

Transportation Recap

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SESSION STATUS

At 1:11 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, October 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 2:04 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, October 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

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

Senate

Oct. 28, 29, 30
Nov. 18, 19, 20
Dec. 16, 17, 18

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

House Transportation Committee

10/21/19, 11:30 a.m., Room B-31 Main Capitol

By Deborah E. Hannon, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1597 Gillen, Mark](#) - (PN 2056) Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 222 with Mohns Hill Road, Cumru Township, Berks County, as the PVT Mahlon L. Fink Iwo Jima Memorial Highway Interchange. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed**.

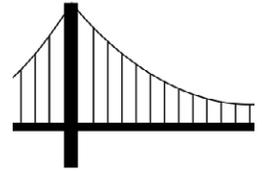
Rep. Mark Gillen (R-Berks) provided background on PVT Mahlon L. Fink, stating he was at the hospital when he passed away earlier this year at the age of 93. Prior to his passing, he had visited the House of Representatives, where he received "a hero's welcome." Rep. Gillen then continued to state that not only did Fink see the flag-raising on Mount Suribachi, but he was also on the beach at the time when the island had strategic importance for fighter aircraft and bombers going against the Japanese. Rep. Gillen provided approximate numbers for the total number of marine fatalities and injuries, and stated that the entire Japanese garrison of 21,000 had fought to their death. When Fink returned home, he lived a life of anonymity and eventually saw the importance of going into public schools and sharing his story with the greater community, Rep. Gillen explained, adding that Fink is now buried "within eyeshot and earshot of this area." Rep. Gillen concluded, "He was a family man, a gentleman and a humble individual."

Rep. Lori Mizgorski (R-Allegheny) commented that as a wife of a marine, she wanted to express her thanks for this.

[HB 190 Quinn, Chris](#) - (PN 162) Amends Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles. The bill establishes that a vehicle may not pass inspection if less than 50 percent of the vehicle's head lamps or rear lighting with light-emitting diodes, except ornamental lights, fail to light properly. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as amended**.

[A03214](#) by Hennessey, addresses light-emitting diodes. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman Tim Hennessey (R-Chester) described the amendment as an indication that 50 percent will be the threshold for the passing of an LED headlight or taillight. He described LED lights, stating they come in bunches of diodes, which leaves the question of how many of them need to be functioning in order for it to be effective. Opposition on this was received in a letter from the Automotive Association of Pennsylvania, indicating that if any of the lighting is missing, then the entire light should be replaced, which can be an expensive proposition of anywhere from \$50 to \$100 in estimation.



Rep. Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe) stated that on her personal vehicle the cost for her rear taillight was easily \$500 for a bigger part and she wasn't aware that only 50 percent could be working. Matt Rucci, research analyst, stated that once a traditional bulb is out, then it is out, but that is not the same for LED bulbs because they are in bunches. This bill is designed to find that threshold for the number of diodes that can acceptably not be lit.

Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester) commended the intent of this legislation and said he would support moving it out of committee, but noted that he didn't feel 50 percent would be enough and that some of the terms in the legislation need to be better defined. Chairman Hennessey questioned the meaning of the word "enough" and asked whether he was looking for a greater percentage or lesser percentage. Rep. Lawrence stated that the percentage should be reviewed. Chairman Hennessey pointed out that a survey was done by the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on how this issue is being handled by other states and recommended that Rep. Lawrence review it. He remarked that if an amendment would need to be filed, he would certainly be open to looking into it. Rucci stated that the 50 percent was actually the number provided by the Inspection Advisory Board at PennDOT based on its members' knowledge of and experience with LED fixtures.

[HB 1825 Wheeland, Jeff](#) - (PN 2487) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, establishing synchronizing calibration requirements for speed timing devices and electronic certification of calibration testing. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed**.

Rep. Jeff Wheeland (R-Lycoming) commented on his bill, stating that one of the companies that handles the certification for the speed dialing devices brought this issue to his attention. Rep. Wheeland commented that radar and speedometer certification was changed from a 60-day cycle to a one-year cycle in 2009. Lidar was passed for use by the Pennsylvania State Police in 2018 on a one-year certification cycle, which leaves electronic devices on a 60-day cycle. Because of technology now being utilized by the police, Rep. Wheeland stated that 99.9 percent of the time there is not an issue with it and the cost to the municipality can be upwards from hundreds to even thousands of dollars a year depending on the size of the municipality. He asserted the bill saves money, simplifies the system and puts all speed-timing methods on the same calendar year as far as certification. He encouraged a yes vote from the committee in an effort to save municipalities money.

[HB 1782 Burns, Frank](#) - (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. - The bill was **reported as amended**.

[A02803](#) by Carroll, makes technical corrections to PFC Yeckley's military unit. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

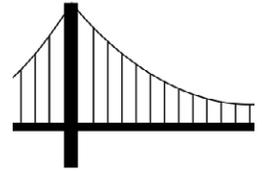
[HB 1665 Staats, Craig](#) - (PN 2223) A freestanding act designating a bridge, identified by bridge key 7381 located on North Main Street over the East Branch Perkiomen Creek, Sellersville, in Sellersville Borough, Bucks County, as the Sellersville Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed**.

[HB 1719 Sanchez, Ben \(F\)](#) - (PN 2311) An act designating a bridge in Abington Township, Montgomery County as the Captain Samuel Schultz Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed**.

[HB 1754 Causer, Martin](#) - (PN 2345) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4021 over the Honeoye Creek, Sharon Township, Potter County, as the Tec 5 C. Virgil Voorhees Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed**.

[HB 1770 Dush, Cris](#) - (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. - The bill was **reported as committed**.

[HB 1907 Rothman, Greg](#) - (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. - The bill was **reported as committed**.



Rep. Greg Rothman (R-Cumberland) spoke about his bill, stating that Senator Hal Mowery was formerly a member of the House of Representatives and also served as a senator. He indicated the bridge is a replacement bridge, which was formerly two lanes and is now three, and crosses over 11/15, connecting East Pennsboro Township to Camp Hill Borough. He noted this is where Senator Mowery represented and that the bridge runs perpendicular to his insurance company's office. He opined this is a great place to memorialize him. In closing, Rep. Rothman stated the original idea behind the memorial came from Senator Mike Regan (R-Cumberland) and he is just "shepherding" this through the House.

