



Transportation Recap

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October 11 - 17, 2019

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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

[DEP: OIL AND GAS TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED](#)

The Department of Environmental Protection's November 6, 2019, meeting of the Oil and Gas Technical Advisory Board is rescheduled to Wednesday, December 18, 2019. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg.

Questions concerning the December meeting can be directed to Todd M. Wallace, Office of Oil and Gas Management, at twallace@pa.gov or (717) 783-9438. The agenda and meeting materials will be available through the public participation tab on DEP's [website](#).

[PENNDOT: GREEN LIGHT-GO: PENNSYLVANIA'S MUNICIPAL SIGNAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: INVITATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS](#)

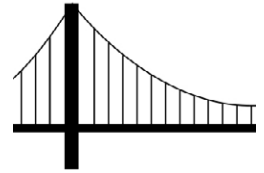
The Department of Transportation (PennDOT) established the Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Partnership Program, also known as the Green Light-Go Program. The Green Light-Go Program is a competitive application and reimbursement grant program whereby municipalities and metropolitan or rural planning organizations can request financial assistance for existing traffic signal maintenance and operations activities. Additional information on eligible Green Light-Go Program projects and guidelines can be found on PennDOT's traffic signal [website](#).

PennDOT invites municipalities and metropolitan or rural planning organizations to submit electronic applications using the application form [here](#). PennDOT will be accepting Green Light-Go Program applications between October 21, 2019, and January 10, 2020.

Questions should be directed to Stephen Gault, PE, PTOE, statewide traffic signal operations engineer, Bureau of Maintenance and Operations, Department of Transportation, 400 North Street, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-6988, GLG@pa.gov. Additional information can be found on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

[PUC: UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN \(USECP\) FILING SCHEDULE AND INDEPENDENT EVALUATION FILING SCHEDULE](#)

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) hereby implements a pilot universal service and energy conservation plan (USECP) filing schedule and universal service impact evaluation filing schedule. This pilot supersedes the existing filing schedules and extends the duration of USECPs from three years to five years. The contact person regarding policy and technical issues for this proceeding is Joseph Magee, Bureau of Consumer Services, jmagee@pa.gov. The contact person regarding legal issues for this proceeding is Assistant Counsel Louise Fink Smith, Law Bureau, finksmith@pa.gov. Additional information can be found on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.



Cosponsor Memos

- HCO2696 Murt, Thomas(R) Supports the voluntary addition of a "C" - Communication Impediment specification designation on PA Drivers license or PA Identification Card.
- HCO2705 Pyle, Jeff(R) Implements an expedited process for a CDL holder to receive a school bus endorsement.

Bill Actions

- HB 1907 Rothman, Greg(R) (PN 2674) An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over U.S. Route 11/15 in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, as the Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 09-30-19 H Filed
10-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
10-21-19 H Meeting set for 11:30 a.m., Room B31, Main Capitol, House Transportation -- House Transportation

- HB 1908 Howard, Kristine (F)(D) (PN 2657) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in Uniform Construction Code, requiring new non-residential buildings to provide electrical service capacity for electric vehicles. The legislation requires the electrical service capacity to be provided based on the capacity of a parking lot. Effective in 60 days.

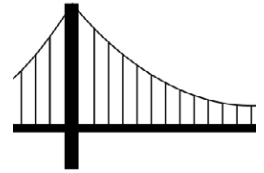
Bill History: 10-01-19 H Filed
10-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

- HB 1911 Williams, Dan (F)(D) (PN 2659) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, requiring that a driver has a duty to remove accumulated snow or ice from the motor vehicle prior to operating. The legislation increases the maximum fine to \$1,500 for failure to remove accumulated snow or ice and if dislodged snow or ice strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily harm. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-02-19 H Filed
10-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

- HB 1913 Dush, Cris(R) (PN 2676) An Act designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 19699, on that portion of State Route 2003 over Mahoning Creek in Big Run Borough, Jefferson County, as the SP4 James Wise, Jr., and PFC James Wingert USMC Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-02-19 H Filed
10-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 1915 Cook, Bud(R) (PN 2678) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 8042 over U.S. Route 40, West Brownsville Borough, Washington County, as the SFC Thomas McDonough Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-03-19 H Filed
10-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1916 Dermody, Frank(D) (PN 2679) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in juries and jurors, further providing for compensation of and travel allowance for jurors by requiring employers to pay a person summoned to serve as a juror at the person's ordinary wage or salary each day the person is required to report for service, with a tax credit granted to the employer for the amount expended. Also provides for similar payment measures for unemployed and self-employed persons. Requires travel allowances to be issued for summoned jurors. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-03-19 H Filed
10-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

HB 1917 Dermody, Frank(D) (PN 2680) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in juries and jurors, further providing for compensation of and travel allowance for jurors by requiring parking vouchers to be issued for summoned jurors. Effective in 60 days.

