



Transportation Recap

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SESSION STATUS

At 12:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

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

Senate

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

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

Cosponsor Memos

[HCO2686](#) [Mullins, Kyle \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Lays out minimum standards for host agreements between power plants and their surrounding communities.

[SCO1211](#) [Mastriano, Doug\(R\)](#)

Eliminates self-verification for veterans' designation on drivers licenses.

Bill Actions

[HB 1937](#) [Topper, Jesse\(R\)](#)

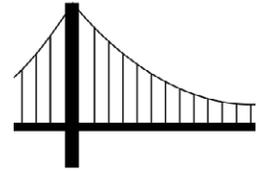
Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, relating to preliminary provisions, further providing for defs.; and, in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Bill History: 10-09-19 H Filed

[SB 889](#) [Stefano, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 1243) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, establishing that an individual who is deaf or has a hearing impairment may request to have a deafness or hearing impairment identifier symbol placed on the individual's driver's license or identification card so long as a sworn statement provided by a qualified medical professional is provided. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-07-19 S Filed
 10-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



Upcoming Events

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

October 16, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., One Port Center, 11th Floor, 2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Pittsburgh Port Authority

October 17, 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

October 17, 2019 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration and Operations Committee meetings. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

PA Public Utility Commission

October 17, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Shohola Township Building, 159 Twin Lakes Road, Shohola

Public Input Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Increase by Twin Lakes Utilities. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

October 17, 2019 - 6:00 p.m., Shohola Township Building, 159 Twin Lakes Road, Shohola

Public Input Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Increase by Twin Lakes Utilities. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

Press Conference

October 23, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Soldier's & Sailor's Grove, Commonwealth Ave

PA GreenGov Council & Drive Electric PA Coalition's Ride & Drive Event

PA Public Utility Commission

October 24, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

October 24, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia

Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Pittsburgh Port Authority

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Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Public Utility Commission

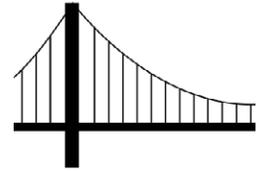
October 29, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

Chapter 56 Working Group Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

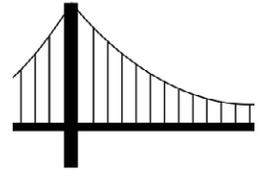
October 29, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg

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

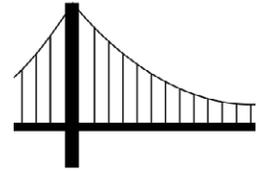


In the News

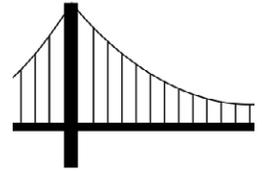
- 10-10-2019 **DGS: Public Invited to ELeetric, Hybrid Vehicles Ride & Drive Event...**
(Press Release)
- 10-10-2019 **KTFC Update Vol. 8 Issue 15**
(Press Release)
- 10-10-2019 **PennDOT: Wolf Admin. Outlines Winter Preparations, Guidance for Public Readiness**
(Press Release)
- 10-10-2019 **DGS: Public Invited to Electric, Hybrid Vehicles Event at Ride & Drive...**
(Press Release)
- 10-10-2019 **County Executive Rich Fitzgerald proposes 2020 budget to Allegheny County Council**
County Executive Rich Fitzgerald proposed his eighth budget and 2020 Comprehensive Plan Fiscal Plan to Allegheny County Council in their Tuesday meeting. Fitzgerald presented a \$959.8 million budget; a \$27 million increase from the previous year. According to Fitzgerald the current budget is the 18th... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 10-10-2019 **State suspends gas driller's license for failure to pay impact fees**
Pennsylvania suspended a Texas energy company's license to operate two Somerset County gas wells because it has failed to pay almost \$95,000 in impact fees and related costs for 2014, 2015 and 2016. The state Department of Environmental Protection on Wednesday ordered... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-10-2019 **This farm marks a milestone in 1 way to 'fight warehouse proliferation'**
Cornstalks rustled in a gusty wind Wednesday on some of the 61 acres local and county officials ensured will forever be farmed. Northampton County and Pennsylvania officials gathered at the property in Moore Township to celebrate the county's 200th farm preserved under a... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 10-10-2019 **York Tech commercial driving program to help vets fight unemployment**
York County School of Technology will now offer free commercial truck driver training to veterans in an effort to address both driver shortages and underemployment among the local veteran population. "Nationwide, they're in need of over 50,000 commercial truck drivers,"... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 10-10-2019 **Airport authority tabs new engineering firm, reduces park police coverage hours**
The Westmoreland County Airport Authority (WCAA) will have a new consulting engineering firm for future improvements at its airports in Unity and Rostraver townships. The authority board on Tuesday approved a five-year, non-exclusive agreement with McFarland-Johnson Inc., based in Binghamton, New York, to... - [Latrobe Bulletin](#)
- 10-10-2019 **Congressman impressed with Gateway project**
U.S. Rep. Fred Keller, R-Kreamer, came away seemingly impressed by the East Third Street Old City Gateway Project linking Lycoming College to the Williamsport's downtown. The first-term congressman took a tour of the new Kraph Gateway Center building, the keystone of the project located at the southeast end of the... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)



