



Transportation Recap

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SESSION STATUS

At 12:10 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, September 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 10:55 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Sep. 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25
 Oct. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
 Nov. 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20
 Dec. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Senate

Sep. 23, 24, 25
 Oct. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
 Nov. 18, 19, 20
 Dec. 16, 17, 18

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

[PENNDOT: MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING](#)

The Department of Transportation's Medical Advisory Board will meet on Friday, September 20, 2019. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Riverfront Office Center, Transportation University, 1101 South Front Street, Harrisburg. Members of the public interested in addressing the board with a concern relating to medical regulations must contact Angelia Gillis at (717) 783-4534 by Friday, September 13, 2019. These concerns will be discussed during "Items from the Floor" on the agenda, which will open at 12:15 p.m. Additional information can be found on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

[PENNDOT: STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING](#)

The Department of Transportation's State Transportation Commission will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Lehighon-Jim Thorpe, 877 Interchange Road, Lehighon. For more information, contact the commission, (717) 787-2913, RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov.

Cosponsor Memos

- HCO2378 Rader, Jack(R) Permits flu vaccine and immunization producers to be exempt from commercial travel bans.
- HCO2458 Everett, Garth(R) Proposes a modest change to the statute which allow landowners to collect his reasonable attorney and expert fees so long as they do not exceed 10% of the total compensation awarded in eminent domain cases.
- HCO2463 Howard, Kristine (F)(D) Requires new non-residential buildings in the Commonwealth to be constructed with the necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicle charging stations.
- HCO2473 Topper, Jesse(R) Requires PennDOT to revert back to designating only male or female where sex is referenced.
- HCO2480 Quinn, Chris(R) Protects families from repeat DUI offenders by increasing penalties for those who have multiple DUI convictions and enhancing oversight of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.
- SCO 775 Killion, Thomas(R) Addresses penalties for repeat DUI offenders.
- SCO 885 Langerholc, Wayne(R) Increases the maximum allowable gross weight for commercial vehicles powered by electric battery power from 80,000 pounds to 82,000 pounds.



Bill Actions

HB 65 **Sankey, Thomas(R)** (PN 2240) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3047 over the South Branch of Blacklick Creek, Blacklick Township, Cambria County, as the Private First Class Steve L. Klosz Memorial Bridge; designating Castor Avenue, State Route 1005, in Philadelphia County as the Police Officer Raymond Diaz, Jr., Memorial highway; designating the portion of Interstate 376 from the end of the bridge identified as bridge key 3522 to the exit at State Route 51 in Beaver County, as the Richard I. Shaw Memorial Highway; designating the bridge identified as bridge key 3522 on that portion of Interstate 376 over the Ohio River in Vanport Township, Beaver County, as the USAF Combat Controller Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin Memorial Bridge; designating the first block of West Main Street, State Route 1010, in Fleetwood borough, Berks County, as the Alex J. Szoke Highway; designating the bridge identified as bridge key 15986 on that portion of Interstate 79 northbound over West 16th Street in the city of Erie, Erie county, as the Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge on that portion of State Route 4011 over Pine Creek, Hegins Township, Schuylkill County, as the A. Donald Buffington Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 144 beginning at the intersection of Pennsylvania Route 64 in Pleasant Gap and ending at the intersection of Pennsylvania Route 45 in Centre Hall, Centre County, as the Duster-Quad 50-Searchlight Highway; and designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 50 in Independence Township, Washington County, as the Lt. Col. Juanita I. Warman Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 69)

Bill History:

06-26-19 H Signed in the House
06-26-19 S Signed in the Senate
06-27-19 G In the hands of the Governor
07-02-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 44)
08-31-19 G Earliest effective date

HB 1768 **Ryan, Frank(R)** (PN 2359) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in transfer of state highways, defining rehabilitative work as work that includes, but is not limited to, the alteration or relocation of all or a portion of a highway or road for safety purposes that is reasonably necessary, economical or practicable. The legislation further requires that the highway or road transfer may be effective before the rehabilitative work has been completed if agreed to by the department and affected municipality. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-20-19 H Filed
08-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 1770 Dush, Cris(R) (PN 2361) Act designating a bridge on Pennsylvania Route 286 over Crooked Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the SFC Randy McCaulley Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-21-19 H Filed
08-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1775 Boback, Karen(R) (PN 2366) Amends the State Highway Law, in rural state highway system and state highways in cities, boroughs and towns, establishing that the Department of Transportation, at the expense of the commonwealth, shall construct and maintain all surface and subsurface drainage facilities connected with state highways within boroughs and incorporated towns. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-22-19 H Filed
08-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1782 Burns, Frank(D) (PN 2372) Act designating a bridge on State Route 1002, also known as Friend Lea Road, over Route 219 in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as PFC Cyril T. Yeckley Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-27-19 H Filed
08-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1788 Rader, Jack(R) (PN 2378) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in powers of department and local authorities, authorizing producers of influenza vaccines and immunizations to travel on highways during a declared disaster emergency. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-29-19 H Filed
08-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