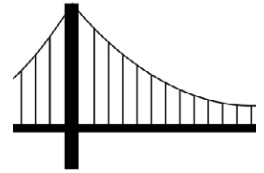
Bill History: 10-03-19 H Filed
10-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

HB 1937 Topper, Jesse(R) (PN 2695) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, relating to preliminary provisions, providing that the only designations for "sex" on a driver's license are male or female. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-09-19 H Filed
10-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1946 Hershey, Johnathan (F)(R) Act designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 46789, on that portion of State Route 3012 over Back Creek on the border of Hamilton Twp and St. Thomas Twp, Franklin County, as the Sergeant Melvin G. Ehrhart Memorial Bridge.

Bill History: 10-15-19 H Filed



Upcoming Events

House Transportation

October 21, 2019 - 11:30 a.m., Room B31, Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 190](#) Quinn, Chris Amends Title 75 re vehicle LED lights [HB 1597](#) Gillen, Mark Act re PVT Mahlon L. Fink Iwo Jima Highway [HB 1665](#) Staats, Craig Act re Sellersville Veterans Memorial Bridge [HB 1719](#) Sanchez, Ben (F) Act re CPT Samuel Schultz Memorial Bridge [HB 1754](#) Causer, Martin Act re Tec 5 C. Virgil Voorhees Mem. Bridge [HB 1770](#) Dush, Cris Act re SFC Randy McCaulley Memorial Bridge [HB 1782](#) Burns, Frank Act re Cyril T. Yeckley Memorial Bridge [HB 1825](#) Wheeland, Jeff Amends Title 75 re speed device calibration [HB 1907](#) Rothman, Greg Act re East Pennsboro Township Bridge [HR 539](#) Boback, Karen Resolution re National Teen Driver Safety Week

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

October 25, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

House Democratic Policy Committee

October 28, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 418 Main Capitol
Public Hearing with Rep. Patty Kim: [HB 1078](#) Marshall, Jim Amends Title 75 re autonomous shuttle vehicle

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

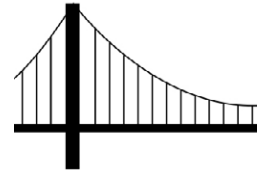
October 29, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

PA Public Utility Commission

November 4, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Smart Hearing on Proposed Natural Gas Rate Increase by Valley Energy Inc. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

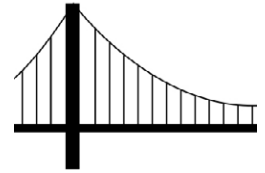
PA Turnpike Commission

November 5, 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

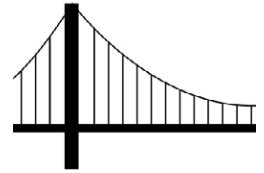


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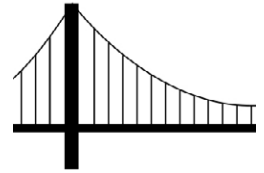
- 10-17-2019 **DEP News and Views - October 17, 2019**
(Press Release)
- 10-17-2019 **Aging, thin pipe likely cause of Philadelphia refinery fire**
PHILADELPHIA — An aging, failed elbow pipe appears to be the initial cause of a June 21 fire and subsequent explosions that injured five people at the largest oil refinery on the East Coast, federal investigators said Wednesday... - [AP](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Spirit announces direct flight to Cancun**
A new flight at the Pittsburgh International Airport makes it easier to get to the sunny beaches of Cancun, Mexico. Spirit on Wednesday announced the direct flight to the Cancun International Airport, which is slated to start Feb. 13 and will be available Tuesdays,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Major Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board shipping contract draws scrutiny**
A group of powerful state lawmakers have asked the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to table a proposed contract for receipt, warehousing and delivery of alcohol and wine to the system's state stores through Philadelphia and its suburbs. Their objection? That the proposed 10-year, \$475 million southeastern distribution deal -... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Popular scenic train ride in Jim Thorpe shutting down over tax dispute, owner says**
A popular Jim Thorpe excursion train will shut down Nov. 25 because of a tax dispute with the borough, its operator said. The Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway carries passengers in vintage coaches on a scenic trip along the Lehigh River through Glen Onoko and into the Lehigh... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-17-2019 **City reapplies for \$770,000 streetscape grant**
The city is reapplying for a \$771,000 grant from Pennsylvania's Multimodal Transportation Fund for streetscape improvement work along Margaret Avenue. Coupled with \$330,000 from the city's grant-matching fund, the money would pay for replacing 2,600 feet of curbs and sidewalks, installation of... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Bullying may have prompted deaths of Albany Township children, according to radio traffic**
A radio communication between Berks County dispatchers and first responders adds details in the deaths of two Albany Township children. Conner Snyder, 8, and Brinley L. Snyder, 4, were unresponsive when discovered by their mother, Lisa Rachelle Snyder, 36, but were revived on... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-17-2019 **'The Worst Is Behind Us.' Here's What's Next for the Atherton Street Project**
Drivers on North Atherton Street have no doubt noticed some positive changes in recent days, and the newly smooth road means relatively smooth sailing for the rest of this year and the majority of 2020. Marc Maney, PennDOT inspector in charge of the project, said comparatively... - [State College News](#)