[HR 539 Boback, Karen](#) - (PN 2625) Resolution recognizing the week of October 20 through 26, 2019, as "National Teen Driver Safety Week" in Pennsylvania. - The resolution was **reported as committed**.

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Senate Local Government Committee

10/22/19, 10:00 a.m., 8E-A, East Wing

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1035 Sappey, Christina \(F\)](#) - (PN 1207) Amends the Act entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

10/22/19, 12:00 p.m., Room 461, Main Capitol

By Harrison Cann, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

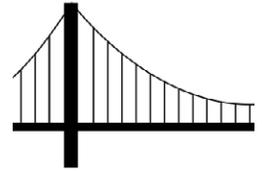
The committee met to consider the nomination of Ralph Yanora to the Public Utility Commission.

Sen. John Blake (D-Lackawanna) introduced Yanora and described his work in the water and gas industry.

Yanora discussed his background in the water and gas utilities industry also. He highlighted what missions he would pursue as commissioner of the Public Utility Commission, stating that he would want to take on updating Pennsylvania's infrastructure, improving utility education, and ensuring water safety.

The nomination was unanimously **reported with a favorable recommendation**.

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Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

10/22/19, 4:37 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider executive nominations.

The [executive nominations](#) were unanimously reported and recalled.

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Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

10/23/19, 11:30 a.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1410 Stephens, Todd](#) - (PN 1728) Amends the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act establishing a military installation remediation program and provides for its role and duties. In addition to any other program of the authority, from funds available to the authority, the authority shall provide grants under the Perfluorinated Compound Remediation Program for the costs of remediation relating to the presence of perfluorinated compounds in drinking water which are not related to the presence of a qualified former military installation. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery), the legislation's prime sponsor, said perfluorinated compounds in drinking water "is a critically important issue in southeastern Pennsylvania" that is emerging across the commonwealth. He said southeastern Pennsylvania has been dealing with the issue "for about five years" and the activities from a naval air station contaminated drinking water. "Unfortunately, the local ratepayers have been bearing much of the cost to deal with the infrastructure necessary to clean up the drinking water," he added.

Rep. Stephens said the land will be "tremendously productive" for Pennsylvania, supporting 14,000 jobs and an annual payroll of \$875 million. "But we can't get there until we get the PFAS contamination situation under control," he said.

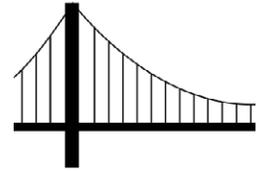
Sen. Williams said he would support the bill, but asked if the contamination was related to firefighting training. Rep. Stephens said no, and that occurred in a different location. Sen. Williams said, in addition to remediation costs, the Perfluorinated Compound Remediation Program could provide for infrastructure and economic development and questioned how those elements became incorporated into the bill. Rep. Stephens said instead of strictly being used for economic development purposes, the program is designed for environmental remediation purposes "first and foremost because there won't be any economic development unless we do environmental remediation."

Rep. Stephens continued, saying that the idea was if any surplus funds existed after remediation, they would be for infrastructure for economic development.

Sen. Andrew Dinniman (D-Chester) asked if the program would be monitored through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST). Rep. Stephens said the bill creates one program through PENNVEST and one through a separate authority due to the location being a military facility.

Sen. Williams asked if the authority is comprised of elected officials. Rep. Stephens said the authority has four legislative appointees and three local appointees. Sen. Williams said this would need further vetting going forward, but he would support the bill.

Sen. Dinniman asked whether a municipal water authority or a private enterprise supplies the water now, and, if it is



privatized, what their responsibility is. He added that this may continue to happen because of the presses of other military bases. Rep. Stephen’s clarified it is a municipal water authority currently, and that the short-term solution would have been to purchase water from a neighboring municipal water authority which did not have contaminated water. He described the carbon filter process by the neighboring municipal water authority, and said the impacted municipality’s long-term plan would be to make improvements to become self-sustaining. Sen. Dinniman said his concern would have been the legislation supporting one private company, but that his concern was resolved.

Sen. Martin commended the representative for his bill and that he would support the legislation today, but commented that the legislature will continue to see “piecemeal projects” for clean water “until we see some sort of consensus on how to clean waterways in Pennsylvania,” whether through Chesapeake Bay requirements or municipal stormwater legislation. He said that the legislature needs to utilize creativity to solve the problem because “I don’t think we are going to keep up with this many piecemeal projects around the commonwealth.”

Chairman Yaw commended the representative for his participation in the meeting.

Bullet.in.Points

[DCNR: SNOWMOBILE AND ATV ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING](#)

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’s Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 105, Rachel Carson Building, Harrisburg. Questions concerning this meeting or agenda items can be directed to Jacob Newton at (717) 783-3349. Additional information can be found on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

[PENNDOT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 90 OF 2018](#)

The Department of Transportation (PennDOT) provided notice regarding the implementation of Act 90 of 2018. PennDOT’s website has been updated to include detailed information required by the Donate Life Pennsylvania Act, the Donate Life Pennsylvania registry has been established, and hyperlinks have been added to PennDOT’s website to permit donation of money to the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Trust Fund. Additional information can be found on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Cosponsor Memos

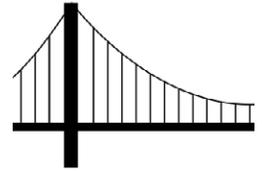
No Cosponsor Memos this week.

