sit above the Allegheny River and below the 62nd Street bridge, extending the Three Rivers Heritage Trail — a... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-16-2017 [Developer Goldenberg eyeing S. Broad St. health building to solidify control of block](#)  
The Goldenberg Group and E-Z Park Inc. have teamed up in hopes of purchasing the city-run health-center building at Broad and Lombard Streets, an acquisition that would give them near-complete control of a full city block in one of Philadelphia's most active areas of real... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-16-2017 [PA and other states worry about life after gas tax](#)  
As more people plug in their cars, transportation planners are starting to wonder how Pennsylvania and other states will plug budget holes if gas tax revenue begins to decline. That's the issue at the heart of a federally-funded study underway by a group called the I-95 Coalition, a transportation policy organization... - [New Castle News](#)
- 08-16-2017 [New SEPTA app allows discreet text reports to police](#)  
SEPTA Transit Watch allows travelers to text Transit Police information about activity on vehicles and at stations. They also can send pictures and can communicate anonymously, officials said. “A lot of people don't want to necessarily pick up the phone and get involved, but they will send a text,” said Sgt. Michael Wright of... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-15-2017 [PennDOT's Quarterly Newsletter - August 2017](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-15-2017 [Pennsylvania State Police to Participate in National 'Drive Sober or Get...'](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-15-2017 [Pittsburgh International Airport gets \\$12.3 million FAA grant](#)  
The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded a \$12.3 million grant for the rehabilitation of one of four deicing pads at Pittsburgh International Airport. Located on the north side of the airfield, the pad has been in operation since 1993. The rehab work will include new pavement, piping, fluid... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-15-2017 [How can adults save teens from drowsy driving crashes?](#)  
It has been almost 40 years since seatbelts became mandatory in cars and I think none of us today would ever consider purchasing a car that didn't have them. State and federal governments intervened to pass mandatory seatbelt laws starting in 1968 out of grave concern for public safety and a... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Air passengers have rights, namely refunds on long-delayed or canceled flights](#)  
Your family is headed to Walt Disney World for a long-anticipated vacation, and something goes wrong with the trip. Maybe the flight was delayed and then canceled. Or you were involuntarily “bumped” because of an overbooked plane. Or you sat on the tarmac in a thunderstorm. Or the airline lost your luggage.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

- 08-15-2017 [Schenker leaves legacy of economic development](#)  
Former Erie County Executive Rick Schenker died last week. He leaves behind a wife and a daughter. He was a former spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Erie County executive for four years and half of the unlikely political duo dubbed "the two Ricks."... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Palmer supervisors hear trucking proposal](#)  
PALMER TOWNSHIP — A proposal for a trucking facility in Palmer Township remains in limbo after supervisors ran out of time to vote on a conditional use permit after a three-hour meeting Monday night. Werner Enterprises, a Nebraska-based trucking company, first presented the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Dorrance Twp. supervisors give preliminary OK to residential housing plan](#)  
DORRANCE TWP. — A controversial residential development that's been debated for months took a big step forward after a 2-1 vote by supervisors Monday night. Supervisors signed off on a "Conditional Use Plan" by Blue Ridge LLC for 193 housing units on property that borders the Blue Ridge Trail... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Senator Casey gets tour of WBS Airport](#)  
PITTSTON TWP. — U.S. Senator Bob Casey took a personal look at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport on Monday to better understand how federal dollars are being spent here. "I think it's very important for people to be able to see things first hand. It's one thing to get a picture of it, it's another... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Air show close to attendance goal, but officials won't say if show will come back](#)  
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Air Show probably reached the goal of 15,000 attendees, but officials have some work to do before determining if the event becomes annual again, the chief organizer said Monday. "We couldn't ask for anything better," Wilkes-Barre/Scranton... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Peculiar park in Scranton getting closer to finally opening](#)  
A peculiar new park in Scranton, long beset by a former contract dispute, should finally open soon, possibly in the fall, officials said. The Renaissance Park at 500 — one block long, 30 feet wide and situated atop a 25-foot-high former rail line between Cedar and Washington avenues... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Wandering cows from Ephrata-area herd cause 2 crashes in as many days](#)  
A cow on the highway led to a three-vehicle crash early Monday on four-lane Route 222 in West Earl Township, one day after loose cows from the same herd caused a serious collision, police said. The cow was struck by all three vehicles, causing one to roll over. The cow... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-15-2017 ['Key to our future': Airport terminal construction set to begin](#)  
Construction of the Williamsport Regional Airport's new passenger terminal, set to begin over the next few weeks, is expected to improve overall operations with the possibility of attracting additional air service. "It addresses issues we lacked before," airport spokesman Dave Frey... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-15-2017 [PennDOT to eclipse viewers: stay off the roads](#)  
Anyone wanting to get a look at the upcoming solar eclipse on Aug. 21 is being asked by the state Department of Transportation not to just stop alongside the road to take in the view. "We're cautioning travelers - stopping along the road to view the eclipse is both unsafe and unlawful," according to a statement from PennDOT.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Letter from Pennsylvania: Taxed by the mile, not by the gallon of gas?](#)  
Whether it is a public policy idea whose time has come remains to be seen. But it is, in the least, worthy of serious study. But would Western Pennsylvanians embrace such a concept? Colin McNickle (PennLive file) Colin McNickle (PennLive file) We refer to word out of Eastern Pennsylvania that researchers will begin a... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Pottsville council OKs mayor to sign road program contract](#)  
Motorists could see changes to the intersection at 20th and Market streets in the near future. The city council authorized Mayor James T. Muldowney to sign a contract for the Green Light-Go program by the state Department of Transportation at its meeting Monday. The goal of the program is to improve safety and reduce... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)