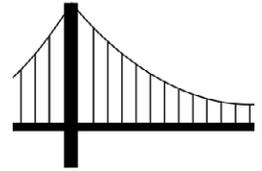
- 10-10-2019 **[PennDOT stresses enforcement of REAL ID](#)**
HARRISBURG The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reminds customers that on Oct. 1, 2020, federal enforcement of the Real ID Act will begin at airports and secure federal facilities nationwide. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, federally-accepted forms of identification such as... - [Clarion News](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[Kane council approves revised bicycle ordinance](#)**
The Kane borough ordinance on bicycles has been condensed with the elimination of 13 sections. Acting at a meeting Wednesday, council voted 6-0 to give final approval to the revised ordinance. The local law still bans bicyclists from “clinging to moving vehicles.” Bicycles still must have adequate brakes and lights.... - [Kane Republican](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[PennDOT Targets Another Wyalusing Sign](#)**
The PA Department of Transportation has asked the Borough of Wyalusing to remove the sign located on Taylor Avenue. - [Wyalusing Rocket-Courier](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[Pennsylvania voters urged to request absentee ballots early](#)**
HARRISBURG >> Acting Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar is encouraging Pennsylvanians to submit requests for absentee ballots well before the October 29 deadline. State law requires applications for absentee ballots to be submitted no later than one week before Election Day. For this year’s Nov. 5... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[Remembering the B-17 that crashed in Massachusetts](#)**
LOWER MAKEFIELD >> Like so many of our readers, I was terribly shocked to learn about the crash of the WWII vintage B-17 bomber, also known as a 'Flying Fortress,' at the Bradley International Airport on Oct. 2. This past August, I had the opportunity to again visit and photograph the... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[American Airlines says it expects to resume flying Boeing.s 737 Max jet in January](#)**
American Airlines said Wednesday it expects federal officials to sign off on software updates and other changes to Boeing.s 737 Max jets later this year and plans to resume passenger service on the aircraft on Jan. 16. .American Airlines anticipates that the impending software updates to the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[Philly needs to reboot street cleaning program | Opinion](#)**
Be careful what you wish for. Like many citizens, I cheered when Mayor Kenney first announced that regular street sweeping would begin this year as a pilot program in select neighborhoods. Philadelphia would no longer be the only large city without this basic service.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[This Pa. business acquires fifth company in 14 months, and this times its a tolling advisory firm](#)**
A global infrastructure and engineering firm based in East Pennsboro Township has acquired its fifth company in a little over a year. Gannett Fleming has acquired Traffic Technologies Inc., a tolling industry advisory firm that has been in business for more than 20 years. The company... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-10-2019 **[Boeing to team with Porsche on electric flying car](#)**
The idea of a flying car just got a bit of class. And environmental friendliness. Reuters reports planemaker Boeing Co. announced Thursday it is working with Porsche . owned by Volkswagen . on a concept electric flying car. Boeing has been in competition with other companies to build aerial... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