SB 117 Langerholc, Wayne(R) (PN 1034) Act designating several bridges across the commonwealth, including bridges in Cambria, Sullivan, Bradford, Huntingdon, Blair, Jefferson, Indiana, McKean, Somerset and Bedford Counties. (Prior Printer Number: 85)

Bill History:

06-26-19 H Signed in the House
06-26-19 S Signed in the Senate
06-27-19 G In the hands of the Governor
07-02-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 59)
08-31-19 G Earliest effective date



SB 128 **Regan, Mike(R)** (PN 1045) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) establishing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and supervise their expenditures of state funding as well as the maintenance and use of commonwealth facilities. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 91)

Bill History:

06-26-19 H Signed in the House
06-26-19 S Signed in the Senate
06-27-19 G In the hands of the Governor
07-02-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 60)
08-31-19 G Earliest effective date

SB 845 **Langerholc, Wayne(R)** (PN 1153) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, increasing the maximum gross weight of electric vehicles from 80,000 pounds to 82,000 pounds. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

09-03-19 S Filed
09-03-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Upcoming Events

House Transportation

September 13, 2019 11:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 400, 1400 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Philadelphia
Public hearing on mass transit funding

PA Turnpike Commission

September 17, 2019 - 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

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

September 17, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

September 18, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. One Port Center, 11th Floor, 2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

PA State Transportation Commission

September 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. Location TBD
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 19, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Committee Meetings. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

September 19, 2019 - 12:00 p.m. SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration and Operations Committee meetings. For additional information: (215) 580-7800



Department of Transportation

September 20, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. 1101 S. Front Street, Room 409, Harrisburg
Medical Advisory Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 705-7598

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

September 26, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 27, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

In the News

- 09-05-2019 **[Labor Day weekend vehicle crashes down slightly from last year](#)**
The Pennsylvania State Police reported 5% fewer crashes on state-patrolled roads over the four-day Labor Day holiday compared to last year. This year's holiday weekend saw 684 crashes that injured 204 people. In 2018, there were 722 crashes that injured 224 people.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Road construction seems to cover every mile of Pennsylvania, as billions are being spent on projects](#)**
Ever wonder where in Pennsylvania the greatest number of road construction projects are taking place? Multimillion-dollar roadwork projects are currently under construction throughout the commonwealth, with the exception of Philadelphia County, where projects cost more than a billion, according to the Pennsylvania... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Paying Pa. Turnpike tolls? There will be an app for that soon](#)**
Drivers could soon pay Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls using a smartphone app. The launch of the app is expected later this year, Turnpike Commission spokesman Carl DeFebo said. The idea of offering the app is twofold: provide customers different options to pay tolls as well as work toward... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Brian O'Neill: Port Authority focuses on realities rather than dreams](#)**
Before we extend the T, how 'bout we build more stuff where the T and buses already rumble? That's the long and short of Breen Masciotra's outlook. She's a project manager for the Port Authority, tasked with transit oriented development. When I wrote a column two weeks ago pondering the long-shot... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[LANTA to launch new bus service in Slate Belt food desert after 'devastating' store closure](#)**
Slate Belt residents who live in a "food desert" with few options for fresh fruit, vegetables and meat are about to get a little help from LANTA. Riders can board the LANtaFlex 502 Slate Belt service on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. at the now-shuttered market at 90 Main St. There will... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



