



Transportation Recap

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SESSION STATUS

At 1:22 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, November 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 2:29 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, November 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21
Dec. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Senate

Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21
Dec. 16, 17, 18

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

House Democratic Policy Committee

10/28/19, 10:00 a.m., Room 414 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a public hearing on House Bill 1078.

[HB 1078 Marshall, Jim](#) - (PN 1238) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for autonomous vehicles and imposing a penalty. The bill adds chapters providing for autonomous vehicles and autonomous shuttle vehicles. Effective in 90 days.

Rep. Kim thanked Chairman Sturla for holding the hearing and Rep. Marshall for sponsoring the legislation. "One of the biggest complaints in my district is the lack of reliable transportation," she stated. "Today's goal is to explore if this makes sense, what does it look like, and to see if we can do it in Harrisburg. If we can, let's farm it out to the rest of the commonwealth so we can be a leader. This bill would open the doors to allowing us to have it on public roads. Right now, the law only allows it on private roads."

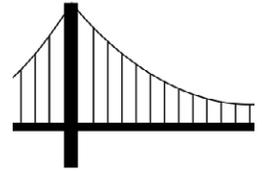
Rep. Marshall, prime sponsor of the bill, also thanked Chairman Sturla for holding the hearing. "This is the direction we should be going," he stated. "This legislation would simply authorize the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to implement a plan to allow autonomous shuttles."

Rep. Rothman thanked Chairman Sturla for including himself and Rep. Marshall at the hearing. He explained that automated shuttle vehicles will allow people to get to work and would make roads and highways safe for all citizens.

Chairman Sturla noted that he had dinner with an executive from Uber and affirmed that automated vehicles will be a major part of transportation in the near future.

[Leslie Richards](#), PennDOT secretary, noted that she recently attended an international conference in Singapore on automated vehicles and utilized a variety of autonomous vehicles already deployed in that city. "Automated vehicle technology holds tremendous potential for improving safety and mobility on Pennsylvania roadways," she stated. "However, we understand that some individuals may feel uneasy about this technology and its use, and this hearing is just more example of the critical outreach to the citizens of the commonwealth to help develop and understanding of the technology, its potential benefits for the future and our mutually shared commitment to public safety."

Sec. Richards explained that low speed automated shuttles have been deployed or are in the process of being deployed in over 20 states including Ohio, Maryland, and New York. "Shuttles have been utilized on college campuses, in central business districts, between corporate campuses, in underserved neighborhoods and even at the Super Bowl," she stated. "The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) offered free rides in an



automated shuttle before Super Bowl LII. When MnDOT asked for feedback from the roughly 1,300 people who took a free ride, they found that, for the majority of the riders, the trip was their experience with an automated vehicle. More than 95 percent of those who rode the shuttle said they felt safe and 84 percent said they looked forward to this future mode of public transportation.”

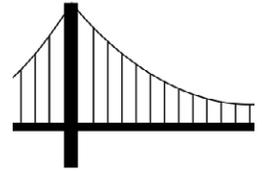
Sec. Richards spoke in support of automated shuttles in Pennsylvania. “Automated shuttles will provide additional mobility options for communities. It should be noted that PennDOT does not believe this technology is a replacement for traditional mass transit services. Rather, automated shuttles should supplement and/or enhance existing services,” she stated. “The oversight authority that would be granted to PennDOT in House Bill 1078 will allow PennDOT to ensure every effort is made to address these public safety and operational concerns, while being flexible enough to adjust for changes and advancements in this technology. The commonwealth is poised to be a hub of automated vehicle technology holds, we can’t afford not to be proactive.”

[Steve D’Ettorre](#), deputy secretary, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), explained that DCED has partnered with PennDOT to promote and develop policy around automated vehicle technology and said it will result in safer streets, increased availability of high-paying jobs, downstream manufacturing opportunities, options for those who are pivoting careers, enhanced community services, and making Pennsylvania the home and headquarters of automated vehicles and associated industries. “Through DCED, the commonwealth welcomes new technologies and has many programs to facilitate the environment to spur economic growth, create jobs, and increase investment in the state. These investments are not just financial, but also communal in that they help build up neighborhoods and hire Pennsylvanian talent for open positions,” he stated. “These companies are hiring talent, leasing significant amounts of commercial real estate, and turning parts of the state into a hub of expanding technology. This growth has a profound impact on the economic development of the region and beyond. With a shuttle system in place in the capital region, its workforce can be expanded, and opportunities not available today can be filled tomorrow...for this effort to be as successful as possible, we need to provide seats at the table for economic development, workforce, and local leadership as we strive for the continued success, and implementation, of the automated vehicle and advanced transportation sectors in Pennsylvania.”

[John Lawn](#), CEO, Hershey Entertainment, spoke in support of the legislation and emphasized that the increased accessibility to autonomous vehicles will have a positive impact on businesses and workers in Pennsylvania. “It is the first mile, last mile transportation component which could greatly benefit from the changes contemplated by House Bill 1078,” he said. “The use of autonomous vehicle to get people to the major transportation hubs is critical for us. This is especially true for employees who relocate here for a short period of time, like international students, who may not have the means to get to a transportation hub on their own. We envision the implementation of a safe, efficient, environmentally responsible, and seamless multimodal transportation system to serve the mobility and accessibility needs of residents, businesses, and through travelers.”

[Eric Rensel](#), vice president, Advanced Mobility for Gannett Fleming and speaking on behalf of the Automated Vehicle Coalition, spoke in support of the legislation. “By passing House Bill 1078 and others like it, Pennsylvania can continue its role as leaders in the use of advanced technology to save lives through improved transportation safety and creating a world-leading economic environment,” he stated. “We further believe that the safe operation of vehicles like the ones developed by our members, Perrone Robotics and Easy Mile, will improve the economy by creating technology sector jobs, drawing new types of employees to the commonwealth, and helping new members of our workforce choose to stay in Pennsylvania.”

Rensel explained that automated vehicle shuttle already exists and affirmed that the shuttles are safe and efficient mode of transportation. “Perrone Robotics and Easy Mile have proven their road worthiness and are ready to scale their business. Many are in search of locations to be mass producing vehicles, purchase components, and develop a work force to assemble and support them. Let’s let them know that Pennsylvania is ready to support them and their needs with our workforce. Let’s let them know that Pennsylvania wants the 21st century workforce they need to live and work in Pennsylvania,” he stated. “Shuttles like the ones created by our members are often referred to as first and last mile solutions. We can use this technology to supplement existing transportation options, combine it with modern approaches to planning and paying for journeys, and create a complete transportation system that serves all users. We can use this



technology as part of a mobility-as-a-service (MaaS) ecosystem that supports smart communities across Pennsylvania so that transportation is not a barrier to earning a living.”