- 08-15-2017 [Editorial | It's time to brush up on school bus safety](#)  
Summer vacation is winding down, and soon classes will start for students in Cambria and Somerset counties. For many youngsters, this will be their first year in a classroom setting. Other youth have become accustomed to the daily rigors of learning. The majority of students will rely on school buses to get them to their... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-15-2017 [City hears about more energy savings](#)  
Stacy A. Richards, director of SEDA-COG's Energy Resource Center, addressed City Council on Aug. 7 about potential energy-savings initiatives, and her ideas were well received. The city had an "energy audit" done some years ago, which helped with projects to make City Hall, Ross Library, and Hope Hose Co. more... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Here's why Amish buggies don't need to be licensed in Pennsylvania, but that may change \[We The People report\]](#)  
Pennsylvania does not require the Amish to purchase or display a license plate on their buggies, and it would take an act of the state Legislature to change the rules. But that law could soon change. That's the short answer to a question posed by a reader as part of... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-15-2017 [FAA awards \\$12.3 million to Pittsburgh International Airport](#)  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded a \$12.3 million grant to renovate part of Pittsburgh International Airport... - [AP](#)
- 08-15-2017 [PennDOT: stopping on road to view solar eclipse is illegal](#)  
PennDOT is warning motorists that stopping on the roadway to view the solar eclipse is illegal, unsafe and can lead to a traffic citation. The eclipse, when the moon moves between the Sun and the Earth, is expected to blot out about 75 percent of the sun in the Lehigh Valley starting at 1:... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Chesco businesses: County's great, except for the traffic](#)  
Doing business in Chester County couldn't be better, except for the traffic, according to a new survey of businesses there. Overwhelmingly, the survey found, business owners like Chester County: They're optimistic about their prospects and believe the business... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-15-2017 [Pittsburgh International Airport gets \\$12.3M FAA grant](#)  
Pittsburgh International Airport is one of 72 airports nationwide sharing in \$162 million worth of infrastructure grants, the Federal Aviation Administration announced Monday. The \$12.3 million Pittsburgh grant will be used to rehab one of the pads used to de-ice planes, airport spokesman Bob Kerlik said.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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- 08-15-2017 [Letter to the editor: Developer promises 'responsible development' in Aspinwall](#)  
To the editor: Our commitment to preserving the integrity of Aspinwall's identity is strong, and we are grateful to the borough council for its support of a process allowing everyone to offer input on our proposed Riverfront 47 commercial development project. This commitment is why we have modified the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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08-15-2017