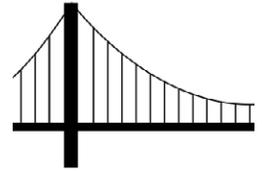
- 10-10-2019 **'Piercing pain stabbed our ears': Southwest pilot's book reveals how close Flight 1380 was to total disaster**
The initial shock was so violent from the blown engine on Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 that Tammie Jo Shults thought there had been a midair collision. .We couldn.t see, we couldn.t breathe, and a piercing pain stabbed our ears, all while the aircraft snapped into a rapid roll and skidded hard to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-10-2019 **PennDOT to begin slide repair Monday on Reis Run Road in Ross**
After months of delays due to unstable land and getting legal permission to go on the property, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is ready to move ahead with repairs to a landslide that has closed a section of Reis Run Road in Ross for more than four months.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-10-2019 **Pittsburgh airport lobbying American Airlines for LA nonstop**
Pittsburgh International Airport is California dreamin.. Airport officials are urging local community leaders to write to American Airlines to lobby for a nonstop flight to Los Angeles. In an email to those stakeholders, Tyler Laughlin, government and corporate... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-09-2019 **Senator Kim Ward Op-Ed: Vehicle Emissions Testing Reform**
(Press Release)
- 10-09-2019 **DCNR: Wolf Admin. Continues Effort to Boost Green Projects at PA State Forest...**
(Press Release)
- 10-09-2019 **DEP Suspends Well Permits for Operator's Failure to Pay Impact Fee**
(Press Release)
- 10-09-2019 **AG Shapiro, Mayor Kenney, Temple University Announce \$350K Federal Grant to...**
(Press Release)
- 10-09-2019 **Fitzgerald proposes \$959M county budget with no tax increase**
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald on Tuesday presented a \$959.8 million budget proposal for 2020 that includes no tax increase and represents a 2.9% growth over last year. The capital budget of \$100.1 million includes 61 different infrastructure and capital improvement projects as well as a roads program and funding for... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-09-2019 **Witness said fatal Herndon train crash in 1972 'looked like Hiroshima'**
Four people were killed on Monday, March 13, 1972, when two Penn Central freight trains collided head-on near Herndon, Northumberland County. According to reports in The Patriot, Penn Central officials said the accident was caused by "the failure of the crew on the southbound coal... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-09-2019 **Cromwell leaders talk traffic study**
Cromwell Township Supervisors agreed to investigate the possibility of a traffic study on a state road at their monthly meeting Monday evening. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 10-09-2019 **Ethiopian Airlines whistleblower is deserving of asylum in US**
Not all whistleblowers are involved in the attempt to impeach President Donald Trump. Some are worried about a more critical matter — the safety of airline passengers. Ethiopian Airlines former chief engineer, Yonas Yeshanew, is seeking asylum in the United States after resigning from his post this summer. Yeshanew... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)