Rep. Daley noted that she will sign on as a cosponsor of the bill and questioned if the automated shuttle vehicles will be run through current public transit system or if there will be a private entity. Rensel said the bill “opens up the opportunity for a lot of different models” and indicated there are a variety of options including private-public partnerships.

Rep. Marshall questioned how long it would take for automated shuttle vehicles to be deployed on Pennsylvania roads if the legislation were to pass. Sec. Richards said the department would have to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) and it would be nine to 18 months until the vehicles are on the road. Rensel said it would take around 12 months and emphasized that a rigorous safety standards would be in place before the vehicles are on the road. Sec. Richards added that it would depend on the route that is selected and noted that the department would reach out to other states who are already utilizing automated shuttle vehicles.

Rep. Rothman commended Sec. Richards for her work on the autonomous vehicle front and made a pitch for Harrisburg to be selected as a pilot program for the shuttles. Sec. Richards emphasized that it is an exciting time for transportation and said autonomous vehicles can enhance economic develop and the quality of lives for Pennsylvanians. “The shared piece of this is very important. We can’t keep putting money into ways we encourage one person per vehicle. It’s not the way of the future and it’s not going to modernize our future. This is key, the first mile, last mile component is very important and it’s going to enhance transit,” she stated.

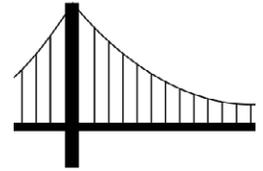
Rep. Kim also proposed making Harrisburg the location for the pilot program and argued that having the members of the legislature experience the shuttles firsthand would go a long way in expanding the program across Pennsylvania. She questioned how the vehicles would operate on roadways. Sec. Richards said it would depend on which route was selected and the designation and indicated that existing lanes could be utilized and even the shoulders. “It could take many different forms and there’s no one cookie cutter way that we have to jam it into existing conditions,” she stated. Sec. Richards added that starting in Harrisburg is a “wonderful idea” and indicated that the shuttles could be used in rural areas as well.

Rep. Kim asked what types of jobs that could be created as a result of automated shuttles. Rensel said there are a variety of jobs created based on the hardware and software components of the shuttles. “These are moving computers,” he stated. “If you look at mass auto production today, no single provider provides all of those components.”

Rep. Snyder noted that her district is home to coal and natural gas resources and emphasized that vehicles produce tremendous amounts of CO2 emissions. “I’m so glad to have a target on a different back other than our energy sector,” she stated. Rep. Snyder emphasized that rural areas “desperately need” transportation options and was glad that the shuttles could be utilized in those areas.

Rep. Hill-Evans asked what impact the automated vehicles would have on railways. Sec. Richards indicated that automation is playing a significant role in rail and said automated vehicles can provide the first mile, last mile, transportation component for people to utilize railways.

Chairman Sturla noted that he does not want to own a car and said many people do not own cars in cities due to the convenience of ride sharing technology. He explained that he recently spoke to a shopping center developer who said the size of parking lot was chosen to accommodate additional buildings in the future when people switch to autonomous vehicles and no longer need parking. He added that a Pew study said parking garages are being built today to be converted 30 years from now into retail spaces and apartments. Sec. Richards said autonomous vehicles will not replace manually driven cars “tomorrow” and there is going to be a long period of time where the two coexist. “I do believe there will be a time in the future where the majority of cars will be automated,” she stated. “We did scenario planning at the Transportation Research Board and they looked at all different versions of what transportation will look like in the future. Every single version agreed that transit has to be a big component and didn’t have a large transit back bone. There was no version of transportation that wasn’t largely or entirely electric. There was no version of transit where it wasn’t shared. The rest of the



scenarios were quite different but those are things we can count on.”

Chairman Sturla inquired about congestion pricing. Sec. Richards emphasized that Pennsylvania “cannot build ourselves out of the congestion problem we have” and said PennDOT is working with a consultant to examine congestion pricing, hot lanes, mileage-based user fees, and ways to discourage people from utilizing roads during peak times if they do not have to. Sec. Richards noted that Act 44 expires at the end of the 2022 budget and it will impact PennDOT, mass transit, and the Turnpike. “If we don’t solve that before that comes to a close the transportation system in Pennsylvania will not be in good shape,” she stated. “We know we cannot continue the ways things are now and we have a time clock that’s ticking. We need a short term solution and a long term solution. Chairman Sturla asked if Pennsylvania needs federal approval to do congestion pricing. Sec. Richards said Pennsylvania could implement congestion pricing but there would have to be state enabling legislation.

Chairman Sturla said he pays essentially \$1.50 a gallon extra to drive on the Turnpike. “If I said to somebody I’m going to raise your gas tax by a \$1.50 they would be coming after me with pitchforks but I tell them that’s the toll to drive on the turnpike and they’ll volunteer and drive on the turnpike any day,” he stated. He questioned how to change the narrative so Pennsylvanian can have a uniform system. Sec. Richards said Pennsylvania relies entirely on a gas tax and people spend on average \$300 a year to ride on Pennsylvania’s entire network of roads. “It’s cheap. Think of how you pay for your cell phone, how much you pay for your cable,” she stated. “People don’t want to pay anymore but if you think about what you get for that money, you’re getting a heck of a lot...I think it’s the way we talk about it, how we communicate it about it, and how we message it.” Sec. Richards said she is “very concerned” about the rate increases on the Turnpike.

Chairman Sturla questioned if ride sharing companies are working with businesses to give workers a couple free trips to work if their car is unreliable. Sec. Richards indicated that Uber and Lyft have worked with businesses particularly in the health care sector to ensure that patients get to their appointments on time.

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House Transportation Committee

10/28/19, 11:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

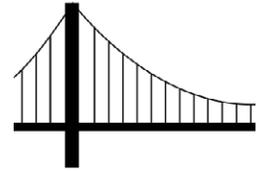
By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held an informational meeting on the commonwealth’s shift to a brokerage model for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP).

Chairman Hennessey said the committee is interested in what the future might hold for MATP. He said that since the 1970s, Pennsylvania has delivered nonemergency transport as required under federal law and regulations. Since those years, he said, Philadelphia’s system has been handled by a broker, while the remaining counties have overseen their own systems. Chairman Hennessey described the establishment of the shared ride system as a way to manage costs. He said House Bill 1677 was amended in the Senate Appropriations Committee in June to mandate a brokerage system for all of Pennsylvania and passed through the Senate. The bill made it to the Governor’s Office the same day, following House concurrence, and it was signed into law as Act 40 of 2018. Chairman Hennessey said the amendment to the bill also required the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit an amended plan regarding a full-risk brokerage model. Following its enactment, opposition has surfaced, including legislation to halt the changes, he reported. He said DHS, over his objection, selected Mercer to study the issue and present a [preliminary report](#) by the end of September, which only just came out over the past weekend. Rather than waiting until the end of December, he said he convened the meeting now to explore the impacts of moving to a brokerage model.