**[House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.](#)**

*8/15/17, 10:00 a.m., Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, Lewistown*

The committees held a joint public hearing on emergency towing lights and safety requirements for heavy duty tow trucks. HB 1414 (PN 1779) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for visual signals on authorized vehicles by establishing a tow truck may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more flashing or revolving red lights to remove a disabled vehicle when dispatched by 911, responding to law enforcement, or responding to a request from the owner. The combination of yellow and red lights specified in this subsection may be used only during the period in which the tow truck is at the incident to which it was dispatched or requested for the removal of a disabled vehicle, with violations resulting in a summary offense by a fine between \$500 and \$1,000. Effective in 60 days.

08-14-2017

**[511PA Website Feature to Assist Travelers to Little League World Series](#)**

(Press Release)

08-14-2017

**[Tour operator in Amish country gets in tiff over his tuk-tuk](#)**

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) - Pennsylvania utility regulators are making a big to-do over Timm Wenger's tuk-tuk... - [AP](#)

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**[Should Philly follow Boston and remake paratransit with ride hailing?](#)**

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08-14-2017

**[Plan for West Shore Bypass in Berks ready for public scrutiny](#)**

PennDOT open house West Shore Bypass improvement plan Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. Alvernia University Student Center 418 Veronica Commons, Veronica Parkway in Reading PennDOT is seeking public comment on the plan. Website Those who can't attend may comment by writing to project manager Earl... - [Reading Eagle](#)

08-14-2017

**[Pulled over out of state for expired PA sticker? Here's what you need to know.](#)**

Daron Smith was driving in Silver Spring, Maryland, recently when a police officer pulled him over. The traffic light had just turned yellow as he made a left turn, so he thought that might be the reason. But the Metro Transit Police officer gave him a different reason: An... - [York Daily](#)

08-14-2017

**[Uptown urban renewal is a major part of Downtown-Oakland BRT system](#)**

From the beginning, the Bus Rapid Transit project has been as much about urban renewal in the Uptown neighborhood as it has been about moving commuters between Downtown and Oakland. And now the financial numbers bear that out. Well more than 20 percent of the cost of the \$195.5 million electric bus... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-14-2017

**[Trump's trillion dollars for infrastructure? Just a down payment on what's needed](#)**

In 2016, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) issued a report on the status of infrastructure for the nation and for each state. According to the ASCE, the nation's infrastructure may be characterized as anywhere from discouraging to alarming. The report is a pretty depressing read, with the society mincing no words... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-14-2017

**[Mural Arts Program Looking For Local Artists For Ben Franklin Bridge Murals](#)**

The Mural Arts Program is partnering with the Delaware River Port Authority to create two murals on a portion of the Ben Franklin Bridge, and they're looking for local artists to complete the project. The murals will further spruce up the pedestrian underpass at 5th Street in... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

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08-13-2017

**[Beaver County bridge to be replaced in one weekend](#)**

For the first time next month, the Pennsylvania Turnpike will perform a complete bridge replacement on one weekend by closing the toll road between the Cranberry and Beaver Valley interchanges. Using a process called Accelerated Bridge Construction, Brayman Construction Corp. and its subcontractors will dismantle the existing... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-13-2017

**[U.S. Maritime grant aims to find cleaner river towboat engine](#)**

Diesel-powered towboats on the nation's inland waterways spew some of the dirtiest exhaust emissions, but an experiment on a vessel docked in the Monongahela River eventually could help clear Pittsburgh's air. Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities, a local nonprofit that's part of the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-13-2017

**[GE locomotive production jobs leaving Pennsylvania for Texas](#)**

It was on a sweltering day in August 2016 that Donald Trump promised to reverse the city's decline at the hands of other countries. "They think they're going to take our companies and rip them out ... and go to Mexico [to] employ people other than you," he told several thousand... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-13-2017