- 09-05-2019 **[Seeking better pay, benefits, treatment, hundreds of Advance Auto Parts workers at Lehigh Valley warehouse go on strike](#)**
Striking workers at the Advance Auto Parts warehouse in Lehigh County say their demands come down to fair pay, benefits and fair treatment. "The pay is no good," said Orlando Laboy, a 10-year worker. "The medical program is worse, and we're trying to exercise our rights.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Casey speaks on 'state's future'](#)**
BEDFORD — One in four Bedford County children don't have access to the internet — a Federal Communications statistic that U.S. Sen. Bob Casey called "abominable" when fielding questions Wednesday from Bedford County Chamber of Commerce members and the public.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Local airports see subsidy extended](#)**
The Altoona-Blair County and the John P. Murtha Cambria County airports are among 11 airports authorized to retain their Essential Air Service subsidy to continue providing daily passenger service into 2020. In a recent order, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued waivers, as... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Crane lifts 150-year-old Berks bridge into the air, placing it on a creek bank to begin its restoration](#)**
Standing along the west bank of Maiden Creek, Carolyn Miller watched in amazement Wednesday as a crane lifted a bridge dating to 1869 into the air. Miller, 80, was born in a stone home next to the historic covered bridge. "I couldn't believe this," said Miller, who drove from Fleetwood to... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[LCTA names interim director; board member resigns over Gavlick firing](#)**
The Luzerne County Transportation Authority board of directors appointed longtime authority employee Lee Horton as interim executive director on Wednesday, one day after terminating the employment of former executive director Norm Gavlick. Horton has worked for the authority for eight years and has been operations... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[LCTA names interim replacement for fired executive director](#)**
KINGSTON — A day after firing its executive director the Luzerne County Transportation Authority Wednesday named Lee Horton as the interim head of the public transit agency. Horton, the operations director for the past six years, replaced Norm Gavlick who was terminated by the LCTA board Tuesday during a special... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[First concrete poured on thruway bridge deck](#)**
WINFIELD — Work on the northern section of the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation (CSVT) project in Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties reached a milestone early Wednesday morning with the first concrete poured on the deck of the river bridge. "The last phase of constructing the bridge is technically the bridge deck,"... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Commissioners allot liquid fuels funds to local communities](#)**
Ten local municipalities will have more money for road improvements this year with allocations they are receiving from Lawrence County's share of state liquid fuels funds. The Lawrence County commissioners agreed Tuesday to give the communities a total of \$140,000 from their state allocation this year of about \$300,000.... - [New Castle News](#)



- 09-05-2019 **[Adams Township police purchase pickup truck](#)**
The Adams Township Police Department has added a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck to its inventory, in what police Chief Kirk Moss sees as a move away from patrol cars. "We felt we needed to purchase another pursuit vehicle for the police department," Moss said. "If you look down around Washington and... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[State Sen. Wayne Langerholc will host REAL ID seminar](#)**
State Sen. Wayne Langerholc, R-Richland Township, will host a REAL ID seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Courtroom 1 at the Cambria County Courthouse in Ebensburg. Representatives from PennDOT and the Cambria County Register of Wills will be on hand to provide information on the application process, clarify what... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[N.J. should straighten I-80 through Water Gap before building \\$50M rockfall fence, local leaders suggest](#)**
If the state of New Jersey really wants to improve safety on Interstate 80 through the Delaware Water Gap, local elected leaders say there's more they could do with tens of millions of dollars than build a half-mile-long fence to prevent rockfalls. Some of their suggestions: Lower the speed limit on the narrow S-curve that... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Lawmakers need new approach to Pa. road woes](#)**
It seems appropriate that the political division responsible for the Pennsylvania government's inertia often is described relative to Interstate 80, which divides the state roughly in half as it runs from east to west. Political analysts often talk about issues regarding their impact... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Porter Twp. leaders discuss Barree Road project](#)**
Porter Township Supervisors consulted with GHD Engineering during their monthly meeting Tuesday night regarding the replacement of a pipe on Barree Road to fix a stormwater problem. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Expect detours and long delays on the turnpike's Northeast Extension, Route 309 this weekend](#)**
The closure, stretching from the Lehigh Valley Interchange, Exit 56 on I-476, to the Mahoning Valley Interchange, Exit 74, will be in effect for 55 hours this weekend. The road will be closed at 9 p.m. Friday and will reopen at 4 a.m. Monday, with detours routing motorists both north and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Can Wawa handle Florida's hurricanes? Dorian an indication as chain expands.](#)**
Wawa is expanding throughout Florida, and Hurricane Dorian gave some insight into challenges a growing number of the chain's stores could face when treacherous weather hammers the Sunshine State. The storm, which scraped by the state this week after initial forecasts... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-05-2019 **[Norfolk Southern announces 230 layoffs in Pennsylvania and Virginia: Reports](#)**
A transportation company has announced it has furloughed around 100 workers in Pennsylvania. Norfolk Southern announced on Tuesday that it will lay off the employees at the Juniata Locomotive Shop in Altoona, according to an Altoona Mirror report. "As we execute our new strategic plan, we expect that targeted hiring and... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