In particular, Chairman Hennessey said they want to avoid similar issues to those seen with regard to consulting firm Maximus and the state’s long-term care services.

[Timothy Geibel](#), board chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association (PPTA) and general manager of



Crawford Area Transportation Authority (CATA) and Venango County Transit, testified on behalf of the association along with board members Richard Farr, executive director of the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, and Sheila Gombita, executive director of the Freedom Transit/ Washington County Transportation Authority.

Geibel said Pennsylvania is a unique state with respect to its public investments in human service transportation, with Medical Assistance a key component to those services. He noted a 2018 Transportation Research Board highlighted Pennsylvania “as a model for efficiency for our coordinated transportation service,” which delivers more MATP trips than any state with a comparable population, while maintaining the fifth-lowest per-trip cost in the nation.

Farr said the brokered model works against the existing system, fragmenting it and impacting service availability and cost. He said under a brokered model the cost of an average ride would increase by 50 percent, from \$32 to \$48. “The problem with this model is it is an incentive to not provide trips,” he told members.

Gombita outlined several other states that have moved to a full-risk brokerage model and seen increased costs combined with declining ridership, including Texas, Maine, and New Jersey. She also corrected several inaccuracies she said have been made on the subject. Specifically, she clarified Pennsylvania is not under a mandate to convert to a broker model. Also, she said, Pennsylvania is currently in compliance with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under an approved state plan and does in fact meet current federal regulations.

Chairman Hennessey said Pennsylvania has had a succession of approved state plans over the decades, with the latest dating to March 2017. Gombita said the plan allowed for DHS to directly contract with certain counties, among other changes. Chairman Hennessey said various disallowances seemed to predate 2017 going back to previous plans. Gombita said that would be her assumption.

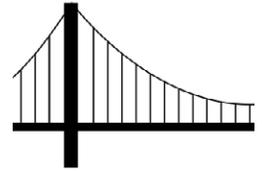
Chairman Hennessey said he has been told by some quarters that the counties are taking money, even though there may only be a slight disadvantage to billing CMS. He added there is “a ton more paperwork” when billing CMS. Gombita said there is a lot more paperwork related to MATP. Farr said the program is fully audited and their rates are designed simply to cover costs.

Chairman Hennessey noted that if there is \$200 million in disallowances pending they may well be prior to 2017 and could be solved without recapture. The panel agreed.

Minority Chairman Carroll cited the rate disparity chart from the panel’s testimony and asked where the difference would come from if the brokerage model were to be enacted. Farr said based on their research they discovered that ridership will go down, similar to what happened in Texas where it declined by 50 percent. By only covering their costs, they said they would then have to return to the state and consumers to make up the difference in revenues. Chairman Carroll asked if the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has a willingness to fill that potential gap. Farr said they believe the gap would not be sustainable and they would have to limit or prioritize trips. Chairman Carroll said the combination of fares, county participation, reduction in service and PennDOT involvement would all be in play under the new model. Farr said if the same thing happens in Pennsylvania as happened in other states that is true.

Chairman Carroll asked the panel’s confidence level in the DHS study work group. Farr said they have been invited to participate in a session of the work group. He said they have been concerned the voice of the front-line riders is not being heard. Chairman Carroll asked why the CCAP and PPTA are not in alignment on the issue. Farr clarified that the two groups are aligned and believe the study itself, rather than the counties, need to consult the riders.

Rep. Mullins asked if there are any states that have gotten it right, either through a hybrid model or state-run brokerage model. Geibel said CMS does provide a lot of leeway at the state level on how to structure a program; the fundamental question is how it is paid for. He said in Pennsylvania it is currently a fee-for-service administrative service model and said the suggested model is not the only type possible. He said some states operate under a non-profit model, for example. Geibel reiterated Pennsylvania is very unique in the level of services it offers.



Chairman Hennessey asked, aside from the requirement in Act 40 that there be at least two brokers, if it is possible under current regulations for PennDOT to contract with MATP providers like the counties do and effectively act as the broker. Geibel said he believes so. He added, however, the current model is fully compliant and is working well at a low cost.

[Sally Kozak](#), deputy secretary for the Office of Medical Assistance Programs, DHS, testified along with [Laurie Rock](#), director of Medical Assistance Managed Care, and [Maranatha Perez](#), director of the Bureau of Fiscal Management. Kozak said they provide funding to all 67 counties for MATP and have a variety of methods that the counties use to administer it. She said seven operate as a sole service provider, with full-time staff dedicated to it. Those counties can claim their full administrative cost. She added 38 operate a vendor model, with operation and administration both contracted out by the counties. Those programs typically don't have full-time staff and cannot claim their costs. The hybrid models typically have part-time staff and claim their time, she said. Continuing, Kozak told members 12 counties have elected to have the department do the transportation directly, for which DHS has contracted with two operators. Lastly, she said, Philadelphia has had a brokered model since 2006, with LogistiCare retained as the broker.

Kozak said that in the counties that are not a brokered model they receive a 50 percent federal match while Philadelphia has a 52.5 percent match. She said moving to a statewide broker model would see the higher level match provided across the board.

Kozak outlined the process of moving forward with the procurement process and explained Act 19 of 2019 required they put that procurement on hold and conduct an investigation into the impact of transitioning to the broker model. She detailed the objectives and complement of the work group, its weekly meetings, and its use of Mercer to do the required analysis. She noted members of the work group met with the county commissioners in early October, with 20 counties in attendance. She said concerns were outlined by the counties related to lost ridership, loss of viability of certain fixed routes, and costs. Commissioners also discussed the impact to older riders and financial standing. A week later PPTA representatives shared many of the same concerns, she went on. She said they are currently looking to schedule a meeting with the Pennsylvania Health Law Project to get feedback from consumers. Kozak told members the final report will address state and federal laws that pertain to the various programs, examine the efficiency and effectiveness of the current non-emergency transportation system, and assess the experiences of other states.

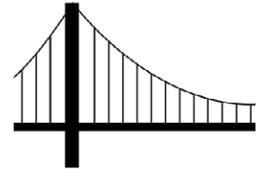
Chairman Hennessey said the report notes Mercer will not make recommendations but rather tell the legislature essentially what options are available. He said Act 40 still gives the authority to simply move ahead and issue a contract to one or two of the applicants. Kozak said Act 40 doesn't require them to cancel the procurement, just put it on hold while they complete the analysis. Chairman Hennessey said the final report due in December will have no bearing on DHS's ability to complete a contract. He asked for assurances DHS will not move ahead until the legislature has time to weigh in. Kozak said they will get the final analysis at the same time as the General Assembly and "clearly we would take time to review that." Kozak said if they were to move forward they would do so in "a thoughtful and considered manner."