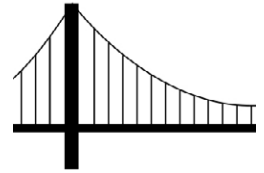
- 10-17-2019 **Residents concerned with Route 220 safety**
LINDEN — The Woodward Township supervisors listened to traffic safety concerns along Route 220 Wednesday. Resident Bill Fenderson brought up a concern with drivers coming on and off of the highway with the changes being made to the road. The state-owned highway has numerous openings both northbound and... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Yudichak: Train leaving ‘a terrible blow’**
State Sen. John Yudichak, D-Carbon, released a statement Wednesday afternoon about the announcement that the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway is ceasing operations in Jim Thorpe. “The closure of the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway in Jim Thorpe is a terrible blow for the merchants and taxpayers of Carbon County, who have... - [Lehigh Times News](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Latrobe to extend helping hand to Greensburg after devastating warehouse fire**
The City of Latrobe, home to the late Fred Rogers of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” fame, knows how to be a good neighbor. That’s why Latrobe plans to reach out to Greensburg officials with an offer of assistance after a blaze consumed Greensburg’s public works... - [Latrobe Bulletin](#)
- 10-17-2019 **York residents below poverty level get a one-time free pass on unpaid sewage bills**
Beginning next year, York Water Co. will take over the billing process for York city’s water and sewage — a decision that comes on the heels of \$10 million owed in unpaid sewage bills. “We are trying to start fresh,” Mayor Michael Helfrich said. On Tuesday, Oct. 15, York City Council voted 3-2 in favor of passing sewer... - [York Daily](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Klein Transportation expands bus service in Berks and Lehigh counties to New York City**
MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP — Sporting a purple cap and stylish sunglasses, Albright College sophomore Hoe Kei Choi was ready to travel to the Big Apple. “I love New York,” Choi said, as she waited Friday afternoon for a Klein Transportation bus in the parking lot of the Fairgrounds Square Mall... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Ellwood considers removing parking meters**
ELLWOOD CITY — The cost of visiting the borough’s business district could be coming down. Ellwood City Council is expected to discuss a plan Monday to remove all the pay parking meters from Lawrence and Bell avenues and Fifth Street. The proposal would make the borough the latest in several local communities to... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Excursion train to shut down in November, citing tax dispute**
(Jim Thorpe) — A popular excursion train in eastern Pennsylvania says it is shutting down next month because of a tax dispute with the local borough... - [AP](#)
- 10-17-2019 **PES Explosion Released Highly Toxic Chemical Into Atmosphere, Investigators Say**
The U.S. Chemical Safety Board just released the first update of its investigation into the June accident, which, in addition to releasing a potentially deadly chemical compound, flung 38,000 pounds of scrap across the Schuylkill River. Get a compelling long read and must-have lifestyle tips in your inbox every... - [Philadelphia Magazine](#)
- 10-17-2019 **G.M. and U.A.W. Reach Deal That Could End Strike**
General Motors and the autoworkers. union, confronting a period of flagging sales after years of record profits, reached a tentative contract deal on Wednesday that could end the company’s longest strike in half a century. The four-year agreement provides for a signing bonus of more than \$8,000,... - [New York Times](#)



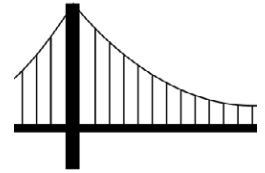
- 10-17-2019 **GM and UAW reached a deal to end the strike. 46,000 workers still have to sign off on it.**
The picket lines are still there. The trash can fires are still burning to keep workers warm. But for the first time in weeks there is an end in sight for the 46,000 United Auto Workers members whose nearly five-week strike at General Motors brought the company to a halt and helped kick-start a discussion about pay... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Glitches in California Embolden Automatic Voter Registration Foes**
California's rollout of automatic voter registration didn't go as planned. It seemed like a good idea: Cut the bureaucracy by adding voters automatically and welcome more residents to political participation. Since April 2018, when California residents go to the Department of Motor... - [Stateline.org](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Idea for pedestrian bridge over Route 309 draws applause at Upper Saucon open space meeting**
A suggestion for a pedestrian bridge across Route 309 brought cheers Wednesday night from the crowd of at least 40 residents at the first public meeting on Upper Saucon Township's plans for recreation and open space. The busy four-lane state highway acts as a barrier to pedestrians going... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Developer stands firm on right to operate new warehouse 24/7**
A warehouse proposed for South Whitehall Township will bring sidewalks, road improvements and free water and sewer hookups for neighbors. It may also come with 24/7 operations. The township board of commissioners Wednesday granted Griffin Industrial Realty conditional use approval for a 102,250-square-foot, single-story... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Spirit announces direct flight to Cancun from Pittsburgh**
A new flight at the Pittsburgh International Airport will make it easier to get to the sunny beaches of Cancun, Mexico. Spirit Airlines on Wednesday announced a direct flight to Cancun International Airport. The flight is slated to start Feb. 13 and will be available Tuesdays,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Ohio planners looking at a 30-year timeline for hyperloop project between Pittsburgh and Chicago**
Ohio planners will move full speed ahead on a proposed hyperloop system that would carry passengers between Pittsburgh and Chicago in about 58 minutes for a one-way cost of about \$93. But the full system, known as Mid-West Connect, probably wouldn't be finished until about 2050.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Riders using T between Downtown, North Shore can expect free rides through 2021**
Customers on Port Authority's light rail system should continue to receive free rides between Downtown and the North Shore through March 2021. An authority committee Thursday recommended extending the free ride agreement for an additional year with the Stadium Authority, which will pay... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-17-2019 **Popular scenic train leaving Jim Thorpe for good over \$100,000 tax bill**
Santa may still come to scenic Jim Thorpe this winter, but he won't be taking the train as usual. Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad announced Wednesday that it will shut down the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway, effective Nov. 25. The popular passenger train has operated out of downtown Jim Thorpe for 15... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