- 09-04-2019 **State lawmakers are looking to expand use of automatic license plate readers, but data concerns remain**
Technology to read and track license plates is viewed by many as the next big improvement in law enforcement for crimes both big and small, but lawmakers are searching for ways to ensure the data is properly protected and stored. Automatic license plate readers are deployed across the commonwealth,... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Penn State's game-day parking rules draw gripes, but university says motorists will adjust**
A new system for managing parking and traffic on football game days had many Penn State fans taking to Twitter to express their frustration following Saturday's game against Idaho. Park Ave was very slow in and out. It's ridiculous to have 1 lane coming in for the game and 1 lane exiting the game while there are an... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Helicopter landing zone set up following Donegal Township crash**
A helicopter landing zone was set up at the Donegal Community Center following a crash in Donegal Township on Tuesday night. Westmoreland County emergency officials said the landing zone was being set up after a car went over an embankment near the intersection of Route 31... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-04-2019 **29 airports receive state funding to expand aviation opportunities**
Gov. Tom Wolf on Aug. 28 announced the approval of \$13.7 million in grant funding to make infrastructure and equipment upgrades at 29 Pennsylvania airports. As of April 2019, Pennsylvania ranks 13th in the country in the number of public-use aviation facilities with 127 airports, heliports and seaplane... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Norfolk Southern cuts 100**
Norfolk Southern on Tuesday announced the layoff of about 100 employees at the Juniata Locomotive Shop in Altoona. "In today's rapidly changing environment, Norfolk Southern continues to focus on ensuring that we have the optimal number of people and assets at every location across our system in order to operate safely... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-04-2019 **PUC approves settlement for Centerville crossing**
State utility regulators signed off on plans for new safety measures at a Centerville railroad crossing, 18 months after a collision with a train there sent the driver of a tractor-trailer to the hospital. The five-member Public Utility Commission unanimously approved the... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Gavlick out as head of LCTA**
Norm Gavlick was fired as executive director of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority on Tuesday, following a dispute over the authority's controversial rebranding initiative. Gavlick said the LCTA board voted to terminate him at a special meeting that followed an executive session Tuesday afternoon. Board member Patrick... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Ride a tribute to lives lost on 9/11, Father John Manno**
When the 9/11 Memorial Ride sets off on the 42-mile route commemorating the national tragedy that struck 18 years ago, a familiar and much loved figure will not be among the riders. For this reason, this year's ride will be dedicated to the memory of Father John Manno, who passed away in May this... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)