Bill Actions

[HB 190](#) [Quinn, Chris\(R\)](#)

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Bill History: 10-21-19 H First consideration
 10-21-19 H Laid on the table
 10-23-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
 10-23-19 H Removed from the table
 10-28-19 H Set on the House Calendar

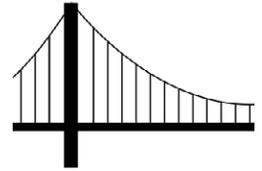


HB 1035

Sappey, Christina (F)(D)

(PN 1207) Amends the Act entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-22-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Local Government -- Senate Local Government
10-22-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Local Government
10-22-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Local Government
10-22-19 S First consideration
10-28-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar



HB 1410 Stephens, Todd(R)

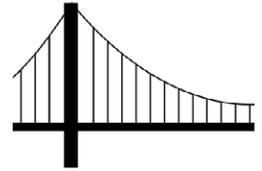
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Bill History: 10-22-19 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy -- Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
10-23-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
10-23-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
10-23-19 S First consideration
10-28-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1459 Schlossberg, Mike(D)

(PN 2569) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles) adding a chapter providing for emergency responder mental wellness and stress management; establishing the Statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Program; providing for duties of the Secretary of Health and the Department of Health; in emergency medical services (EMS) system, further providing for support of emergency medical services; in operation of vehicles general provisions, further providing for EMS costs; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition. The addition of 35 PA.C.S. 75a02(b) is effective in 180 days; the remainder of the bill is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1826)

Bill History: 09-24-19 H First consideration
09-24-19 H Laid on the table
10-22-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-22-19 H Removed from the table
10-28-19 H Set on the House Calendar



HB 1597 Gillen, Mark(R) (PN 2056) Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 222 with Mohns Hill Road, Cumru Township, Berks County, as the PVT Mahlon L. Fink Iwo Jima Memorial Highway Interchange. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-21-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
10-21-19 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
10-21-19 H First consideration
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10-28-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1665 Staats, Craig(R) (PN 2223) A freestanding act designating a bridge, identified by bridge key 7381 located on North Main Street over the East Branch Perkiomen Creek, Sellersville, in Sellersville Borough, Bucks County, as the Sellersville Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

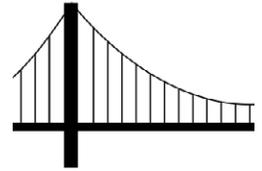
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HB 1719 Sanchez, Ben (F)(D) (PN 2311) An act designating a bridge in Abington Township, Montgomery County as the Captain Samuel Schultz Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-21-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
10-21-19 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-28-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1754 Causer, Martin(R) (PN 2345) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4021 over the Honeoye Creek, Sharon Township, Potter County, as the Tec 5 C. Virgil Voorhees Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-21-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
10-21-19 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-28-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 1758 Ortitay, Jason(R) (PN 2586) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, exempting volunteer fire companies from the \$22 fee for a certified Pennsylvania State Police record of investigation of a vehicle accident. Requires the State Police to establish a process for providing necessary information for insurance purposes only to volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies at no cost, and allows local police departments to waive the fee for insurance billing purposes. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2348)

Bill History: 10-23-19 Laid out for discussion 1:34pm
10-23-19 Second consideration 1:34pm
10-23-19 H Over in House
10-23-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
10-28-19 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

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.

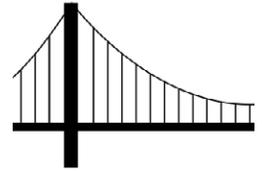
Bill History: 10-21-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
10-21-19 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-28-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

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: 10-21-19 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation
10-21-19 H Reported as amended House Transportation
10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-28-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1825 Wheeland, Jeff(R) (PN 2487) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, establishing synchronizing calibration requirements for speed timing devices and electronic certification of calibration testing. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-23-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-23-19 H Removed from the table
10-28-19 H Set on the House Calendar



HB 1838 Causer, Martin(R) (PN 2523) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles), in emergency medical services system, providing that 75 percent of the money from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund shall be disbursed so that 30 percent of the funds are allocated to provide training to underserved rural areas. This legislation also requires that not less than 10 percent of funds shall be provided to emergency medical services agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for ambulances. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-23-19 H 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
10-23-19 Second consideration 1:37pm
10-23-19 H Over in House
10-23-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
10-28-19 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

HB 1869 Owlett, Clint(R) (PN 2566) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in emergency medical services system, providing that staffing requirements for basic life support ambulances may be waived or adjusted for counties of the sixth, seventh and eighth classes. Effective in 60 days.

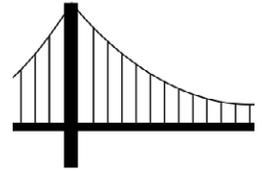
Bill History: 10-23-19 H 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
10-23-19 Second consideration 1:41pm
10-23-19 H Over in House
10-23-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
10-28-19 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

HB 1901 Lawrence, John(R) (PN 2773) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act, in vehicles, establishing that electric vehicle manufacturers may sell electric vehicles direct to the public upon conditions. The legislation repeals conflicting provisions found in the Board of Vehicles Act. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 10-22-19 H Filed
10-23-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

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: 10-21-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
10-21-19 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-28-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 1946 Hershey, Johnathan (F)(R) (PN 2710) An Act designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 46789, on that portion of State Route 3012 over Back Creek on the border of Hamilton Township and St. Thomas Township, Franklin County, as the Sergeant Melvin G. Ehrhart Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-15-19 H Filed
10-18-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1948 Keefer, Dawn(R) (PN 2728) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) directing the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Office for Safe Schools within the Department of Education, to design and produce a Bullying Awareness and Prevention special registration plate available to vehicle owners. Out of each \$35 fee, \$15 is to be deposited into a Bullying Awareness and Prevention Fund to provide moneys for an ongoing program to raise awareness of and prevent bullying. Effective in 60 days.

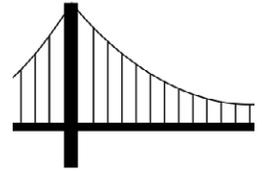
Bill History: 10-18-19 H Filed
10-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1969 Murt, Thomas(R) (PN 2734) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard by adding that upon request by a legislative district office, the department shall permit the legislative district office to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to individuals. The department shall supply the legislative district office with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. A temporary disability parking placard issued by a legislative district office is valid for a period of not more than six months. An individual who is issued a temporary disability parking placard by a legislative district office must complete and submit to the department a separate application that contains a health care provider's statement or a statement from a police officer that the individual is disabled. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-18-19 H Filed
10-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 1973 Gregory, James (F)(R) (PN 2736) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4027 over Bald Eagle Creek, Sharon Township, Blair County, as the Cpl. Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-18-19 H Filed
10-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 1978 Dowling, Matthew(R) (PN 2758) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in scenic highways, further providing for designation of certain State routes as scenic byways. The bill provides for the designation of the National Road with the stated intent being to designate the original National Road and not any rerouted portion of U.S. Route 40. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-21-19 H Filed
10-22-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

SB 114 Boscola, Lisa(D) (PN 83) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, requiring a driver to make a reasonable effort to remove snow or ice from the vehicle within 24 hours of the cessation of the falling snow or ice. The bill provides for exceptions and penalties. Effective in 60 days.