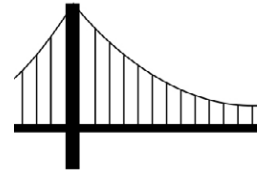
- 10-17-2019 **[Bad billboard moves in Philly, N.J. | Editorial](#)**
No vista, view, or strip of scenery in the Philadelphia region seems too lovely to escape the appraising gaze of the billboard industry, which ceaselessly searches for new places to grab your attention. Consider the notion of building a two-faced digital billboard along the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-17-2019 **[Plane pulled by helicopter from Susquehanna River to be transported to Delaware today](#)**
After a helicopter pulled an airplane out of the river Wednesday, it made quite the impression, bringing dozens of spectators to this sleepy section of Londonderry Township along the banks of the Susquehanna. PennLive got plenty of photos and video of this eye-popping display of... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Sen. Yudickak Statement on the Closure of the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-16-2019 **[PennDOT: Time Extended for PA 191 "Stites Tunnel" Bridge Replacement in...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-16-2019 **[PennDOT wants answers from Census before releasing immigrant data](#)**
HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania and U.S. Census Bureau officials will meet to discuss the federal government's request for state data on immigration status of drivers, a state Department of Transportation spokeswoman said Tuesday. The U.S. Census Bureau is asking states for drivers' license records... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Black boxes in cars must be priority](#)**
Most Pennsylvania motorists, at least the owners or leasers of many newer models, probably are unaware that their personal vehicles might be equipped with a data-collection "black box." Most people generally think of such devices only regarding large commercial... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Newtown rail trail construction to begin](#)**
ears in the making, the trail will be laid on the right-of-way where the former Newtown rail line used to run before SEPTA closed it down in 1983. The first section of trail, for which the ground was broken, will extend from Bristol Road to County Line Road in Upper Southampton.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Kittanning Borough Votes to Finance Dump Truck](#)**
Kittanning Borough Council voted in November 2018 to purchase a new dump truck. Nearly one year later, financing was finally approved at a special council meeting last night. Kittanning will take delivery of a new 2019 GMC Sierra 35 dump truck from Walker Motor Company LLC. While the manufacturer's retail price was... - [Kittanning Paper](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Commissioners announce National Truck Driver Week](#)**
The Warren County Commissioners recently proclaimed the second week of September as "National Truck Driver Appreciation Week" during a September meeting. They were joined by members of Crossett, Inc. at the meeting as representatives of the trucking industry. They encouraged the community to... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Pa. prepares for winter weather, snowy roads](#)**
HARRISBURG — Last winter, aggressive driving was a factor in 440 crashes on snowy, slushy or ice-covered roadways in Pennsylvania. Those crashes caused one fatality and 221 injuries. Officials from three state agencies gathered Monday to announce the plan to... - [Butler Eagle](#)