**[Pittsburgh, PennDOT planning \\$30 million smart-signal system to improve traffic flow](#)**

Pittsburgh and the state Department of Transportation are out to eliminate a problem most motorists know all too well: sitting at a traffic light on a major thoroughfare for two minutes with no traffic passing through from the cross street. Over the next three years, the city and PennDOT expect to install what are... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-13-2017

**[PA Turnpike collected \\$300,000 in last-minute tolls from scofflaws](#)**

The Pennsylvania Turnpike saw a flurry of activity last week as the end of its amnesty program for toll scofflaws approached and collected an additional \$300,000 in tolls motorists had avoided paying. Turnpike spokeswoman Rosanne Placey said Friday another 438 violators... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-13-2017

**[Freeport pushing for train tunnel repairs](#)**

Freeport officials will seek a commitment from Norfolk Southern railroad to repair the deterioration of railroad tunnels in the borough. At the request of Mayor Jim Swartz, council President Ricky Hastings and Borough Secretary Carol Crytzer will try to set up a meeting with railroad... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-13-2017

**[Amtrak's eclipse train in Illinois sells out in 22 hours](#)**

Amtrak officials say it took less than a day to sell out a special train service in Illinois for the solar eclipse... - [AP](#)

08-13-2017

**[Air show attendees ecstatic at return to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport](#)**

Grasping lawn chairs with one hand and using the other to shade their eyes, spectators ooh-ed" and "ahh-ed" as they looked to the sky to watch a biplane loop-da-loop before nose-diving toward the ground and pulling back up and away at the last possible second.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

08-13-2017

**[After a yearlong wait, fines kick in Saturday for car seat violations](#)**

State Rep. Karen Boback calls it "a life-saving measure," and Sen. John Yudichak said Pennsylvania continues to lead the way on child safety. The two state legislators are referring to the state's child passenger car seat law that was adopted one year ago and will now be fully enforced... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

08-13-2017

**[These ongoing projects will bring big changes at and around LVIA](#)**

Lehigh Valley International Airport is in the midst of change, from new leadership to the speedy delivery of new parking for cargo planes to a major development project nearby. Beginning on Aug. 18, Thomas Stoudt will take over as interim executive director of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority that owns and operates... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

08-13-2017

**[Sheetz offering alternative fuels](#)**

Sheetz has started offering Unleaded-15 alongside Flex-Fuel at new stores and a number of its older

locations. Over the last year, the Altoona - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)

- 08-13-2017 [Oregon's mileage-based highway tax program, being studied in Pa., off to good start](#)  
An Oregon program to implement a tax on how many miles people drive rather than how much gas they purchase has been well-received by those participating in it, an official said. Michelle Godfrey, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Transportation, said Friday that most of the roughly 1,200 participants in... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Forget the Hyperloop. Just make Amtrak affordable.](#)  
A couple weeks ago, Elon Musk — our nation's armorless Tony Stark — tweeted that he got the verbal OK to build a high-speed train connecting New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Hypothetically, his Hyperloop could travel 800 mph and get riders from New York to D.C. in the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Alle-Kiski Laurels & Lances](#)  
Lance: To PennDOT's Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. Not the whole thing, just the plans to replace the bridge on Logan's Ferry Road in Plum near Entrance Drive. Plum officials have complained for years about a "hump" in the road there that creates a blind spot for vehicles... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Study to look at impact of road usage tax in Pa., Delaware](#)  
Pennsylvania motorists will have an opportunity to participate in a study exploring the potential impact of a road usage tax on the East Coast. PennDOT has teamed up with the I-95 Corridor Coalition and the Delaware Department of Transportation to test how to administer a tax or fee based... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Lancaster city needs to focus on people, not a new parking garage](#)  
THE ISSUE A parking garage with nearly 300 spaces could be squeezed between the Hotel Lancaster and the former Bulova building, LNP reported July 28. A second option would be to turn the garage sideways and extend it into Lancaster Square. The square would be reduced by about half, though some public space... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Keystone College celebrates opening of new trail](#)  
LA PLUME TWP. — Keystone College reached back into the past to make connections for the future with the grand opening Thursday of a 1.5-mile segment of the Trolley Trail. Pointing over his shoulder to the top of a hill, Keystone President David Coppola said that a century ago, the old Northern Electric Trolley —... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-11-2017 [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](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Millcreek to improve park and building access](#)  
Projects will provide easier access to parks, recreation and public services for people with disabilities. Millcreek Township has a four-year plan to make township parks and other public facilities more accessible. The township plans to add or designate handicapped-accessible parking and... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Uline set to buy warehouses as it eyes expansion in the Lehigh Valley](#)  
Uline, a business-to-business distribution company serving North America, is paying \$250 million for two giant Upper Macungie Township warehouses it leases from developer Liberty Property Trust. The warehouses, totaling about 1.7 million square feet, are in the Liberty... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-11-2017 [Towamencin fire chief asks for water systems on planned bridge replacement](#)  
TOWAMENCIN >> Township firefighters are asking for an upgrade to be included as Towamencin plans a bridge repair project. Fire Chief George Seifert told the township supervisors Wednesday that the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company would like to have a new pipe connection... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 08-11-2017 [HCA offers city \\$220K lifeline](#)  
HAZLETON — A Hazleton City Authority board member wants to give the City of Hazleton a \$220,000 advance on revenue it expects to receive from land it will sell when the state Department of Transportation