- 09-04-2019 **Welcome to San Diego. Don't Mind the Scooters.**
The first thing you notice in San Diego's historic Gaslamp Quarter is not the brick sidewalks, the rows of bars and the roving gaggles of bachelorette parties and conferencegoers, or even the actual gas lamps. It's the electric rental scooters. Hundreds are scattered around the... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-04-2019 **For years, Allegiant Air's safety record drew concerns. Here's where the carrier stands now.**
Case after case, Allegiant Air's shortcomings were laid out in a series of 2016 newspaper articles. An engine fire over Mesa, Arizona. Failing brakes over Baltimore. Leaking hydraulics on the approach to St. Petersburg, Florida. But as Allegiant prepares to make the Lehigh Valley its next aircraft base,... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Shapiro meets with Uber, Lyft drivers about problems like safety, stolen tips**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — In a meeting between Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro and representatives from Philadelphia's ride-hailing community held Tuesday afternoon in Spring Garden, Uber and Lyft drivers appealed to Shapiro to change rules for independent... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Road work in Pennsylvania: Where will drivers see the most construction zones?**
Ever wonder where in Pennsylvania the greatest number of road construction projects are taking place? Multi-million dollar roadwork projects are currently under construction throughout the commonwealth, with the exception of Philadelphia County, where projects cost more than a billion, according to the Pennsylvania... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Local police should not be allowed to use radar to enforce speed limits | PennLive letters**
The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has before it anti-driver/ anti-safety legislation, SB607, granting radar to municipal police. The House needs to follow Basic Tenets of Speed Laws: Laws protect the public by regulating unreasonable or unsafe actions. Actions of a... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-04-2019 **National study encourages more transit service for late-shift workers**
It's expensive and it can be difficult logistically, but the American Public Transit Association is encouraging local transit agencies to find ways to provide more service for late-shift workers. In a study released Wednesday in Washington, D.C., the association said... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-04-2019 **Road construction seems to cover every mile of Pennsylvania, as billions are being spent on projects**
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- 09-04-2019 **Analyst: Hurricane Dorian not expected to impact gas prices**
Gas prices have continued to fall locally and across the nation, and they are expected to continue falling with the switch to cheaper winter gasoline and plummeting demand, an industry analyst says. While a China/U.S. trade deal could undermine the normal seasonal decline... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 09-04-2019 **Labor Day weekend vehicle crashes down slightly from last year**
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- 09-03-2019 **Costs, freight service likely to keep more Pittsburgh-Harrisburg trains off the tracks**
Two passenger trains run between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg each day. High operating costs and frequent freight trains all but dash hopes of adding another — even a shorter jaunt around the famous bend to Altoona and back. “It really comes down to the cost-effectiveness of it,” said Jennie... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Phase 2: Ohiopyle State Park construction to resume in earnest on Tuesday**
Road construction crews are so eager to begin the second phase of off-season work around Ohiopyle State Park that they spent evenings last week moving equipment into the area. That's because Plum Contracting Inc. and its subcontractors have much to do in the nine months between the end of the summer season on Labor Day... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Lawmakers need new approach to Pa. road woes**
It seems appropriate that the political division responsible for the Pennsylvania government's inertia often is described relative to Interstate Route 80, which divides the state roughly in half from east to west. Political analysts often talk about issues regarding their impact... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Johnstown airport receives grants**
JOHNSTOWN — The John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport will receive a total of \$150,000 in state grants to upgrade the facility. State Rep. Frank Burns, D-Cambria, said the funds will be used for improvements at the airport's passenger terminal facility, including... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-03-2019 **NS increasing efficiency — Use of PSR also cuts jobs**
A Norfolk Southern train travels through the Juniata rail yard Friday. Thanks to the use of Precision Scheduled Railroading, Norfolk Southern is reporting an increase in efficiency and profits. But it also has led the company to downsize. (Mirror photo by Patrick Waksmunski)... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Truck traffic is already a point of contention in Boyertown. A potential landfill expansion would make it worse**
If the Rolling Hills Landfill is cleared for increased capacity, truck traffic — already a point of contention — will get markedly worse in the Boyertown area, a traffic study shows. The landfill along Longview Road in Earl Township was expected to be filled... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Editorial: Welcome news for Route 222 in Berks**
The Issue: PennDOT says work will begin soon on a crucial stretch of highway. Our Opinion: The progress is encouraging, but there's more that needs to be done. After receiving some troubling news this summer regarding Berks County's transportation funding, it's a relief to hear that work is about to begin... - [Reading Eagle](#)



- 09-03-2019 **Pocono Raceway not on IndyCar Series 2020 schedule**
On Sunday, that became a reality. When the series released its 17-race schedule for the 2020 season, Pocono was not on it. Instead, it was replaced by Richmond Raceway. Stephen Starks, IndyCar vice president of promoter and media partner relations, said in a statement the series and Pocono were involved in... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Crash reports available online in some Lackawanna communities**
More than two dozen police departments in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties now offer motorists the option to obtain digital copies of accident reports investigated by their departments. The service is offered through a collaboration with crashdocs.org, a division of Carfax, a Virginia-based company that provides vehicle history... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Scranton seeks cost of downtown walkability plan**
SCRANTON — In the latest step toward making the downtown more pedestrian-friendly, the city will find out how much a walkability plan would cost. The city last month formally requested proposals from companies interested in devising a three-year “Downtown Scranton Connectivity Plan” for... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Crash reports available online in some Luzerne County communities**
More than two dozen police departments in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties now offer motorists the option to obtain digital copies of accident reports investigated by their departments. The service is offered through a collaboration with crashdocs.org, a division of Carfax, a Virginia-based company that provides vehicle history... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-03-2019 **PennDOT plans roadwork projects this week around Schuylkill County**
The state Department of Transportation announced several roadwork projects in Schuylkill County this week and beyond. The projects include: • Bridge work from 10 p.m. Wednesday to 5 a.m. Thursday on Interstate 81 over Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad in Frailey Township between... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 09-03-2019 **Lewisburg traffic study complete; results likely to be revealed in October**
LEWISBURG — A public reveal of data analysis and resulting solutions from the Market Street Corridor Transportation Study won't likely occur before October, according to Lewisburg's special projects coordinator and grants manager. Kim Wheeler said the aim is to meet with PennDOT next month to review study... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-03-2019 **'Hero' of Media remembered for life-saving driving skills**
Zac Kravatz died a hero, saving the lives of his family from a falling tree on Route 1 Aug. 18 while taking the brunt of the impact himself. “I want people to know he was this amazing person who had a split-second to make a decision,” said his wife, Jenna Corbett. “He... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 09-03-2019 **As Cities Embrace New Modes Of Transit, Gaps In Accessibility Remain**
How we get from one place to another can have a big impact on our lives. Conjure up the feeling of sitting in a hot car, stuck in gridlock, and compare it to taking a short bike ride to work or to meet a friend. It may not seem like a big deal, but the difference between the two can... - [WESA 90.5](#)