Chairman Hennessey noted DHS also has the ability to reject all applicants if they do not meet the outlined requirements. He asked if DHS feels it is obliged to accept one or more applicants if they meet requirements. Kozak said the department believes they have to move forward with a broker model under the law.

Chairman Carroll asked the earliest date DHS could issue a contract for a brokered model consistent with the procurement requirements in place. Rock said that is hard to answer because they had to pause the process due to Act 19; they would have to go back and see how far along the process they were. Rock speculated it would be a period of months rather than days or weeks.

Asked about potential savings, Kozak said the savings come from the enhanced federal match and DHS would save \$10 to \$15 million. Chairman Carroll asked if those savings to the department would be offset by any other increasing costs to other parties. Kozak reiterated the savings to the department would be \$10 to \$15 million.

Rep. Lawrence said moving forward with the brokered model would be "an unmitigated disaster." He said the current system



in Chester County works well. By contrast a brokerage model, even on a regional basis, would make it harder for people, including legislators, to resolve issues, he opined Kozak said the feedback shared by Rep. Lawrence was shared by other stakeholders and they appreciate those concerns.

On the \$200 disallowance, Chairman Hennessey said there has been an interim payment still submitted by the federal government, leaving around \$100 million outstanding, which could be negotiated to zero. Perez said they had \$200 million in outstanding deferrals and \$14 million in disallowances. She said they have been negotiated on the \$80 remaining deferral. Chairman Hennessey asked if the \$200 million is all from before 2017. Perez said yes.

Chairman Carroll asked if the confidence level is high that the period of at least two months estimated by Rock is a certainty. Kozak said it is a pretty good guess; at least two and probably not more than three months. Chairman Carroll asked if the department is planning to go down the path to agreeing with new brokers. Kozak said the underlying law still stands requiring that. Chairman Carroll indicated therefore it would need legislative action to undo.

[Jennie Granger](#), deputy secretary for multimodal transportation at PennDOT, offered a history of public transportation and shared ride services in the commonwealth since 1970. She also described the creation of the working group and its activities in meetings with a variety of stakeholders.

Chairman Hennessey asked if PennDOT could be selected to act as a broker under the legislation and if it is in a position to do so. Granger said she would need an attorney to answer that question, but speculated by law it could be done. "Anything is possible," she remarked.

Chairman Hennessey said he believes the language of Act 40 means DHS could abstain from entering in a contract if they choose.

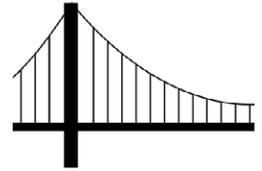
Chairman Hennessey said it seems that under a broker model, if a broker caused CMS to disallow claims, it would be up to the state to go after the broker. Granger said her interpretation is that the "devil will be in the details" under such a model. Ultimately, she said, whatever the broker agreement winds up being will govern those kinds of issues. Chairman Hennessey said he is concerned that a full-risk broker will still mean Pennsylvania is "on the hook" for certain charges. Granger said her exposure to other federal agencies indicates it will be DHS still having to coordinate with CMS.

Chairman Carroll asked if there are any counties in favor of the proposed broker model. Granger said she is not aware of any. Chairman Carroll noted it is rare that 66 counties all agree on something. He asked where the additional money from PennDOT would be sourced. Granger said until the report comes back outlining and quantifying the costs they do not have a clear answer on that. She added they will be working closely with DHS, transit agencies and others to mitigate any negative impacts and source funds to cover any lapses. Chairman Carroll said it is possible expiring funds from the Pennsylvania Turnpike would be used to plug the holes, which is problematic.

Chairman Hennessey asked what concerns PennDOT has with the long-term stability of transit providers if ridership is taken away. Granger said if they lose riders there will be impacts. Chairman Hennessey said he has heard 30 to 35 percent of the overall ridership in the 66 counties comes from MATP and that will be crippling.

[Robert Torres](#), secretary of aging, offered remarks along with [David Miles](#), aging service specialist and the work group representative for Department of Aging. Sec. Torres said they have been actively engaged in providing information to Mercer as part of the authorized study and are looking forward to the final analysis.

Chairman Hennessey said the MATP riders depend on the free transportation currently available. Going to a broker model would affect other riders however, including the elderly. He asked how they would be impacted. Sec. Torres said the PennDOT-administered shared ride program would be still available for anyone under MATP. Chairman Hennessey asked how providers would be expected to survive with a precipitous decline in ridership. Sec. Torres said they want to make sure there remains reliable and safe transportation available for seniors and that has been made clear in the working group. He said they will have to scrutinize the final report and assess its implications.



Chairman Carroll asked the secretary if he could identify any regions that currently do not have reliable, safe and accessible transit for seniors. Sec. Torres said he could not. Chairman Carroll said people are not shy about calling district and Harrisburg offices with complaints, and he is not aware of any coming in on shared rides. He said the program thus seems like it is working pretty well under the current model. Sec. Torres said they do get some concerns raised, largely relating to on-demand and cross-county lines. Chairman Carroll said that seems like a call for more expanded services rather than a contraction.

Chairman Hennessey opined it seems like a dangerous path the system is going down and he has yet to see any financial incentives that would make a transition worthwhile.

[Wendell Kay](#), Wayne County commissioner, [Mark Hamilton](#), Tioga County commissioner, and [Jack Matson](#), Jefferson County commissioner, offered testimony on behalf of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP).

Kay said thanked Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne) and Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R-Susquehanna), whose Act 19 “put the brakes” on a brokered model. He discussed Wayne County and the people he represents there who use MATP. Kay said Wayne County has run its system efficiently for a number of years and maintains a productive relationship with residents. He challenged an outside broker will not know the county’s roads or its citizens. “These are not just statistics to our drivers,” he emphasized. Kay asked members to reconsider the way the state is heading with respect to a brokered system.

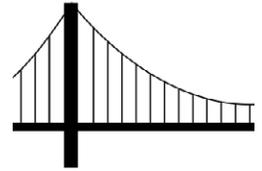
Matson said transportation services are tricky in rural parts of the state. He noted Jefferson County employs a hybrid model that can provide curb-to-curb service. He said if they are crippled by a loss of ridership they will still find “a way to make it work.” Matson asked members to delay the process before it gets to that point.

Hamilton noted he is chairman of the board of a three-county transit board with a combined population of 110,000 people. He said they have built up a regional system that leverages a number of efficiencies. Hamilton said they have 7,000 shared rides a month, 2,500 of which are MATP. He said the MATP mileages work out to over 45 percent of the total. Speaking to MATP’s efficiencies specifically, he said the three-county board has a single agreement with DHS, reducing paperwork on both sides.