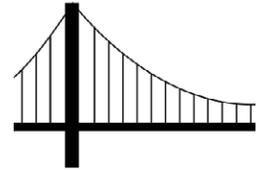
Bill History: 10-21-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
10-21-19 Laid out for discussion 3:52pm
10-21-19 Third consideration 3:52pm
10-21-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
10-22-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation

SB 901 Argall, David(R) (PN 1257) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in organization, further providing for a deputy secretary of aviation and establishing powers and duties. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-18-19 S Filed
10-18-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 921 Aument, Ryan(R) (PN 1308) An Act designating the bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 897 over Little Cocalico Creek in West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Sheriff Terry A. Bergman Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-24-19 S Filed
10-24-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



Upcoming Events

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

House Transportation

October 28, 2019 - 11:00 a.m., Room B31, Main Capitol

Informational meeting on the Commonwealth's shift to a brokerage model for MATP

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

Senate State Government

October 29, 2019 - 12:00 p.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

To consider: [HB 57](#) Fritz, Jonathan Act re reinventing government

House State Government

October 29, 2019 - Off the floor, Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [HB 694](#) Gillespie, Keith Act re Harley-Davidson as official motorcycle

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

Pittsburgh Port Authority

November 14, 2019 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Committee Meetings. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

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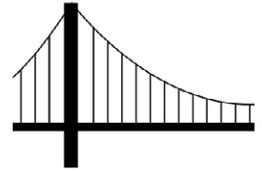
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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

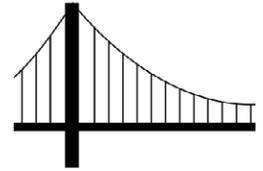
November 14, 2019 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia

Administration and Operations Committee meetings. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

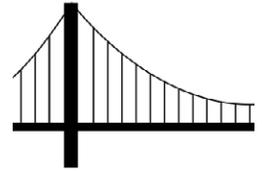


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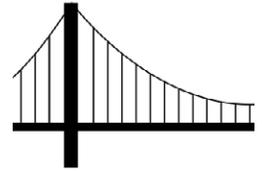
- 10-24-2019 **PUC 2018-19 Investigations Identified Nearly \$1.8 Million in Annual Savings...**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2019 **Sen. Hughes announces SB 913 aiming to create a housing trust fund for abuse...**
(Press Release)
- 10-24-2019 **PUC Announces Appointment of Terri Cooper Smith as Chairman of Damage...**
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- 10-24-2019 **Sen. Browne: Transportation Improvement Grant Program Now Accepting Applications**
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- 10-24-2019 **Scranton eyes overhaul of gas credit card system**
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- 10-24-2019 **Plymouth councilman will serve remainder of late mayor's term**
Plymouth Borough Council on Tuesday unanimously appointed Frank Coughlin to serve as mayor. Coughlin, 62, will serve the remainder of the term of Tom McTague, who died Sept. 27. Coughlin said it was a difficult decision for him to resign as a councilman in order to accept the appointment.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 10-24-2019 **NS 3Q profit falls 6%**
NORFOLK, Va. — Norfolk Southern's third-quarter profit declined 6% as the railroad hauled less freight. The Norfolk, Virginia-based company said Wednesday that it earned net income of \$657 million, or \$2.49 per share, in the quarter. That is down from \$702 million, or \$2.52 per share, a year ago.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 10-24-2019 **Operation Safe Stop**
As a part of National Bus Safety Week, law enforcement officers in the county will participate in Operation Safe Stop today, Wednesday, Oct. 23. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 10-24-2019 **Game Commission warns drivers to watch for deer on state roads**
Drivers around Pennsylvania should be on the lookout for deer as the herd becomes increasingly active, and daylight-saving time soon to put more vehicles on the road during the hours when deer move most. The Pennsylvania Game Commission sent out an alert on Wednesday for... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-24-2019 **2 Berks students winners in PennDOT's bus safety poster contest**
Two Berks County students captured high honors in PennDOT's annual safety poster contest held to mark this week as Pennsylvania School Bus Safety Week. Payton Walters won a second place award and Leilyn Mozo took third place. Both are students at the Reiffton School in the Exeter School District.... - [Reading Eagle](#)



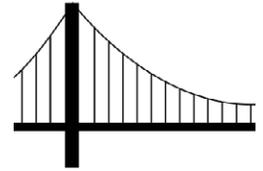
- 10-24-2019 **[Reading Parking Authority to start search for new executive director](#)**
The Reading Parking Authority board told the authority's executive director to do an uncomfortable task — advertise his own position. Lt. Nathan Matz, a 13-year veteran of the police force, was tapped to be the authority's interim executive director in July when the board parted... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[Finleyville Airport, angry investor wrangle in ongoing lawsuit](#)**
Like people scuffling in a tiny cockpit over the controls of a Cessna, the Finleyville Airport board and one of its investors find themselves entangled in a months-long legal dispute over the running of the airport. Attorney Gregg Zegarelli, who represents Tom Riemer — a former... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[DEP: Gulf station responsible for Charleroi gasoline spill](#)**
A J.G. Services Gulf station will be required to clean up soil drenched with gasoline that sent fumes into Charleroi sewer lines and into nearby homes and businesses. The state Department of Environmental Protection also won't allow new fuel deliveries to the station at First Street and McKean Avenue until a... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[How, and why, Easton's parking garages could go gate-less](#)**
-A sign displays the number of parking spaces available the morning of Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the Pine Street Garage in Easton. Motorists using the Downtown Easton parking garages could be in for a new experience in early 2020. The city faces a deadline in January to upgrade both garages' credit... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[You're about to pay more if you have a monthly parking pass in Bethlehem](#)**
The Bethlehem Parking Authority plans to raise all of its monthly parking rates by \$5 a month. The authority's board voted unanimously Wednesday afternoon to hike its monthly garage permits to \$70; the Broad Street lot monthly permit to \$60 a month and its Southside lots to \$45 a month. The new rates go into effect... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[No school bus stop infractions observed Wednesday by local police departments](#)**
COAL TOWNSHIP — The Coal Township and Shamokin police departments participated in National School Bus Safety Week by monitoring motorists at bus stops Wednesday morning. - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[Pipeline opponents get their say in court](#)**
WEST CHESTER — The first of two days of local hearings on the Mariner East pipeline included impassioned testimony from Chester County and Delaware County residents and officials about their safety concerns, as well as demands that Sunoco Pipeline cease construction of the Mariner East... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 10-24-2019 **[Sheetz plan is approved as recommended](#)**
COUDERSPORT — The Coudersport borough council unanimously accepted Sheetz's proposal, as the Coudersport Planning Commission had recommended, to rebuild the Sheetz on Peet Street, where Costa's Food Center was located. Bob Franks, Sheetz representative, Eric Banks, engineer and Kyle Smith,... - [Wellsboro Tioga Publishing](#)