- 09-03-2019 **[Will Hurricane Dorian make gas prices go higher in central Pa.?](#)**
Gas prices in the greater Harrisburg area and nationally are continuing to fall. According to GasBuddy, prices in central Pennsylvania fell another 3.9 cents in the past week with a current average price of \$2.62 a gallon. That is 17 cents lower than a month ago and 31.9 cents lower than a year... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-03-2019 **[State lawmakers are looking to expand use of automatic license plate readers, but data concerns remain](#)**
Technology to read and track license plates is viewed by many as the next big improvement in law enforcement for crimes both big and small, but lawmakers are searching for ways to ensure the data is properly protected and stored. Automatic license plate readers are deployed across the commonwealth,... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 09-03-2019 **[Pittsburgh's I-579 'cap' will cause traffic disruptions](#)**
More than 2,000 daily commuters accessing Downtown Pittsburgh via a ramp from northbound I-579 will have to find alternative routes for the next two years during construction of a .cap. linking Downtown and the Hill District. PennDOT announced that a ramp leading from the Liberty Bridge to Seventh... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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With just over a year to go until federal REAL ID requirements become mandatory, Kurt Myers is getting a little nervous. That.s because only about 25% of the 1.3 million Pennsylvanians expected to want the enhanced driver.s license or ID card by the deadline have applied... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-01-2019 **[Bridgeville woman charged with racist attack on Port Authority bus in Pittsburgh](#)**
A 50-year-old white woman has been charged with attacking a black woman and her daughter on a Port Authority bus in Downtown Pittsburgh because of their race. Cherrie Neice, of Bridgeville, is accused of shoving, hitting and yelling racist slurs at Amber King, 38, also of Bridgeville, and her juvenile... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Corporate executives are having to make difficult choices amid the polarizing politics of climate change... - [AP](#)
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The Trump administration moved Thursday to revoke regulations on methane leaks from oil facilities, a proposal environmental advocates said would renounce key federal authority to regulate the climate-damaging gas... - [AP](#)
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Pennsylvania regulators on Thursday approved a pipeline agreement that gives Midwestern fuel producers greater access to Pennsylvania markets, a fundamental market shift that comes at the expense of East Coast suppliers. The Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission approved a settlement between... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



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A series of flashing warning lights and a warning bell will be installed at a railroad crossing in Centerville, Washington County, where a freight train collided with a tractor-trailer carrying hydrochloric acid last year causing several injuries and an evacuation, according to the state Public... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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A petition to start bi-directional service on the Laurel Pipeline between Pittsburgh and Altoona has received the necessary regulatory approval from the state. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission voted 5-0 to approve a joint settlement agreement between the Laurel Pipeline Co. and a group of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-01-2019 **Pennsylvania law doesn't prohibit children on ATVs**
It's not against the law for children to ride on or drive all-terrain vehicles in Pennsylvania, but there are certain rules they must follow depending on their age and where they're riding them, according to the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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Every day, more than two people are killed in the United States by motorists running through red lights . a 10-year high. Data analysis by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety showed 939 people were killed in red-light running crashes in 2017, the most recent crash data... - [Beaver County Times](#)
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Western Pennsylvania travelers can expect lower gasoline prices and pleasant weather this Labor Day weekend, which could mean heavier traffic on the roads. Western Pennsylvania travelers can expect lower gasoline prices and pleasant weather this Labor Day weekend, which could mean heavier traffic... - [Beaver County Times](#)
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With lit fuses, smoke bombs poured gray and black clouds around a train Saturday during Steamtown National Historic Site's annual Railfest. While reenactors dressed in early 1960s railyard worker garb posed, about 40 train enthusiasts trained their cameras on the seemingly smoking... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-01-2019 **University Park airport has received another grant. Here's what the money will go toward**
Allegiant Air is adding nonstop flights from University Park Airport to two Florida cities beginning in October. The airline service addition also coincides with terminal and parking expansion plans for the University Park airport, say officials. Allegiant Air is adding nonstop flights from University Park Airport to two... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
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When drivers traveled York Road in Carlisle late in the evening on Aug. 23, more than a dozen people in uniform waited to surprise them. They were mostly state troopers hosting a DUI checkpoint at Family Ford of PA in South Middleton Township, just south of Carlisle. They hoped to catch... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)