Hamilton also detailed how Tioga County, New York fared following that state’s transition to a brokered model and said they now have no public transit system in place. He asked members to stop Pennsylvania’s own move to a brokered model.

Chairman Hennessey said the panels have given members a lot to think about, and said he and Chairman Carroll appear to be on the same page in considering the transition a mistake. He opined that in no way do the predicted financial benefits appear to outweigh the drawbacks.

Chairman Carroll asked the panel to highlight or refute any previous remarks made at the hearing. Hamilton said the commonwealth is a “one-size-fits-none” operation and emphasized the value in leveraging local knowledge and familiarity with what works in a given location.



House Appropriations Committee

10/28/19, 2:17 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

By Emily Mistishen, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1758 Ortity, Jason](#) - (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) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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[HB 1869 Owlett, Clint](#) - (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. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

10/28/19, 3:52 p.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room

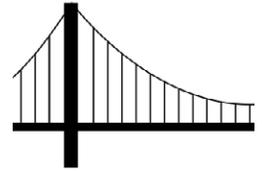
By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 374 Everett, Garth](#) - (PN 2062) Amends Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles), in Title 27, adding a chapter providing for Keystone Tree Restricted Account; and, in Title 75 in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Restricted Account. The department may expend money from the account for the purposes and in the allocations as follows: (1) a tree vitalize program, 40 percent; and (2) a riparian forest buffer grant program, 60 percent. No money may be used for departmental administrative costs. The department shall annually report to the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy committees regarding the account revenues and expenditures in the prior fiscal year and describing the activities, programs and projects which received money from the account. Contributions to the fund can be made via driver's license renewal or vehicle registration renewal. Provides for deposits and reimbursements to and from the Motor License Fund. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 347) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. Art Haywood (D-Montgomery) asked if a framework existed for adding programs which can receive contributions from a driver's license renewal. Chairman Browne indicated no, a framework does not exist. "It all depends on legislation that passes from individual initiatives, and whether the General Assembly decides to adopt," Chairman Browne stated. He said arguments are made that the more programs that can receive contributions, the more diluted funds are for those programs. He reiterated which programs can be added depends on the General Assembly. If an individual provides a contribution, he said that this bill would add \$3 per renewal for the Keystone Tree Restricted Account.

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Senate Transportation Committee

10/29/19, 11:30 a.m., Room 461, Main Capitol

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 858 Pittman, Joe](#) - (PN 1161) Amends the Fiscal Code to further reduce the transfers each fiscal year from the Motor License Fund to fund operations of the Pennsylvania State Police. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) noted that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) construction program is "significantly impacted" when the commonwealth relies on the Motor License Fund for other purposes. She commended the prime sponsor for the legislation. Chairman Ward added that the Pennsylvania State Police are the "backbone of ensuring safety and security in the commonwealth," and they must have reliable and sustainable funding sources other than the Motor License Fund.

Sen. Joe Pittman (R-Indiana), the legislation's prime sponsor, said years ago the legislature started diverting state police funding from the Motor License Fund to the General Fund, "essentially freeing up the Motor License Fund dollars for what they are originally intended for, which is road and bridge repair projects." He said during his political campaign, he heard concerns regarding how the fund is being used. He said with the additional revenue this year, it is the "right time" to continue the work which was previously started.

Sen. Pittman said his bill "speeds up" the transfer and places a \$500 million limit on the Motor License Fund for state police funding, "which is what the Transportation Funding Advisory Commission had recommended."

Sen. John Blake (D-Lackawanna) agreed with the prime sponsor that the time is right for this legislation. He said the legislature has been avoiding "tough decisions" on this issue. He indicated his support for the bill.

Sen. Doug Mastriano (R-Franklin) commended the prime sponsor on his legislation, claiming that residents have been frustrated with how [Act 89 of 2013](#) was implemented. He indicated his "full support" for the legislation.

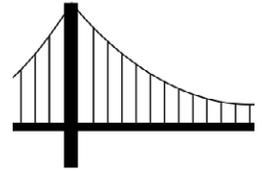
Sen. Mario Scavello (R-Monroe) said the legislation was a «great bill.» He said the legislature kept taking funding out of the Motor License Fund. He said a constitutional change supported by the voters allowed «dispatch money» to fund the state police, and not the legislature.

Chairman Ward discussed her political experience working with Sen. Pittman.

[SB 132 Sabatina, John](#) - (PN 109) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license. The bill establishes that there is no fee for the veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card and the qualified applicant shall be exempt from paying any renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card fees. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman John Sabatina (D-Philadelphia) said often veterans approach him wondering why the veteran's distinction is not included on their driver's license, and that his legislation waives the fee for doing so. He claimed the administration has concerns regarding the cost of the bill, but said he plans to work with the administration on that issue.

Sen. Mastriano commended Chairman Sabatina for the legislation, indicating that this legislation is an "outstanding gesture" for Pennsylvania's 800,000 veterans. He said the bill is a small way of saying "thank you" to the commonwealth's veterans. He spoke on his family's military service, claiming that in the 1970s military members could not wear uniforms off military premises.



[SB 489 Stefano, Patrick](#) - (PN 525) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, providing for a reduced fee for veterans regardless of disability status. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A03458](#) by Ward, is a technical amendment. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman Ward said the bill would provide a discounted vehicle registration to veterans regardless of disability status.

Chairman Sabatina said the administration had concerns regarding the cost of the legislation, but indicated that the prime sponsor, Sen. Pat Stefano (R-Fayette), would address those concerns.

Sen. Elder Vogel (R-Beaver) asked for the administration's estimated cost to implement the bill. Chairman Sabatina said he was not positive of the specifics regarding the cost, but said he is concerned about the figure as well. Sen. Vogel asked for a "ballpark figure" of the cost to implement the bill. Chairman Sabatina said he does not have a reliable number to provide, but that the concern would be addressed with the administration.

[SB 927 Mastriano, Doug](#) - (PN 1320) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, establishing that the Department of Transportation shall immediately validate documentation submitted for a veteran's driver's license designation without submitting the application to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for review, approval, or validation. The bill establishes that there is no fee for the veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card and the qualified applicant shall be exempt from paying any renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card fees. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. Mastriano stated that when the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) requests verification of an alleged veteran's military service, a burdensome process exists for proving a veteran's service. He said his legislation would cost "nothing" to implement. He said that when a resident selects veteran's status on their driver's license, PennDOT would need to verify their military retiree identification card or Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD 214), or National Guard equivalent. Sen. Mastriano said that the department would be provided information on the military retiree identification card or DD 214 for verification training purposes. He noted that this would streamline the process to limit the bureaucratic process in verification.