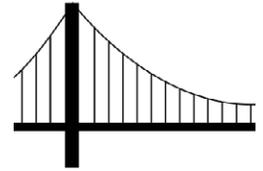
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SMETHPORT — With the McKean County Commissioners' approval of a memorandum of understanding Tuesday with the Western New York and Pennsylvania, the county will serve as an applicant to the Federal Railroad Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 10-24-2019 **I-80 bridge work continues in Clearfield County**
CLEARFIELD — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is continuing work to replace two bridges on Interstate 80 in Clearfield County. The bridges span Shiloh Road (Route 1012), just east of mile marker 125 in Bradford Township. The bridges are being replaced in a half-width... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 10-24-2019 **Conewago residents speak out about bypass**
At least 15 Conewago Township citizens expressed strong opposition during Monday's supervisors' meeting over the proposed Eisenhower Drive extension project currently under the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 10-24-2019 **Boeing Sales and Profits Plummet as 737 Max Crisis Continues**
Boeing reported sharp quarterly drops in sales, earnings and airplane deliveries on Wednesday as it continued to struggle with the fallout from the deadly crashes of two 737 Max jets. With the Max still grounded, Boeing has ceased deliveries of its most popular product, throwing the company into turmoil.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-24-2019 **More exit closures starting Thursday on Del. 141, I-95**
As part of a project aimed at improving Del. 141 in the area of I-95, DelDOT will close multiple ramps starting Thursday night. Exit 3B on Del. 141 north, which takes drivers from Del. 141 to I-95 south, and exit 5B on I-95 south, which takes drivers from the highway to Del. 141... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)
- 10-24-2019 **School buses, mail carriers among speeders in Lower Nazareth development, residents say**
Residents of the Trio Fields community in Lower Nazareth Township are having a problem with speeders, and don't want to wait for a tragedy to happen to get it resolved. Township supervisors on Wednesday heard about school buses, trash haulers and even mail carriers exceeding the posted speed limit of 25 miles per... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-24-2019 **Rutter's plans new store at former Stauffers of Kissel Hill, Roseville Tavern sites in Manheim Township**
Rutter's is planning a convenience store on the site of the former Stauffers of Kissel Hill and Roseville Tavern properties in Manheim Township. The convenience store chain's real estate arm, M&G Realty, is requesting seven zoning variances to build an 8,835-square-foot store on... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-24-2019 **Environmentalists question use of radioactive brine waste to treat roads**
Processed brine waste from oil and natural gas drilling could raise levels of radium — a radioactive metallic element found in the brine — in soil and groundwater when spread on winter roads, environmentalists warn. As temperatures continue to dip, it will be only a matter of time before... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)



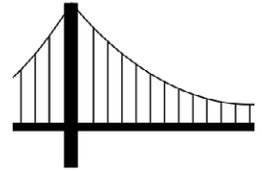
- 10-24-2019 **[Why Philly must win the transit war | Opinion](#)**
As Philadelphia grapples with a new report that details why people leave this city, we should stop to think about what our competitive advantages are that keep people here. As that Pew Report reminds us, we may not have great job growth, a low poverty rate or a high-performing school system,... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 10-24-2019 **[PennDOT says it won't cooperate with Trump's census effort to collect driver's license records](#)**
Pennsylvania's transportation secretary is telling the U.S. Census Bureau that her agency won't provide driver's license records as part of a Trump administration effort to gather citizenship information... - *AP*
- 10-24-2019 **[Bad timing? Mack Trucks strike comes as the heavy-duty truck market slows down](#)**
As the Mack Trucks strike continues, a recent report from parent company Volvo Group provides a look at where the heavy-duty truck market has been and where it's going. First, where it's been: The company delivered almost 50,500 trucks in North America through the first nine months of the year, up 27% from a year... - *Allentown Morning Call*
- 10-23-2019 **[Commissioners Welcome Ralph Yanora to PUC](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-23-2019 **[Southeastern PA Transportation Authority \(SEPTA\) Board Agenda for Oct. 24, 2019](#)**
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- 10-23-2019 **[PA Public Utility Commission Meeting Agenda for October 24, 2019](#)**
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- 10-23-2019 **[PennDOT: Wolf Admin. Honors Students, School Bus Drivers at PA Safety Awards...](#)**
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- 10-23-2019 **[Kim and Rothman to co-chair Policy Committee hearing on automated shuttle...](#)**
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- 10-23-2019 **[DGS: Ride & Drive Event Gives Public Hands-On Experience with Electric...](#)**
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- 10-23-2019 **[Wheeland Bill to Keep Police Speed Timing Equipment Properly Functioning...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-23-2019 **[PGC: Deer on the Move, Motorists Use Caution](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-23-2019 **[Pittsburgh Parking Authority to raise most rates Nov. 1](#)**
The cost of parking at most Pittsburgh Parking Authority facilities is going up Nov. 1. In most instances, weekday parking will go up \$1 in most categories at 10 of the 12 facilities — one hour or less, two hours or less, four hours or less and four to 24 hours. The exceptions are day rates at the Mon Wharf... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*