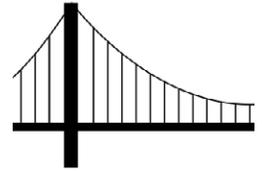
- 10-09-2019 **[Waverly to draft local law overhauling village parking](#)**
WAVERLY — After months of discussions and planning, Waverly trustees are officially moving forward to begin extensive parking changes throughout the village. - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[Franklin Council delays vote on stop signs](#)**
Franklin City Council has tabled until December a vote to place stop signs at several intersections on Elk Street. Council decided to delay its decision after several community members voiced concerns during Monday's council meeting. "I don't have a bone in this, but if we're going to do something we should... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[PennDOT will close Lime Street next week for roadwork; here are the current construction projects in Lancaster city](#)**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced Monday it will close a portion of North Lime Street next week to fill in a cavity underneath the road. The project is the latest addition to the roadwork already creating a maze of single lanes and detours for motorists traveling through Lancaster city.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[Mount Joy Amtrak station debuts \\$27.5M project with new platforms, towers](#)**
A major upgrade of the Mount Joy Amtrak station has opened to the public, marking the latest step in an ongoing infrastructure and accessibility overhaul to central Pennsylvania's passenger rail service. The Mount Joy station, at South Market and East Henry streets, officially... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[G.M. Strike's Economic Toll Is Showing: I Might Lose the Business'](#)**
The truck drivers at Phoenix Transit & Logistics in Dearborn, Mich., are long gone. Around three dozen of the trailers they once ferried between auto plants . packed with dashboards, engine components, lights and other parts for General Motors . are sitting in a lot with nowhere to go.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[Metrolink proposes new trains from Burbank to Anaheim, using billions from bullet train](#)**
Ridership on Metrolink would double between Burbank and Anaheim, relieving freeway congestion, and new high-speed electric trains would slash emissions along the route under a plan that would shift up to \$5.5 billion from the bullet train project in the Central Valley to Southern California.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[Caboose ownership transferred](#)**
The caboose in Riverside Park is headed to Honesdale with new owner Miles Group. Tunkhannock Borough Council has determined the fate of the caboose at Riverside Park. At Thursday's (Oct. 3) meeting, council members voted to transfer the ownership of the caboose to Miles Group.... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[Rare 'Queen of Steam' locomotive from 1950 to spend October at Strasburg Rail Road](#)**
Railroad fans in central Pennsylvania are in for a treat during the month of October as Norfolk & Western Class J No. 611, known as "The Queen of Steam," visits Strasburg Rail Road in Lancaster County for multiple public events, including steam excursions, cab tours, in-cab rides and... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



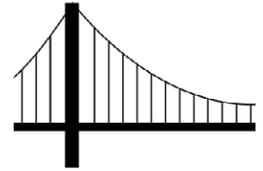
- 10-09-2019 **[Swatara hosts public hearing for proposed million-square-foot warehouse complex off US 322](#)**
A group of investors seeking Swatara Township's approval to develop 165 acres into a warehouse complex off Route 322 needs a conditional use permit before going forward with their plans. Commissioners will host a public hearing tonight at 599 Eisenhower Blvd. in... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[Here's why N.J. won't blow Thursday's REAL ID deadline, even though most residents can't get the cards](#)**
New Jersey's deadline to issue driver's licenses and identification cards that meet new federal security standards is Thursday. And technically, the state won't miss that deadline because it is offering REAL ID-compliant cards . just not to most residents. Ten of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's 39 locations are offering... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[New transportation bill should be a victory against climate change. Instead it's a letdown. | Opinion](#)**
Americans now face the impacts of climate change in our everyday lives. Flooding and wildfires endanger us from Miami to Houston to Los Angeles. Rising seas will now inevitably impact our coasts, while rising temperatures threaten the habitability of cities nationwide.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-09-2019 **[I-83 expansion plan in Harrisburg could be reduced from 12 to 10 lanes: engineers](#)**
An engineering firm studying traffic patterns ahead of a planned Interstate-83 improvement project may have found a way to reduce its footprint, eliminating the need to expand a portion of the highway to 12 lanes in Harrisburg. That's according to Harrisburg Mayor Eric Papenfuse, who on Tuesday shared... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
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- 10-09-2019 **[Westmoreland municipal authority approves \\$1 million worth of water line projects](#)**
The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County on Wednesday approved nearly \$1 million worth of projects to install, relocate or replace water lines in several communities. The board voted to move forward with a project to relocate the water lines near the Yukon Interstate 70 interchange in Sewickley and South Huntingdon... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