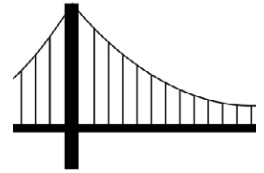
- 10-16-2019 **[It looks like Bethlehem's parking fines are going up](#)**
Nearly a year after the city parking authority first requested an increase, it appears Bethlehem City Council is poised to back hiking the city's parking fines to \$15. A majority of city council voted Tuesday night to override its public safety committee's recommendation to hold off on the Bethlehem Parking... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[E.P.A. Bypassed Its West Coast Team as a Feud With California Escalated](#)**
When the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, Andrew Wheeler, accused California of allowing piles of human feces on city streets to contaminate sewer systems, leaders of the agency's West Coast region hastily convened an all-hands meeting of the San Francisco staff.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Truck gets stuck under bridge, snarling traffic on 420 in Prospect Park](#)**
PROSPECT PARK — A tractor trailer wedged under the underpass of the Amtrak line on Northbound 420 in Prospect Park blocked up the street for the better part of the day Tuesday. Prospect Park Police Chief David Madonna said the driver of the tractor hit a yellow I-beam connected to the underpass at 5:06 a.m. as he tried to... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Congress wants to grill Uber and Lyft on safety. The companies are blowing them off.](#)**
Uber and Lyft have decided to skip a congressional hearing Wednesday aimed at examining their safety and labor practices, risking aggravating members of the committee who are threatening to press ahead regardless with new legislation. The two companies have come under increased scrutiny in recent months over... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Analysis | The Energy 202: Trump administration wants to open up more public trails to e-bikes. No one knows exactly what that means.](#)**
Nearly two months ago, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt signed a secretarial order declaring that electronic bicycles shall be allowed in any area on federal land where regular bikes can ride. But even as top officials are pressing ahead to institute the policy, no one knows yet... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[We're too cranky to handle zipper merging, which says something about us \[opinion\]](#)**
THE ISSUE The zipper merge, a relatively simple traffic pattern designed to safely bring two lanes of traffic together into one, hasn't been working out well in Lancaster County. Actually, that's an understatement. In a front-page story for last weekend's Sunday LNP, Chad Umble reported... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[Ansys adds partners to work toward electric planes](#)**
Hybrid cars are almost common these days. Electric cars are working to get there. Soon, the conversation could also include hybrid electric aircraft. Companies around the world are working to design technology that would reduce emissions and improve efficiency for airplanes. Ansys, an... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-16-2019 **[As Mack Trucks strike hits fifth day, keeping production in the Lehigh Valley emerges as key issue](#)**
This week, Mack Trucks' 1 million-square-foot assembly plant in Lower Macungie Township sits quietly — a place that has been a truck manufacturing hub for nearly 44 years suddenly idled. The usually jam-packed parking lot is as dead as a vacant Kmart. But many of the plant's more than 2,000 workers are still filtering in... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



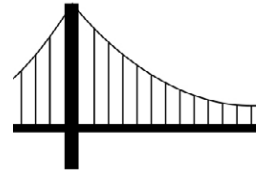
- 10-16-2019 **Plane could be removed from Susquehanna River today**
The single-engine plane that has been sitting in the Susquehanna River for nearly two weeks may be removed this afternoon. JJ Anglin of Anglin Aircraft Recovery, who has been hired by the owner of the Piper PA-46 that made an emergency landing between Three Mile Island... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-16-2019 **Washington County Transportation Authority asks Peters to allocate funds for Freedom Transit**
A Washington County Transportation Authority official has asked Peters council to allocate funds for Freedom Transit, a transportation service that has been operating daily in the township since April. Sheila Grombita, transportation authority executive director, said Freedom... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-16-2019 **GM, United Auto Workers reach tentative deal that could end strike**
Bargainers for General Motors and the United Auto Workers have reached a tentative contract deal that could end a monthlong strike that brought the company's U.S. factories to a standstill... - [AP](#)
- 10-16-2019 **What to watch for in the UAW-Mack Trucks labor dispute**
The strike continues, with United Auto Workers Local 677 members rotating four-hour shifts to ensure 24/7 coverage at several picket sites across the Lehigh Valley in their dispute with Mack Trucks. Meanwhile, members also started reporting to the union hall on Mack... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-16-2019 **Aging, thin pipe likely cause of Philadelphia refinery fire**
An aging, failed elbow pipe appears to be the initial cause of a June 21 fire and subsequent explosions that injured five people at the largest oil refinery on the East Coast, federal investigators said Wednesday... - [AP](#)
- 10-15-2019 **Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) & PATCO October 16, 2019 Meeting Agenda**
(Press Release)
- 10-15-2019 **Rep. Seth Grove - Weekly Roundup for October 14, 2019**
(Press Release)
- 10-15-2019 **Mack Truck plant workers in Harrisburg go on strike**
About 145 members of United Auto Workers Local 677 who work at a Mack Truck plant in Lower Swatara Township picketed today in front of two locations, the intersection of Eisenhower Boulevard and Fulling Mill Road and at the Mack Trucks Remanufacturing Center on Commerce Drive.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-15-2019 **City begins projects to calm traffic, protect bikers and walkers in South Side, Oakland**
The city of Pittsburgh is beginning work this week on two projects to calm traffic on the South Side and in Oakland and provide better, safer connections for bicyclists and walkers who use a trail system. Work will begin Tuesday on a project to create a pedestrian and bike... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-15-2019 **Pittsburgh-to-New York train to add baggage car for bikes**
Bicyclists can place their bike on a baggage car at select stations when taking the train from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and onto New York, Amtrak said Monday. Train stations in Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Altoona, Harrisburg, Lancaster and Philadelphia have been offering that service on the Pennsylvanian since... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