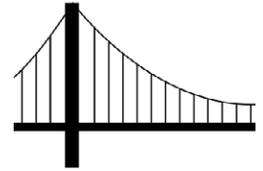
- 10-23-2019 **Legislation would name Route 222 Gouglersville interchange for late World War II veteran from Berks**
The state House Transportation Committee unanimously approved a bill Monday that would rename the Route 222 Gouglersville interchange in honor of a Berks County veteran who saw action on Iwo Jima in World War II. The Pvt. Mahlon L. Fink Iwo Jima Memorial Highway Interchange lies only... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-23-2019 **Scranton eyes overhaul of gas credit card system**
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- 10-23-2019 **97th Township Convention Held Monday**
State Rep. Jesse Topper speaks about bills regarding transportation infrastructure and more on the House floor at the 97 annual convention of the Fulton County Township Association. - [McConnellsburg Fulton County News](#)
- 10-23-2019 **Train rides back**
Following a period of uncertainty, the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association will continue its tradition of offering Santa Train rides in Tunkhannock this December. TBPA Executive Director Nancy Parlo said the association initially heard from Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad that it could not... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 10-23-2019 **Boeing Ousts Top Executive as 737 Max Crisis Swells**
Boeing ousted one of its top executives on Tuesday, the most significant management change the airplane maker has made as it struggles to contain the crisis following the crashes of two 737 Max jets that killed 346 people. The executive, Kevin McAllister, was the head of Boeing's commercial... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-23-2019 **Boeing's third-quarter revenue and profit fall as costs of the 737 Max crisis accumulate**
Boeing's latest dismal financial results underscore how swiftly the worldwide grounding of the 737 Max has choked off the company's No. 1 line of business . and how urgently Boeing needs the jet back in the air. Revenue fell to \$20 billion in the third quarter, down 21 percent from a... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-23-2019 **What will it take to stop deadly trend?**
They're still not getting the message. Drinking and driving is a deadly practice. The most recent year for which statistics are available, 2017, saw an increase in alcohol-related crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That year's 10,874 fatal crashes involving drivers with blood alcohol... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 10-23-2019 **Law that requires drivers to clear snow passes Senate**
A bill named for a woman who was tragically killed on Carbon County roads in 2005 is once again moving forward in Harrisburg. Christine's law would require drivers to remove snow and ice from their vehicles before they potentially pose a hazard to other drivers.... - [Lehighon Times News](#)



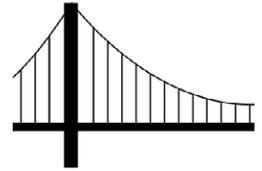
- 10-23-2019 **Derry Borough looks to develop plan for 2020 paving project**
Derry Borough Council is looking to develop a plan for a possible paving project next year. President Chad Fabian said at Monday's regular meeting that the Second Ward is the "worst in the entire borough" in terms of current road conditions. He also cited drainage issues on Park and Shade streets and... - [Latrobe Bulletin](#)
- 10-23-2019 **SmartLane to open for first time on I-670**
Commuters will get a little more room to breathe on eastbound Interstate 670 starting Wednesday. The long-awaited SmartLane will open for the first time to afternoon commuters who have been frustrated for years by traffic as crews built the infrastructure that would allow the Ohio Department of Transportation to... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 10-23-2019 **With revenue down, airport needs more time to pay back loan to city**
Two requests were submitted to Corry City Council at its Monday meeting related to Corry-Lawrence Airport operations — a request for an extension on repayment of a loan taken by the Corry-Lawrence Airport Authority, and a resignation letter from current airport Manager Dick... - [Corry Journal](#)
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- 10-23-2019 **The rut is on! Beware of deer on the roads**
The expression .deer in the headlights. is an appropriate description of someone who is naively startled to be noticed. Especially at this time of year, white-tailed deer can be oblivious of highway danger. In autumn, during a period called .the rut., bucks and does are hormonally... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-23-2019 **South Philly neighbors are fighting over parking, and the China trade war is to blame**
Before sunrise, Alvaro Drake-Cortes is awake and on the street, pursuing his private war against parking restrictions in South Philadelphia. He.s out sometimes as early as 4:30 a.m. to remove metal fencing the city has installed on nine blocks of 11th Street to keep vehicles out of... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-23-2019 **Report: Traffic-related deaths rise in Pa., continue to drop across U.S.**
Pennsylvania saw a slight increase in traffic-related fatalities last year despite a national down tick, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Across the state, just over 1,100 traffic deaths were reported in 2018, an increase of 20 fatalities since 2017, data shows. Of those, 34 were... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Stateline Daily: Noise Pollution Hurts Wildlife, But States Have...**
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- 10-22-2019 **Gov. Wolf's GreenGov Council to Begin Analysis of State Agency Green Practices**
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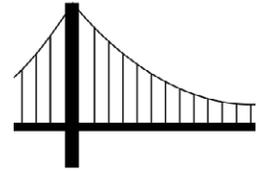
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- 10-22-2019 **Valley Crest developer still lining up funding for highway reconfiguration**
PLAINS TWP. — A development company is making progress securing \$13 million for highway traffic improvements needed to proceed with its \$94 million project at the 62-acre former Valley Crest Nursing Home site. The state won't issue a highway occupancy permit for the Valley Crest... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-22-2019 **100 layoffs coming at Wabtec**
Company: "Decisions like this are never easy." Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp., which purchased GE Transportation in February, plans to cut its hourly Erie workforce by about 100 employees. "In the face of the extremely challenged North American freight locomotive... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Neshannock Township continues street paving**
The street paving program is being continued by the Neshannock Township supervisors. The supervisors last week approved a \$14,206 change order with Youngblood Paving of New Castle to extend resurfacing on Lindsey Road to meet Smith Road which had been resurfaced by the Wilmington Township supervisors.... - [New Castle News](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Boeing's Crisis Grows: Tense Meetings, Falling Stock, Angry Lawmakers**
During tense meetings at the Boeing facilities in San Antonio, where the company makes Air Force One, executives and directors spent more than five hours discussing how to manage a worrisome cascade of bad news in recent weeks. It was revealed on Friday that before the Max was certified, a pilot who... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-22-2019 **EDITORIAL: New evidence Pa. must clear the air**
A newly published database of auto emissions compiled by researchers at Boston University is the latest bit of bad news when it comes to air quality central Pennsylvania. The study found that transportation-related emissions have grown 46 percent from 1990 to 2017 in the Harrisburg metropolitan area, according to a New... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Study will show extent of airport 'leakage' — but finding fix is key**
The Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority has approved plans for a \$12,600 study to learn various statistics, including air passenger destinations and departures and what airports are being used by travelers. The professional term for what they are seeking to learn is airport... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Google Maps now shows speed traps and checkpoints, raising the ire of law enforcement**
iPhone users who want to avoid the police can now hit up Google Maps before they hit the gas. Google is rolling out the ability to report speed traps, crashes and slowdowns in real time to its Maps iOS app, making the new feature available to about 1 billion existing users worldwide. It was already... - [Washington Post](#)