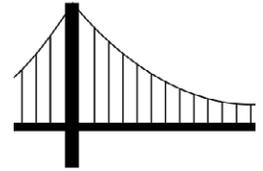
- 10-08-2019 **[SEPTA to purchase solar power from Franklin County project](#)**
While Gov. Tom Wolf (D) tries to negotiate a greener future for Pennsylvania, some major names have already committed to using more renewable energy. Among them, SEPTA recently agreed to purchase a portion of their expected electricity needs from two solar farm in Franklin County.... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 10-08-2019 **['He had no other choice': Pilot praised for safely bringing plane down in Susquehanna](#)**
Once the Piper Pa-46 single-engine lost power, its pilot had few choices other than to land his plane in the Susquehanna River, said a retired commercial pilot and flight instructor Lous Thieblemont. By landing in the river, the pilot managed to avoid the neighborhood that... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Wabtec assessment hearing reset for Oct. 24](#)**
Erie County Assessment Board will hear Iroquois School District's request to increase valuation of locomotive factory. The Erie County Board of Tax Assessment Appeals will hear one of its biggest cases in years when it reviews the assessed value of the Wabtec... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Oakland traffic detoured as crew removes garbage truck that sunk on a parking pad](#)**
Inbound traffic on Fifth Avenue from Oakland to Uptown is being detoured Monday afternoon as a crew remove a garbage truck that got stuck on a parking pad. The truck got stuck about 7:30 a.m. when the pavement sunk on the pad in the 2400 block of Fifth Avenue. Authorities delayed the removal operation... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[I-81 rest areas in Dauphin County prepping for lengthy closure](#)**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is alerting motorists to the closure of the I-81 rest areas in Dauphin County beginning in mid-October while the Department of General Services completes the demolition and reconstruction of the facilities.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Kittanning Readies to Pave Borough Alleys](#)**
With time for paving projects nearly concluding for the season, it was announced at the Kittanning Borough Council meeting last night that paving of alleys will begin this Thursday. "Shields Paving has announced they are ready to proceed with the paving project," Borough Manager Cyndee McDermott stated.... - [Kittanning Paper](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Convicted ex-Lackawanna County commissioner denied furlough to earn CDL](#)**
The federal Bureau of Prisons canceled convicted former Lackawanna County Commissioner Robert Cordaro's July furlough for truck-driver training, he wrote in a letter to The Times-Tribune. Cordaro, 58, blamed the newspaper's "absurd coverage" in a front-page June newspaper story for the cancellation of his furlough and... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Gov. plans to cut carbon emissions](#)**
Last week, Gov. Tom Wolf announced plans for Pennsylvania to join regional efforts to cut carbon emissions from power plants in an effort to combat climate change. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)



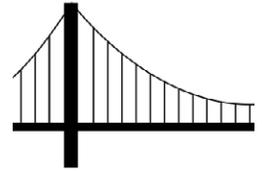
- 10-08-2019 **[Spot hero: Parking giant E-Z Park stole public land for personal gain — for years — busted by tipster](#)**
This is a story about a private company seizing public land – apparently without seeking, or receiving, permission – to turn a heftier profit than that which it’s already turning across the city of Philadelphia. It’s also a tale of a years long grudge held by a citizen who finally... - [Philadelphia Weekly](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Rick Perry's Focus on Gas Company Entangles Him in Ukraine Case](#)**
When Energy Secretary Rick Perry led an American delegation to the inauguration of Ukraine's new president in May, he took the opportunity to suggest the names of Americans the new Ukrainian government might want to advise and oversee the country's state-owned gas company.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[With little FAA direction, vaping devices add to fire dangers on planes](#)**
In March, Southwest Airlines employees had to pull a smoking suitcase containing e-cigarette batteries from a plane's cargo hold in San Diego. Adjacent bags were damaged, as was the plane, which was temporarily taken out of service, according to the FAA. E-cigarettes and the rechargeable lithium-ion batteries that power them... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Analysis | The Energy 202: Sunrise Movement to score 2020 candidates on Green New Deal - and yes, tweets count](#)**
The Sunrise Movement plans to score the top three candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination based not only on how aggressively they say they want to tackle climate change, but also on how much they talk about the issue on Twitter. The increasingly influential environmental group, founded in 2017, has... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Philly's street sweeping pilot program will end this fall. Should it continue and expand?](#)**
Shawn Jones was chatting with a few friends outside an auto repair shop in North Philadelphia when the city's street cleaning crew arrived. Their conversation halted as the roar of leaf blowers came closer, blasting litter, leaves, and dust around the sidewalks. Six city workers, each with... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-08-2019 **[Philly's new parking kiosks ditch dashboard-displayed receipts](#)**
Parking in Philadelphia will no longer require drivers to insert a slip of paper on their dashboard to prove they paid for parking. They will, however, have to memorize their license plate numbers. .As we begin installing our new pay-by-plate kiosks, we'll also be changing... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-07-2019 **[PennDOT Driver License, Photo Centers Closed for Columbus Day Holiday](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-07-2019 **[Berks among the worst counties for heavy truck fatalities](#)**
They are the human faces behind the tragic numbers. A New Jersey couple was killed in a chain-reaction crash in November driving on Interstate 78 in Windsor Township to their wedding in Pittsburgh. A 9-year-old boy was killed in April when a tractor-trailer rammed into a... - [Reading Eagle](#)