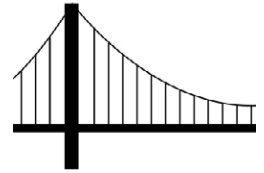
- 10-15-2019 **[Mack workers on the picket line](#)**
By 5 p.m. Sunday, groups of Mack Truck union workers were still standing on the side of Route 100, identifiable by their bright red T-shirts and waving signs. Scattered around the the Mack Truck plant in Lower Macungie Township, workers went on strike for the first time since 1984 this past weekend. The... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 10-15-2019 **[Klein Transportation expands bus service in Berks and Lehigh counties to New York City](#)**
Sporting a purple cap and stylish sunglasses, Albright College sophomore Hoe Kei Choi was ready to travel to the Big Apple. "I love New York," Choi said, as she waited Friday afternoon for a Klein Transportation bus in the parking lot of the Fairgrounds Square Mall... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-15-2019 **[Emergency resolution justifies road work](#)**
Newport Borough Council has adopted an emergency resolution justifying work previously authorized by council President Gerry Robinson. The resolution passed on a 6-1 vote with Councilwoman Tami Halstead dissenting. Before the vote, Councilwoman Barb Leach questioned solicitor... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-15-2019 **[Speed study prompts police to increase presence on roadway](#)**
Recent traffic monitoring on Leventry Road has convinced Richland Township police Chief Michael Burgan to ramp up the department's presence on the roadway. Township police spent four different days in September monitoring traffic speeds and found that the average motorist was traveling 11 to 15 mph over... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 10-15-2019 **[Pittsburgh Officials Starting Project To Reduce Speeding On South Side](#)**
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — Officials want to make a busy section on the South Side safer for everyone. The South Side Flats and Oakland are two of the busiest sections of the city for foot traffic, bicyclists and dog walkers. KDKA's Celina Pompeani Reports: The new Neighborhood Streets Project is placing an emphasis on safety. The... - [KDKA](#)
- 10-15-2019 **[Oil Companies Ponder Climate Change, but Profits Still Rule](#)**
Two decades ago, John Browne rocked the oil industry by saying that the possibility cannot be discounted. of a link between man-made carbon emissions and global warming, and that it was time for action.. In 1997, Mr. Browne, then chief executive of BP, the London-based oil company, was a... - [New York Times](#)
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The exhausted passengers emerge from a sleek convoy of silver and red-streaked buses, looking confused and disoriented as they are deposited ignominiously in this tropical backwater in southernmost Mexico. There is no greeter here to provide guidance on their pending immigration... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-15-2019 **[Criticism hounds Gov. Gavin Newsom over his plans for California gas tax dollars](#)**
As Gov. Gavin Newsom ratchets up California's response to climate change, Republicans and even some in his own party are lashing out at his plans to tap into billions of dollars in gas taxes and vehicle fees earmarked for transportation projects. The debate centers on the use of up to \$5 billion generated annually by SB... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