moves forward with plans for extending state Route 424 into Humboldt Industrial Park.... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)

08-11-2017

[County officials talk labor contracts](#)

LOCK HAVEN — The Clinton County commissioners are setting the stage for new labor contracts with about half their employees. They approved three memos of understanding, one with the court-related and court-appointed employees bargaining unit, and the other two with the... - [Lock Haven Express](#)

08-11-2017

[L.A. has been sued again over traffic lane reductions in Playa del Rey](#)

When Los Angeles officials removed traffic lanes on four streets in Playa del Rey earlier this summer, a wave of outrage swept through the Westside and the South Bay. Drivers frustrated by long delays on their usual routes flooded City Hall with calls. A condo association sued. And some irate commuters launched a... - [Los Angeles Times](#)

08-11-2017

[Why Even the Hyperloop Probably Wouldn't Change Your Commute Time](#)

The hyperloop, Elon Musk has boasted, could whisk you from New York to Washington in 29 minutes. Other maglev boosters sell similar dreams: San Francisco to Los Angeles in under 30. Dallas to Houston, Portland to Seattle, Orlando to Miami in the same. The half-hour trip is something of a mystical notion in transportation.... - [New York Times](#)

08-11-2017

[Region needs safe roads after projects](#)

When you are involved in a vehicle accident caused by another driver, you expect your vehicle to be restored to its original condition. Imagine your surprise when your vehicle returns from the shop with dents in it and a shoddy paint job. This is happening on a consistent basis with our roads and streets. After... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

08-11-2017

[Officials To Issue Fines To Enforce Car Seat Law](#)

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Last August, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed a law saying all children under two years old must be strapped into a car seat, which must be facing the back of the vehicle. "They really need to be rear facing for as long as possible, because... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

08-11-2017

[SEPTA Testing New Kiosk Interface After Hundreds Get New Fare Cards By Accident](#)

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — SEPTA is testing out new displays on its fare card kiosks, because the existing ones are proving to be confusing to riders. SEPTA has recognized a design issue in its SEPTA key kiosks that is causing users to order a new fare card by mistake, when all they wanted to do was... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

08-11-2017

[US Officials Prepare For Total Solar Eclipse](#)

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — The nation is now less than two weeks away from witnessing history, as tens of millions of people in the United States are expected to be watching some form of the solar eclipse later this month. But where you live will play a major role in determining just how much of... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

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[Here's what the new state police patrol cars will look like](#)

Posted on August 11, 2017 at 12:05 PM New Pennsylvania State Police vehicles New Pennsylvania State Police vehicles(Nora Shelly) Those who push the pedal to the metal, take heed: the State Police patrol cars are beginning to look a little different. State Police unveiled Friday two versions of the new gray patrol cars,... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)

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