[HB 1547 Pyle, Jeff](#) - (PN 1963) Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 422 with Pennsylvania Route 66, Manor Township, Armstrong County, as the Senator Donald C. White Interchange. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **passed over**.

Chairman Ward said House Bill 1547 would be considered during an off-the-floor meeting tomorrow, October 30.

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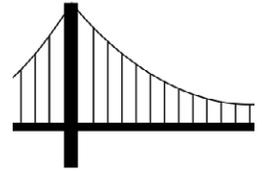
Senate State Government Committee

10/29/19, 12:00 p.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 57 Fritz, Jonathan](#) - (PN 1678) Act abolishing the following state authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and representatives: (1) the Advisory Committee on Probation within the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, (2) the Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board within the Department of Community and Economic Development, (3) the Joint Committee to Review the Cost-of-Living Supplements under 24 Pa.C.S. 8348 (relating to supplemental annuities) and 71 Pa.C.S. 5708 (relating to supplemental annuities), (4) the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, (5) the Public Television Broadcasting Advisory Council, (6) the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council, (7) the Small Business Advocacy Council within the Department of Community and Economic Development, and (8) the Tobacco Use



Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee within the Department of Health. The act makes related repeals. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 913, 1452) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

On the bill, sponsor Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R-Susquehanna) explained it is effectively “cleaning up the closet” when it comes to outdated and defunct boards and commissions. He noted some have not met in decades and that he has worked with the administration on the bill, which represents “truly a team approach.”

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House State Government Committee

10/29/19, 1:20 p.m., Room 60 East Wing

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 694 Gillespie, Keith](#) - (PN 720) Act designating the Harley-Davidson motorcycle as the official State motorcycle of Pennsylvania. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed** with Rep. Andrew Lewis (R-Dauphin) voting in the negative.

Rep. Bill Kortz (D-Allegheny), co-prime sponsor of the bill, explained that the bill would make Harley Davidson the official motorcycle of Pennsylvania and said Harley Davidson employs 1,000 people in Pennsylvania and plans to add more. «This is an iconic motorcycle, it’s made right here in Pennsylvania,» he stated.

Rep. Keith Gillespie (R-York), co-prime sponsor of the bill, noted that Rep. Kortz has tried to get the legislation passed for the last eight years and thanked the committee for their consideration.

Rep. Pam DeLissio (D-Philadelphia) questioned if any other motorcycles are made in Pennsylvania. Rep. Kortz said he is not aware of any other company in Pennsylvania that manufacturers motorcycles.

Rep. Lewis asked if there was any other private manufactured good that is the official product of Pennsylvania. Chairman Garth Everett (R-Lycoming) said the Pennsylvania recently recognized Piper airplanes.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

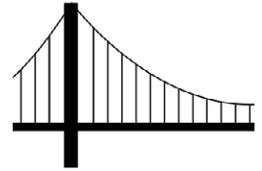
10/29/19, 3:45 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[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 **reported as committed** with Senators Hughes and Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) voting in the negative.

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Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

10/30/19, 9:30 a.m., Room 261, Main Capitol

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 596 Mensch, Bob](#) - (PN 665) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for transportation fueling infrastructure development. The bill provides for the governor to conduct a statewide transportation electrification opportunity assessment and establish a goal for statewide expansion of transportation electrification that is 50% above current market forecasts for December 31, 2030, in the assessment. further, the commission shall issue transportation electrification infrastructure development plan guidelines for electric distribution companies. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A03545](#) by Tomlinson, transfers oversight of the program to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Bob Mensch (R-Montgomery) explained that his bill provides greater infrastructure, “particularly in the urban areas,” for electric vehicles, along with other alternative fuel vehicles, including ones which utilize propane and hydrogen. He said the legislation has “broad support,” including from manufacturers, electric companies and Microsoft due to the opportunity expanding electric vehicles provides.

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Senate Transportation Committee

10/30/19, 11:40 a.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1547 Pyle, Jeff](#) - (PN 1963) Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 422 with Pennsylvania Route 66, Manor Township, Armstrong County, as the Senator Donald C. White Interchange. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A03617](#) by Ward, is an omnibus amendment, including 17 designations of local community members. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

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House Appropriations Committee

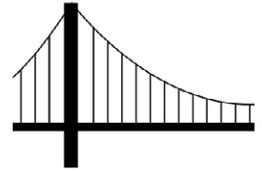
10/30/19, 12:05 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[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 unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1459 Schlossberg, Mike](#) - (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) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[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 unanimously **reported as committed**.

Bullet.in.Points

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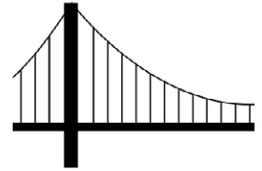
Cosponsor Memos

[SCO1244 Scavello, Mario\(R\)](#) Names both southbound and northbound lanes of Washington Street where the Salvation Army of East Stroudsburg is located as "Samuel Newman Way."

Bill Actions

[HB 57 Fritz, Jonathan\(R\)](#) (PN 1678) Act abolishing the following state authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and representatives: (1) the Advisory Committee on Probation within the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, (2) the Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board within the Department of Community and Economic Development, (3) the Joint Committee to Review the Cost-of-Living Supplements under 24 Pa.C.S. 8348 (relating to supplemental annuities) and 71 Pa.C.S. 5708 (relating to supplemental annuities), (4) the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, (5) the Public Television Broadcasting Advisory Council, (6) the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council, (7) the Small Business Advocacy Council within the Department of Community and Economic Development, and (8) the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee within the Department of Health. The act makes related repeals. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 913, 1452)

Bill History: 10-29-19 S Meeting set for 12:00 p.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate State Government -- Senate State Government
10-29-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate State Government
10-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate State Government
10-29-19 S First consideration
11-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar



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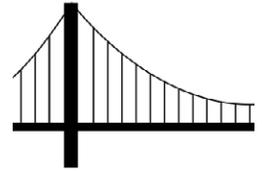
Bill History: 10-30-19 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
10-30-19 Laid out for discussion 1:34pm
10-30-19 Third consideration 1:34pm
10-30-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)
10-31-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

HB 374 Everett, Garth(R) (PN 2062) Amends Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles), in Title 27, adding a chapter providing for Keystone Tree Restricted Account; and, in Title 75 in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Restricted Account. The department may expend money from the account for the purposes and in the allocations as follows: (1) a tree vitalize program, 40 percent; and (2) a riparian forest buffer grant program, 60 percent. No money may be used for departmental administrative costs. The department shall annually report to the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy committees regarding the account revenues and expenditures in the prior fiscal year and describing the activities, programs and projects which received money from the account. Contributions to the fund can be made via driver's license renewal or vehicle registration renewal. Provides for deposits and reimbursements to and from the Motor License Fund. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 347)

Bill History: 10-29-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
10-30-19 H Signed in the House
10-30-19 S Signed in the Senate
10-31-19 G In the hands of the Governor
11-10-19 G Last day for Governor's action

HB 694 Gillespie, Keith(R) (PN 720) Act designating the Harley-Davidson motorcycle as the official State motorcycle of Pennsylvania. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-29-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House State Government
10-30-19 H Reported as committed from House State Government
10-30-19 H First consideration
10-30-19 H Laid on the table
11-18-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 1078 Marshall, Jim(R) (PN 1238) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for autonomous vehicles and imposing a penalty. The bill adds chapters providing for autonomous vehicles and autonomous shuttle vehicles. Effective in 90 days.