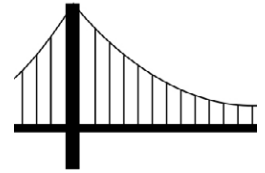
- 10-15-2019 **SEPTA contractor USSC, designing a smoother bus ride, seeks 172 workers in Exton**
Crews are grading ground and trucking in supplies to build a second assembly plant at USSC Group Inc., the bus-train-airplane seating and fire-suppression company in Exton that counts SEPTA and Amtrak among its clients. The factory is on the site of the former West Pharmaceutical center, which... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 10-14-2019 **End DMV data selling: Sharing this information violates privacy, safety**
No citizen should have to worry that the use of necessary government services will put his or her personal information at risk The latest salvo has been fired in the war on privacy, and this time the shots are coming from departments of motor vehicles throughout the country.... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 10-14-2019 **Scranton controller seeks clarification on DPW use of city-issued gas credit cards**
SCRANTON — The city controller is asking for explanations after she identified some discrepancies in the use of city-issued gas credit cards, primarily in the Department of Public Works. In a letter sent Wednesday to the DPW, Controller Roseann Novembrino said... - *Scranton Times*
- 10-14-2019 **Barber Ford finds success in growing commercial truck line**
EXETER — For nearly a century, Barber Ford of Exeter has been a fixture of the Pittston-area business community. Closing in on the 100-year mark, the dealership is making a new name for itself as one of the premier commercial truck centers in a large area of... - *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*
- 10-14-2019 **License plate readers helping police solve crimes**
A license plate reader installed at a fixed location recorded most of the suspects in a brutal assault, allegedly carried out by Pagans, as they left the Charleroi area together in April. The data helped Charleroi Regional police build evidence to make arrests in... - *Uniontown Herald-Standard*
- 10-14-2019 **Editorial: Better driving, road repairs could save lives in Berks**
The Issue: Berks led eastern Pennsylvania in fatal crashes involving heavy trucks from 2012 to 2018. Our Opinion: Drivers and PennDOT should team up to reduce this sad statistic, by easing up on the accelerator and speeding up the road upgrades. Berks County holds an unfortunate lead among nearby counties: Forty-four... - *Reading Eagle*
- 10-14-2019 **Boeing's Board Acted After Months of Mounting Pressure**
Early Friday morning, Boeing's board gathered on a conference call that had been hastily arranged the day before. Dennis A. Muilenburg, the company's chief executive and the chairman of the board, was not invited. By the end of the day, a decision had been reached: Mr. Muilenburg would... - *New York Times*
- 10-14-2019 **The Most Detailed Map of Auto Emissions in America**
Transportation is the largest source of planet-warming greenhouse gases in the United States today and the bulk of those emissions come from driving in our cities and suburbs. The map below shows a year's worth of CO2 from passenger and freight traffic on every road in the or choose another metro area.... - *New York Times*
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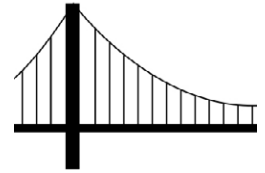
- 10-14-2019 **'Their win is our win': Why Philly-area workers see the GM strike as their own**
As the smell of grill smoke wafted in the air, Leslie Sheridan tended to a platter of mac n. cheese on the General Motors strike line. It was one of the dishes she had brought to a .Solidarity Sunday. potluck, organized to show support for the group of 90 workers who had been on... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-14-2019 **Mack Truck plant workers in Harrisburg go on strike**
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- 10-14-2019 **Gas prices fall in Pittsburgh area, according to GasBuddy**
Gasoline prices are down in Pittsburgh and across the nation, according to price tracking service GasBuddy. In Pittsburgh, gas prices are down 4.1 cents per gallon in the past week, to an average of \$2.83 per gallon, according to GasBuddy.s survey of 731 stations. That.s 5 cents per gallon more than a month ago, but 30.3 cents... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-13-2019 **Mack Truck workers in Pa., 2 other states set to strike**
The union representing thousands of workers at Mack Truck plants in Pennsylvania and elsewhere has announced plans to go on strike this weekend... - [AP](#)
- 10-13-2019 **Union boosts strike pay for GM workers as talks continue**
United Auto Workers said Saturday it.s increasing strike pay for workers picketing at General Motors as the walkout by more than 49,000 employees nears the four-week mark... - [AP](#)
- 10-13-2019 **United restores PHL-Washington service to create 'new connection opportunities'**
Service between Philadelphia International Airport and the Washington area has expanded. United Airlines is resurrecting its PHL-IAD service, just shy of a year since it was discontinued, the airport announced this week. Flights from the airline.s Dulles International Airport hub, which will connect... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-13-2019 **State outlines winter preparations, guidance for public readiness**
With the winter season approaching, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie S. Richards, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission CEO Mark Compton, and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director Randy Padfield held an event last week to outline the... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-13-2019 **Decades of Scranton road neglect on divided street upset residents**
The booms and clangs of tractor-trailers driving down the pothole-riddled 700 block of East Corey Street wake Barbara Pisauro up most nights. The section of road, which hasn.t been paved in decades, is split directly down the middle with one lane belonging to Moosic and the other to... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-13-2019 **Mack Trucks union says workers are striking at midnight**
Nearly two weeks into an expired labor contract, the Mack Trucks union says workers will go on strike at midnight Saturday. The United Auto Workers Local 677 labor action involves about 3,500 employees at facilities in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida. That... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