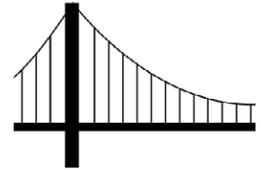
- 10-22-2019 **Online voting set for 'Paint the Plow' program**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation northcentral region invites the public to vote on eight plows decorated by high school students as part of the “Paint the Plow” program. “Paint the Plow” is a statewide outreach aimed at promoting winter driving safety and fostering appreciation for high school art programs and... - [Wellsboro Tioga Publishing](#)
- 10-22-2019 **PennDOT completes Route 202 bridge rehabilitation**
EXTON—The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has completed the final phase of the U.S. 202 Section 300 improvement project, which includes the rehabilitation of two U.S. 202 bridges over Amtrak rail lines in East Whiteland and West Whiteland townships, Chester County.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Media honors bank, inks deal for senior transit**
MEDIA — Council’s meeting included something very old and something new. Mayor Bob McMahon began with a proclamation honoring the 140th Anniversary of Iron Workers Bank, headquartered in the borough. Established in 1879 in Chester as a mutual saving bank, the designation... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 10-22-2019 **California ditched coal. The gas company is worried it's next**
Every day, millions of Californians burn a planet-warming fossil fuel to cook dinner, stay warm or take a hot shower. Persuading people to stop using that fuel, natural gas, is shaping up to be the next act in California’s war on climate change. And unlike the state’s successful push to ditch coal — which mostly... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-22-2019 **Noise Pollution Hurts Wildlife, But States Have Trouble Turning Down the Volume**
PUGET SOUND, Wash. — A low rumble thrums through the deck as Tacoma, a 5,000-ton ferry, makes its run across Puget Sound from Seattle to Bainbridge Island. Standing near the railing, Colin McCann, a legislative analyst for Washington State Ferries, points to the water where the agency... - [Stateline.org](#)
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- 10-22-2019 **Study: Rail-trails inject \$930M annually into state economy**
The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy estimates walking and biking trails developed along railroad rights-of-way contribute \$930 million annually to Pennsylvania’s economy, and the regional Great Allegheny Passage trail is an important part of that figure. According to the conservancy’s methodology, that figure is on the low... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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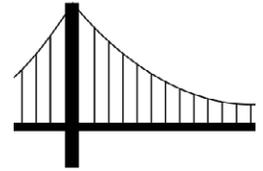
- 10-21-2019 **[Wolf Admin. Hosts Roundtable Discussion with Teens on Safe Driving](#)**
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- 10-21-2019 **[PennDOT, Federal Transit Admin. Celebrate the Opening of New Mount Joy Train...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 10-21-2019 **[PennDOT Reviewing Trump Administration Request For Driver's License Data](#)**
The U.S. Census Bureau has asked Pennsylvania and other states to voluntarily turn over driver's license information, as part of the Trump Administration's efforts to compile citizenship status and other detailed data about people living in the country. But the state has not... - [WESA 90.5](#)
- 10-21-2019 **[PennDOT says changes will make dangerous stretch of Route 272 safer; some drivers think otherwise](#)**
Big changes are being planned for one of the most dangerous roads in Lancaster County, and a lot of people aren't happy about it. The road is Route 272, also known as Lancaster Pike in southern Lancaster County. It's a four-lane divided highway that sees about 20,000 vehicles a day,... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-21-2019 **[Martinsburg airport sees uptick in passengers](#)**
MARTINSBURG — The Altoona-Blair County Airport ended the federal fiscal year on Sept. 30 with 7,318 passengers, the highest amount since 2015 for its current carrier, Southern Airways, which initially started serving the airport in late 2014. The number was a slight improvement over the 7,184 reported for fiscal year... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 10-21-2019 **[County vehicle registration fee will pay for 3 bridge projects](#)**
Revenue from a controversial vehicle registration fee Luzerne County approved last year will pay for repairs to three county-owned bridges over the next few years, according to county officials. The revenue will be used solely for bridge projects to take advantage of... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
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WEST CHESTER — Chester County Commissioners Michelle Kichline, Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell are announcing details of two days of hearings that will occur in Chester County so residents and municipal officials, parties to the case, can testify locally about their safety concerns as... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is planning overnight lane closures on Interstate 95 this week for guiderail repairs. The work schedule is as follows: • Oct. 21, left lane closures in both directions between Highland Avenue and the Route 352 interchange in Chester, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.;... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)