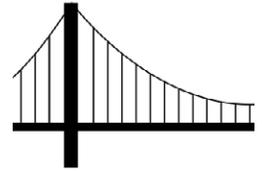
Bill History: 04-04-19 H Filed
04-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
10-28-19 H Hearing set for 10:00 a.m., Room 418 Main Capitol, House Democratic Policy Committee -- House Democratic Policy Committee
10-28-19 H Public hearing held in committee House Democratic Policy Committee

HB 1410 Stephens, Todd(R) (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.

Bill History: 10-28-19 Second consideration 4:33pm
10-28-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
10-29-19 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 256, Main Capitol, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
10-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
11-18-19 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: 10-30-19 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
10-30-19 Laid out for discussion 1:38pm
10-30-19 Third consideration 1:38pm
10-30-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)
10-31-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.



HB 1547 Pyle, Jeff(R) (PN 1963) Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 422 with Pennsylvania Route 66, Manor Township, Armstrong County, as the Senator Donald C. White Interchange. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-29-19 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
10-30-19 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
10-30-19 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
10-30-19 S First consideration
11-18-19 S Set on the Senate 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 First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-29-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-29-19 H Removed from the table
11-18-19 H Set on the House 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.

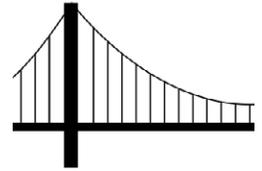
Bill History: 10-30-19 H Set on the House Calendar
10-30-19 Laid out for discussion 1:28pm
10-30-19 Second consideration 1:28pm
10-30-19 H Over in House
10-30-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

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: 10-30-19 H Set on the House Calendar
10-30-19 Laid out for discussion 1:28pm
10-30-19 Second consideration 1:28pm
10-30-19 H Over in House
10-30-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

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 First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-29-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-29-19 H Removed from the table
11-18-19 H Set on the House 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: 10-28-19 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
10-28-19 Laid out for discussion 4:53pm
10-28-19 Third consideration 4:54pm
10-28-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)
10-31-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

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

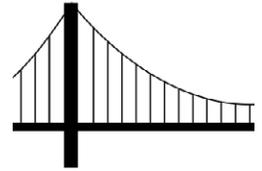
Bill History: 10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-29-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-29-19 H Removed from the table
11-18-19 H Set on the House Calendar

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.

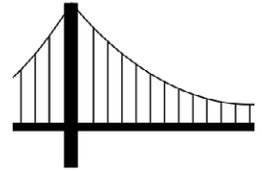
Bill History: 10-21-19 H First consideration
10-21-19 H Laid on the table
10-29-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
10-29-19 H Removed from the table
11-18-19 H Set on the House Calendar

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.

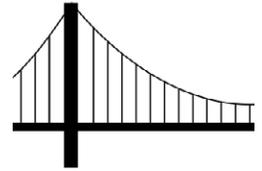
Bill History: 10-30-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Appropriations
10-30-19 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
10-30-19 Laid out for discussion 1:36pm
10-30-19 Third consideration 1:36pm
10-30-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)



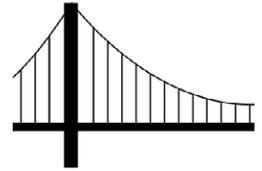
- HB 1838 Causer, Martin(R) (PN 2523) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles), in emergency medical services system, providing that 75 percent of the money from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund shall be disbursed so that 30 percent of the funds are allocated to provide training 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:** 10-28-19 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
10-28-19 Laid out for discussion 4:56pm
10-28-19 Third consideration 4:56pm
10-28-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)
10-31-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
- 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:** 10-28-19 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
10-28-19 Laid out for discussion 4:57pm
10-28-19 Third consideration 4:57pm
10-28-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)
10-31-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
- 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:** 10-30-19 H Set on the House Calendar
10-30-19 Laid out for discussion 1:28pm
10-30-19 Second consideration 1:29pm
10-30-19 H Over in House
10-30-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
- HB 2000 Murt, Thomas(R) (PN 2805) Act designating the portion of County Line Road between Warminster Road and Newtown Road in Montgomery County as the Captain William J. Ahlum Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-25-19 H Filed
10-29-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- HB 2001 Murt, Thomas(R) (PN 2806) Act designating the portion of County Line Road between Warminster Road and Jacksonville Road in Montgomery County, as the Specialist 4 Harold E. Cashman Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-25-19 H Filed
10-29-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



- HB 2008 Burns, Frank(D) (PN 2824) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, repealing provisions related to nonemergency medical transportation services. Effective immediately.
- Bill History:** 10-29-19 H Filed
10-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health
- HB 2017 Grove, Seth(R) (PN 2833) Act designating a portion of State Route 3059 in Spring Grove, York County, as Corporal Earl H. Markle Memorial Road. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-30-19 H Filed
10-31-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- SB 132 Sabatina, John(D) (PN 109) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license. The bill establishes that there is no fee for the veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card and the qualified applicant shall be exempt from paying any renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card fees. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-29-19 S Meeting set for 11:30 a.m., Room 461, Main Capitol, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
10-29-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
10-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
10-29-19 S First consideration
11-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- SB 489 Stefano, Patrick(R) (PN 525) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, providing for a reduced fee for veterans regardless of disability status. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-29-19 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
10-29-19 S First consideration
10-30-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
10-30-19 Second consideration 12:17pm
10-30-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations