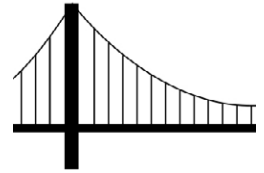
- 10-13-2019 **[The Camp Hill Borough Council should have known better with the Chick Fil A project | Opinion](#)**
Nancy, Nancy, Nancy... I usually get a good chuckle from your columns. Not today. You missed the mark completely. For someone who is critical about many things, why aren't you critical about the traffic? Have you driven through Camp Hill Borough lately? The traffic is already a nightmare. Adding the fastest growing, fast-food... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-13-2019 **[Mack Truck workers in Pennsylvania to strike](#)**
The union representing thousands of workers at Mack Truck plants in Pennsylvania and elsewhere has announced plans to go on strike this weekend... - [AP](#)
- 10-13-2019 **[Planned power outages continue in roundabout projects zone on Route 222](#)**
Rolling planned power outages associated with the Route 222 project in Maiden Creek Township are ongoing and will take place through the end of the year as Met-Ed rearranges utility poles. "They'll range from a handful to around 200 customers (at a time)," said... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-13-2019 **[Mack workers go on strike, begin picketing Sunday morning](#)**
About 3,500 Mack Trucks employees in three states . including the bulk of the division's Lehigh Valley workforce . went on strike Saturday night for the first time in 35 years. In a letter posted late Friday to the United Auto Workers Local 677 website, UAW Secretary-Treasurer Ray Curry informed the company that the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-13-2019 **[Mack Truck union workers hit the picket line for first strike in 35 years](#)**
Waving signs and wearing red T-shirts, hundreds of Mack Truck union workers peacefully gathered Sunday morning along the side streets of Mack Truck's Lower Macungie Township plant as they hit the picket line for the first time in 35 years. The spectacle of solidarity centered at the Route 100 intersections at... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-13-2019 **[Retired F&M professor not surprised Lancaster County drivers not embracing zipper merge](#)**
Fred Owens, a retired psychology professor at Franklin & Marshall College, says it's not surprising Lancaster County drivers have trouble embracing zipper merge. Owens, who researched driving habits during his 40-year career, says different regions create their own deeply ingrained driving cultures that... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-13-2019 **[Efficient zipper merging confounds Lancaster County drivers; 'They should wait their turn'](#)**
Dear Lancaster County: You can't handle the zipper merge. You get angry. You cut people off. You block other drivers. Sometimes you even crash. Your inability to grasp a seemingly simple traffic pattern . designed to safely bring two lanes of traffic into one . has even flustered state... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
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- 10-13-2019 **Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg replaced as board chair**
Boeing chief executive Dennis Muilenburg has been removed from the role of board chairman, part of a sweeping effort to improve safety oversight at the aerospace giant following two deadly crashes of its 737 Max jetliner. Muilenburg will continue as CEO while David Calhoun, the board's lead... - [Washington Post](#)
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- 10-11-2019 **Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for October 11, 2019**
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- 10-11-2019 **Eisenhower Drive: Hanover home, business owners don't support alternate plan**
Those attending an Eisenhower Extension Project open house Thursday night were primarily opposed to an alternate plan for easing congestion on the heavily traveled commercial road. The state has looked at both extending Eisenhower Drive from Hanover to west of McSherrystown and an alternative known as the TSM -- Transportation... - [York Daily](#)
- 10-11-2019 **More than three dozen Boeing 737s grounded for wing-related cracks, company says**
More than three dozen Boeing 737s have been grounded worldwide after wing-related cracks were discovered during recent inspections, the company said Thursday. That number includes a small number of U.S. planes, the Federal Aviation Administration said. Southwest reported it had found two cases of the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-11-2019 **Review of 737 Max Certification Finds Fault With Boeing and F.A.A.**
Boeing failed to adequately explain to regulators a new automated system that contributed to two crashes of the 737 Max, and the Federal Aviation Administration lacked the capability to effectively analyze much of what Boeing did share about the new plane. Those are among the findings in a damning report from a multiagency task... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-11-2019 **Airline Food Waste Is a Problem. Can Banana Leaves Be Part of the Solution?**
The average airline passenger leaves behind about three pounds of waste each flight. One British design firm has ideas to bring down that number. - [New York Times](#)
- 10-11-2019 **Norwegian Cruise Line Passengers Mutiny Over Changed Plans and Poor Conditions**
Faced with broken toilets, canceled shore visits and a lack of information, travelers on the Norwegian Spirit staged — and live tweeted — a rebellion on the high seas. - [New York Times](#)



- 10-11-2019 **[Shop Faked Brake Repairs Before Limo Crash That Killed 20, D.A. Says](#)**
In the months before the crash in Schoharie, N.Y., the limousine was brought in for brake repairs that apparently were not performed. - [New York Times](#)
- 10-11-2019 **[Historic Watts Mill Bridge temporarily removed in South Beaver and Darlington townships](#)**
SOUTH BEAVER TWP. — There's something missing along Watts Mill Road, at least for the time being. Workin' Bridges, an Iowa-based nonprofit that specializes in restoring truss bridges, removed the historic Watts Mill Bridge in South Beaver and Darlington townships earlier this week as part of a restoration project... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 10-11-2019 **[Redevelopment authority, Gautier approve formal agreement on Iron to Arts Corridor project](#)**
EBENSBURG — The Cambria County Redevelopment Authority will now be the single entity overseeing grant funding for the Iron to Arts Corridor project in the city of Johnstown. During a regular meeting Thursday, the redevelopment authority unanimously approved a formal agreement with Gautier Specialty Metals to manage any... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 10-11-2019 **[BMX bike park proposed next to Clearfield Skate Park](#)**
Clearfield Borough Council heard a proposal to construct a BMX bike park next to the Skate Park at the Clearfield Driving Park. At last night's committee meetings, Peter Smith of the Skate Park Committee told council he would like to have a BMX bike park built next to... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 10-11-2019 **[Wolf Administration outlines winter preparations, guidance for public readiness](#)**
HARRISBURG — With the winter season approaching, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) CEO Mark Compton, and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Director Randy Padfield held an event... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 10-11-2019 **[Make time for the public: Port Authority needs meetings on proposed stop cuts](#)**
Making time to hear the concerns of the public should not be a particularly big ask of the Port Authority The Port Authority has launched a project to improve the agency's efficiency by eliminating bus stops that, with the power of analytic data, have been deemed unsafe or underutilized. But the authority, which has... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



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