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The Public Utility Commission approved a settlement to improve safety at a railroad crossing in Centerville, concluding an investigation after a collision between a train and oil tanker carrying hydraulic acid last year. Thank you for Reading! Please log in, or sign up for a new account and purchase a subscription to... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
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CHEERS to three women sworn in last week to work as firefighters in the City of Wilkes-Barre. The women earned their positions by passing civil service and physical agility tests to become the first women to serve in the role of firefighter in the city department.s 212-year history.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-01-2019 **[PennDOT enhances 511PA for Penn State football travelers](#)**
New this year, 511PA will include travel information for every Penn State home football game, beginning with today.s game against the Idaho Vandals. .Our goal is to help motorists plan ahead by providing them with as much information as possible,. said PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards. .By... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
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Gov. Tom Wolf approved \$13.7 million in grant funding for infrastructure, equipment upgrades at 29 Pennsylvania airports. Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday announced the approval of \$13.7 million in grant funding to make infrastructure and equipment upgrades at 29 Pennsylvania... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-01-2019 **[Nearly \\$350,000 in state funding approved for Reading Regional Airport](#)**
Two Berks County lawmakers lauded Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday for approving nearly \$350,000 in grant funds through PennDOT programs for infrastructure and equipment improvements to the Reading Regional Airport. The funding . which is being awarded through the Aviation Transportation... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-01-2019 **[Reading City Council passes resolution opposing shift in highway funding](#)**
City Council is not happy about a funding shift for local roads. Council passed a resolution Monday night requesting PennDOT revisit its 2019 transportation improvement budget. "We implore our elective representatives on the state and federal levels to support this resolution and encourage other municipalities to take a... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-01-2019 **[Law enforcement should have privacy standards for automated license plate reader systems | Opinion](#)**
One of our most cherished and important liberties as American citizens is our right to be protected from unreasonable searches and seizure by the government, which is outlined in the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. In the 21st century, this right has come under constant attack with the... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-01-2019 **[Deaths from running red lights hit 10-year high, and it.s often other drivers who pay: AAA study](#)**
Deaths from drivers running red lights hit a 10-year-high, with at least two people killed every day across the country, according to a new traffic safety study released this week. The data-analysis by AAA found 939 people died in 2017 from drivers blowing red lights and nearly half of the them were traveling in the other vehicle... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



- 09-01-2019 **Federal go-ahead for e-bikes to be used on national park trails has some 'stoked,' others infuriated**
Motorized electric bicycles may soon be humming along serene trails in national parks and other public lands nationwide... - [AP](#)
- 08-29-2019 **A new bill, inspired by a Delco woman's death, aims to crack down on Pa.'s repeat DUI drivers**
Lawmakers in Delaware County, inspired by the death of a woman killed by a six-time drunk driver, are hoping a new piece of legislation will close what they call a persistent "loophole" in Pennsylvania law. State Sen. Thomas H. Killion (R., Delaware) unveiled "Deana's... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-29-2019 **Freight trains, costs are hurdles for Pittsburgh increasing Amtrak service to Harrisburg**
If Amtrak added a commuter train into Pittsburgh on the route between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, more than one-half of the passengers would board at the Greensburg Train Station, according to a state official overseeing multimodal transportation. But whether Amtrak is in a position to add another westbound Pennsylvanian... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-29-2019 **Rail advocates hope for more trains**
The passenger-rail news wasn't good Wednesday, but a local representative remains hopeful. At a hearing of the State House Transportation Committee in Altoona, a PennDOT representative reported that a recently completed study showed that state costs alone would make it financially unfeasible to add two daily... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-29-2019 **PennDOT: More studies needed in 'complicated' passenger rail service expansion push**
ALTOONA – There's no simple solution to providing additional passenger rail service to western Pennsylvanians. That message was loud and clear during a Pennsylvania House Transportation Committee hearing held Wednesday afternoon at the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, where eight state representatives heard testimony related... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-29-2019 **'Deana's Law' targets 'worst of the worst' DUI offenders**
MEDIA COURTHOUSE — State Sen. Tom Killion, R-9 of Middletown, announced the introduction of "Deana's Law" Wednesday in response to the drunk driving death of Deana Eckman earlier this year at the hands of a six-time DUI offender. "We must utilize every tool we have at our disposal to keep those with... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 08-29-2019 **Work is Underway on Route 6 Bridge Replacement**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is alerting motorists that work on a bridge replacement in Eulalia Township, Potter County, is underway. The bridge spans Lehman Run on Route 6, about three miles west of Coudersport near Olmstead Road. Replacing the bridge will allow PennDOT to... - [Wellsboro Tioga Publishing](#)