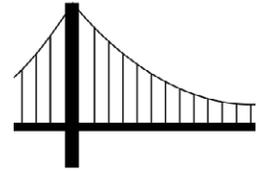
- 10-07-2019 **Fee for electric cars hits speed bump at Capitol**
HARRISBURG — A move to force electric vehicle owners to pay an annual fee because they don't pay gas tax hit a speed bump as lawmakers mull how much the cost should be. Under existing law, electric vehicle users are supposed to make an alternative fuels tax payment to the state, but few do. HB1392... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 10-07-2019 **Local PennDOT district saw continued increases in overall and serious crashes in 2018**
Being safe on the road last year was tougher than usual across Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties. 2018 brought the highest number of crashes across those areas since at least 2009 according to recently released Pennsylvania Department of Transportation data.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 10-07-2019 **Organization offering free CDL training to young fathers**
As Fayette County's poverty rate declines, young fathers in the area are being given the opportunity to better themselves, and their families, through a grant that allows them to take free CDL training and parenting classes. "This is a great opportunity for a young adult who is looking for a... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 10-07-2019 **Major parking, accessibility upgrades coming to Parkesburg Train Station**
WEST CHESTER—The Parkesburg Train Station will see significant parking, stormwater management and drainage, and ADA accessibility upgrades thanks to a new agreement state Senator Andy Dinniman brokered between PennDOT, Amtrak, and Parkesburg Borough. "These improvements pave the way for the work ahead to upgrade the... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 10-07-2019 **Hundreds of volunteers hit the streets to 'Pick Up Poconos'**
Volunteers hit the road in droves to clear up heaps of litter in the second annual Pick Up the Poconos event on September 28, and according to the numbers, the effort was a fantastic success. A release from Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau director of public... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 10-07-2019 **How Boeing vs. Airbus Became Trump vs. Europe**
Just weeks after his inauguration, President Trump toured Boeing's factory in North Charleston, S.C., holding a rally with workers, admiring a new 787 Dreamliner and calling on the company to bring down the cost of new Air Force One planes. But Boeing wanted something from Mr. Trump, too.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-07-2019 **Talks to End G.M. Strike Take 'Turn for the Worse,' U.A.W. Says**
General Motors and the striking United Auto Workers hit a roadblock in contract talks on Sunday over the question of moving production from Mexico to plants in the United States, two people close to the talks said. The union, which has been on strike since Sept. 16, has pressed G.M. to... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-07-2019 **The Real ID driver's licenses are here. You have questions, so we got you the answers.**
Real ID is now available and travelers planning to use the more secure driver's licenses to board a commercial airliner have questions about how to get it and what documents they need to bring to the motor vehicle agency. We received some insightful and a few very technical Real ID questions from... - [Trenton Times](#)



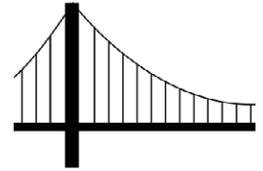
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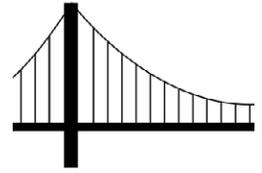
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