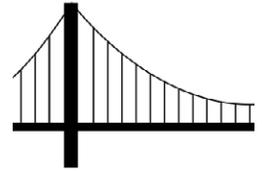
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The tentative contract that General Motors has worked out with the United Automobile Workers union is going to raise the automaker's cost of labor and require a significant cash outlay. But G.M. won something that it had rarely attained in the past outside of... - [New York Times](#)
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2nd St. Facility – View of Methanol Column and tank. One of Eureka Resources trucks filling up with Methanol in a designated loading area. Methanol is one of the many materials that are recovered from the patented technology processes that Eureka Resources has developed. These... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
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Cyclists now have another reason to come to Huntingdon County. Amtrak announced this week its expanded its checked bicycle service to allow passengers to apply a baggage tag to a bicycle so it may be stored and transported with other baggage. The service will be available to those... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
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MILL HALL — The snow hasn't begun to fly, but the plows are ready. Once again, PennDOT's "Paint the Plow" program is off and running. "Paint the Plow" is a community outreach program in which students are invited to paint a PennDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 10-21-2019 **Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway River Bridge piers complete; work to continue through winter**
Pier construction is complete on the nearly one-mile long River Bridge, of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway's Northern Section, said a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation engineer on Friday. Now, the next major stage of the project will involve pouring concrete on the beams... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-21-2019 **Shermans Dale roundabout plans move forward**
Plans for a roundabout in Shermans Dale are nearly complete, according to Carroll Twp. officials. PennDOT provided drawings for how the intersection at Spring and Valley roads will be reconstructed starting next year. Plans for a roundabout at the dangerous intersection of Spring Road (Route... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 10-21-2019 **Us: Beneath a bridge, he found his voice — and a purpose**
Something symbolic, even oddly spiritual, happened on a recent Monday evening under the Portal Bridge at Point State Park. There, Gabriel Michael Henderson, 21, originally of Windgap, was sitting on the railing with no shirt and singing Gregorian-style chants. Those chants were bold, beautiful... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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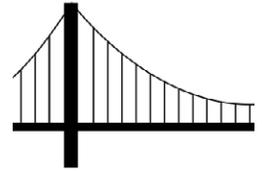
- 10-20-2019 **PWSA to begin restoration work on Saw Mill Run, but some residents still feel left behind**
Fixing Saw Mill Run's chronic flooding issues that halt traffic on major South Hills roads and wreak havoc for property owners is going to take cooperation among several municipalities and agencies, officials say. Some of that work began this past week when the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Public Safety Department: Trump's visit to Pittsburgh will cause rolling road closures, traffic**
Downtown residents and commuters can expect rolling road closures and traffic when President Donald Trump speaks Wednesday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, the Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety warned. After morning rush hour, several streets around the convention center will... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Pittsburgh International will loop gas from CNX wells and solar power into its own microgrid**
Pittsburgh International Airport will be off the grid by the summer 2021 thanks to a private-public partnership with Peoples Natural Gas. The North Shore-based gas company is getting into the electricity business with its first commercial microgrid project. Over the next two years, it will build and own a 20-megawatt natural gas... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Pittsburgh International Airport auction has highest turnout ever**
Jet setters departing from Pittsburgh International Airport left thousands of personal items behind last year. And eager auction goers were on hand Saturday to bid on lost, unclaimed and abandoned items left in the airport's lost-and-found at the annual public... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Pittsburgh International Airport plans to generate its own electric power**
Pittsburgh International Airport officials say they won't be dependent on the traditional electric power grid come 2021. That's when a microgrid is expected to go online. Instead of depending on power from the national electric grid that supplies most everyone else, the airport will get its power from generators fueled... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Westmoreland County mulls operating its own bus routes**
The Westmoreland County Transit Authority is expected to decide by month's end if it will take over its own fixed-route bus and paratransit services. The transit agency this week received proposals from two companies to run both services starting in January, but officials said the high cost of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Scranton gas card billing records full of mistakes, discrepancies**
Billing records for Scranton-issued gas credit cards reveal discrepancies, errors and a clear lack of oversight for spending taxpayer money, a Sunday Times review found. The newspaper filed a Right to Know Law request for the billing records on 85 Sunoco gas cards used from September 2017 through August.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Drivers still disregarding school bus laws | Turkeys and Trophies**
Two off-duty police officers . one from the Mansfield Township department, the other a New Jersey state trooper . helped resuscitate an elderly woman in distress at a concert Oct. 6 at the Prudential Center in Newark. Mansfield Officer David Hanf responded when he heard cries for help coming... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



- 10-20-2019 **Editorial: Bad highways abound in Berks**
The Issue: A review of PennDOT crash statistics points out some particularly dangerous spots. Our Opinion: Let's keep pressure on Harrisburg to get these issues fixed, and drive carefully in the meantime. The Reading Eagle recently took a look at PennDOT vehicle crash statistics... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Libertarians clean up Carsonia Avenue**
The Berks County Libertarian Party held their semiannual cleanup on Carsonia Avenue on Saturday. The party, which boasts 1,600 members in Berks, adopted the entire length of Carsonia Avenue from Perkiomen Avenue to Antietam High School and conducts the cleanups in October and again in April, said party Chairman... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Boeing Pilot Complained of 'Egregious' Issue With 737 Max in 2016**
For months, Boeing has said it had no idea that a new automated system in the 737 Max jet, which played a role in two fatal crashes, was unsafe. But on Friday, the company gave lawmakers a transcript revealing that a top pilot working on the plane had raised concerns about the system in messages... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-20-2019 **Amtrak's chronic delays are costing millions of dollars, report says**
Amtrak's chronic delays across its national network create a multimillion-dollar problem. Nationwide, 27 percent of Amtrak trains were late in 2018, according to an analysis by the Amtrak inspector general, who concluded that the company's inability to deliver reliable service is not only affecting riders.... - [Washington Post](#)
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Todd Piroch, 47, is from a General Motors family. His parents worked at the company for decades starting in the 1960s. And Piroch and his two brothers worked at the company's plant in Lordstown, Ohio, for more than 20 years . until GM abruptly announced its closure last... - [Washington Post](#)
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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](#)
- 10-18-2019 **Don't spray well waste on roadways**
If any state should be wary of letting heavy industries cheaply dispose of highly polluted waste products at the expense of residents, it's Pennsylvania. Lingering pollution from mining and related industries continues to be a major environmental problem and a hindrance to economic... - [Scranton Times](#)
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A move by the Trump administration to collect citizenship data based on state driver's license and ID records has raised concerns among civil rights organizations and census experts, who say it would likely result in inaccurate data and could violate the rights of minorities and immigrants.... - [Washington Post](#)



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WEST CHESTER—U.S. 202, one of Chester County’s major transportation arteries, has seen a lot of changes in recent years that have benefited people who live, work and visit here thanks to the work done by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
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TOWANDA TOWNSHIP — The Bradford County Airport might soon house a new flight school service after receiving a notice of intent from a local aviation company, according to Airport Manager Kerry Spaulding. The airport’s board was notified Morelli Aviation’s intent to... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
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More than a month into the school year, many motorists are accustomed to seeing school buses during their daily commutes. But, PennDOT, local police, and Warren County School District are working together to make sure that familiarity does not breed complacency.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
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