- 08-29-2019 **[PennDOT to begin rehabilitation of Big Oak Road Bridge in September; road to be detoured](#)**
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP >> Construction is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 19 to rehabilitate the bridge carrying Big Oak Road over Interstate 295 in Middletown Township, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). Due to the nature of the repairs, Big Oak Road will be closed and detoured... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[Free rides in West Chester](#)**
WEST CHESTER — C'mon and take a free ride. A new free service using six person street legal electric golf carts will launch Sept. 7. Transportation will be provided within three to five miles of the Uptown business district. With a top speed of 25 m.p.h., "West Chester Free Ride," will only... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[BEA student takes to the skies to get his pilot's license](#)**
BELLEFONTE — Peter VanCise seems to be a normal 17-year-old. However, the Bald Eagle Area student has accomplished something as a teenager that not many people do in their lifetime. On Aug. 20, VanCise took and passed an in-plane test to receive his private pilot license.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[Those headed to Penn State games should expect delays](#)**
STATE COLLEGE — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is alerting drivers that they could encounter delays as they travel to Centre County for Penn State home football games this fall. The season opener is at 3:30 p.m. Saturday against the University of Idaho.... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[PennDOT: More detours begin today in Northumberland](#)**
NORTHUMBERLAND — Beginning today, commuters driving north on Route 147 over the Priestley Bridge, and all Route 11 south traffic will be facing a new set of detours that are scheduled to remain in place until Thanksgiving, according to a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[Put limits on tracking data](#)**
Police across Pennsylvania widely use license-plate tracking cameras, which are mounted in police vehicles and along highways, for an array of valid law-enforcement purposes. Using databases compiled from millions of time-stamped images from specific locations, police can track vehicles on state and federal watch lists, look... - [Scranton Times](#)
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- 08-29-2019 **[511PA to monitor Labor Day, Penn State football traffic](#)**
PennDOT traffic monitoring system will detail conditions through the holiday and for each home game. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's 511PA website and mobile app will provide traffic information and travel data this Labor Day weekend. The service additionally will launch travel information for every... - [Erie Times-News](#)



- 08-29-2019 **[Here's a look at what will front a future south Bethlehem garage](#)**
A long-envisioned parking garage in south Bethlehem would be fronted by a five-story building of high-end apartments and a ground-floor retail store, under the proposal the Bethlehem Parking Authority selected Wednesday. The 8,000 square feet of retail space is to be anchored by Factory Retail,... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[Wolf administration announces partnership on roadway improvement in Potter County](#)**
GALETON – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced Wednesday that a recently started project on Route 1003 (Loucks Mills Road) in Potter County was made possible by a partnership between PennDOT and JKLM Energy, LLC of Sewickley. The full depth reclamation project got underway with preliminary work in... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[F.B.I. Raids U.A.W. Chief.s Home as Financial Inquiry Widens](#)**
Federal agents on Wednesday raided the home of the president of the United Automobile Workers union in the midst of a widening investigation of financial wrongdoing by union and management officials. Agents also executed search warrants at a 1,000-acre U.A.W. resort in... - [New York Times](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[Pa. lawmaker wants to increase penalties for repeat DUIs](#)**
DELAWARE COUNTY, Pa. (KYW Newsradio) — Proposed legislation in Pennsylvania that would increase penalties for repeat drunk drivers is named after a Delaware County woman who was killed earlier this year by a man on his sixth DUI. State Sen. Tom Killion from Chester and Delaware counties says Deana's... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[New law would restrict left lane of traffic to drivers who are passing, turning or exiting](#)**
Sick of people hogging the left lane? You're not the only one. The left lane should only be used for passing and turning, says state Sen. Bryan Townsend, D-Newark. That's why he recently introduced a proposed law mandating that drivers stick to the right unless they need to scootch ahead of a slower-moving car... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)
- 08-29-2019 **[State OKs another grant — \\$2 million this time — to help fuel airport innovation campus](#)**
State OKs another grant — \$2 million this time — to help fuel airport innovation campus A proposal to turn a bluff overlooking Pittsburgh International Airport into a cutting-edge innovation campus has received a boost from the state. On Wednesday, Gov. Tom Wolf announced a \$2 million grant for the project.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



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