- SB 596 Mensch, Bob(R) (PN 665) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for transportation fueling infrastructure development. The bill provides for the governor to conduct a statewide transportation electrification opportunity assessment and establish a goal for statewide expansion of transportation electrification that is 50% above current market forecasts for December 31, 2030, in the assessment. further, the commission shall issue transportation electrification infrastructure development plan guidelines for electric distribution companies. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-30-19 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room 461, Main Capitol, Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure -- Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
10-30-19 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
10-30-19 S Reported as amended Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
10-30-19 S First consideration
11-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- SB 858 Pittman, Joe(R) (PN 1161) Amends the Fiscal Code to further reduce the transfers each fiscal year from the Motor License Fund to fund operations of the Pennsylvania State Police. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
10-29-19 S First consideration
10-30-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
10-30-19 Second consideration 12:18pm
10-30-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
- SB 904 Stefano, Patrick(R) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) and Title 75 (Vehicles), and in financial responsibility, providing for group insurance for private vehicle rental programs.
- Bill History:** 10-31-19 S Filed
10-31-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
- SB 925 Stefano, Patrick(R) (PN 1318) Act designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 31377, on that portion of State Route 2047 over the Flaugherty Creek, Meyersdale Borough, Somerset County, as the Harry Beal Bridge. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-25-19 S Filed
10-25-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
- SB 926 Stefano, Patrick(R) (PN 1319) Act designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 219 in Brothersvalley Twp., Somerset County, as the John Vatavuk Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 10-25-19 S Filed
10-25-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



SB 927 **Mastriano, Doug(R)** (PN 1320) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, establishing that the Department of Transportation shall immediately validate documentation submitted for a veteran's driver's license designation without submitting the application to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for review, approval, or validation. The bill establishes that there is no fee for the veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card and the qualified applicant shall be exempt from paying any renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card fees. Effective in 60 days.

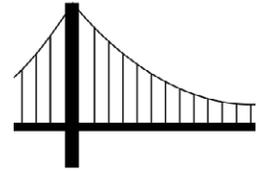
Bill History: 10-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
10-29-19 S First consideration
10-30-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
10-30-19 Second consideration 12:19pm
10-30-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

SB 928 **Leach, Daylin(D)** (PN 1321) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing that no person may use exotic animals in an animal act, ride, performance or exhibition if, during the 15-day period preceding the use, the animal was living or traveling in a mobile housing facility. This legislation also permits exceptions for animals exhibited at non-mobile facilities, animals that are part of an outreach program and are not kept in a mobile housing facility for more than 12 hours per day, animals used by research facilities, and animals used in film or television without involving a public exhibition. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-25-19 S Filed
10-25-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

SB 937 **Scavello, Mario(R)** (PN 1346) An Act designating the portion of State Route 2012 South beginning at the intersection of South Courtland Street and Day Street and ending at its intersection with Brown Street in East Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County, as the Samuel Newman Way. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 10-30-19 S Filed
10-30-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



Upcoming Events

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

PA Public Utility Commission

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

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

PA Turnpike Commission

November 19, 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

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

November 20, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., One Port Center, 11th Floor, 2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

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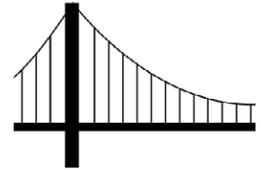
November 20, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 112, PEMA Headquarters, 1310 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg
State Transportation Innovation Council (SITC) Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-9880

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

November 21, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

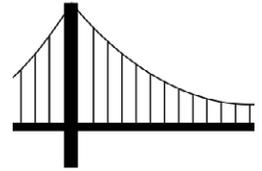
Pittsburgh Port Authority

November 22, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

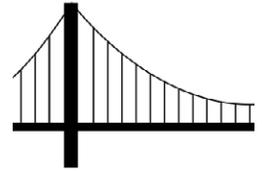


In the News

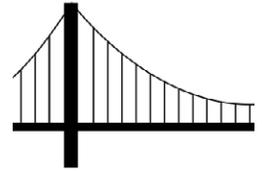
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- 10-31-2019 **[Ridge Farm project gets recommendation from South Whitehall planners, disappointing residents](#)**
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- 10-31-2019 **[Rahn asks Pa. to partner on U.S. 219 project](#)**
CUMBERLAND, Md. — Maryland Transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn is seeking cooperation from Pennsylvania officials in securing federal grant funds for upgrades to U.S. Route 219. Rahn sent a letter dated Oct. 15 to Leslie S. Richards, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, requesting a joint application... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[PennDOT ready for 'hard' winter](#)**
PennDOT equipment manager Brant Cirrincione said crews are gearing up for the upcoming winter months. District 10's winter equipment inspection took place Oct. 25 in Shipperville. "Our guys are always prepared for the worst," said Cirrincione regarding winter weather. "They love when winter rolls around. This is their bread... - [Clarion News](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[Mount Penn puts to rest rumors of water authority sale](#)**
The Mount Penn Borough Council on Tuesday dispelled rumors surrounding the sale of its water authority, strengthening its opinion with a unanimous vote against selling it. Councilman Randall P. Miller suggested the vote. "We should memorialize that we have no intention to sell the water... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[PennDOT: Pavement cuts on Sans Souci Parkway necessary 'by design'](#)**
HANOVER TWP. — Motorists using the Sans Souci Parkway might be wondering why the newly paved surface is being cut and orange cones separate thru lanes from work zones. According to James May, a state Department of Transportation spokesman, the horizontal cuts in the pavement and necessary by design.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[Speed enforcement cameras coming to work zones in Pennsylvania](#)**
Speed cameras are coming to work zones in Pennsylvania. So if you speed through a construction site, you might get a fine in the mail. Officials with the state Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike held a news conference Wednesday to detail a pilot effort with the... - [York Daily](#)



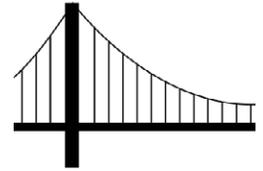
- 10-31-2019 **[PennDOT to implement work zone speed camera pilot program next week](#)**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation next week will roll out a statewide pilot program to implement speed cameras in work zones. PennDOT's pilot program, which will last at least 60 days, will be coordinated along with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and state... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[Smithfield planners give conditional approvals](#)**
Members of the Smithfield Township Planning Commission gave conditional approval to allow various commercial developments to be reviewed by township supervisors Tuesday evening. However, the conditional approval for three commercial developments and a subdivision of commercial property meant there are plenty of things that... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[PennDOT proposes safety-related projects for Route 219](#)**
Nearly \$19 million in safety upgrades are in the planning stages for the Salisbury and Boynton areas of Route 219. On Wednesday, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials met with local residents to discuss the upgrades and receive feedback. - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[Documents Show Safety Concerns at Boeing Before Deadly Crashes](#)**
One Boeing employee worried the 737 Max might be .vulnerable.. A company document said if pilots didn.t respond to a new automated system within seconds it would be .catastrophic.. A plan to include an alert for the system, known as MCAS, was considered but scrapped.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[Opinion | The Boeing saga highlights the pitfalls of self-regulation](#)**
A CENTRAL lesson of the 2008 financial crisis is the danger of regulatory capture. Banks and other financial institutions, such as Fannie Mae, upon which society depended for basic economic services consistently underestimated and, at times, understated the risks of their profit-seeking... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-31-2019 **[166 apartments planned near Manheim Township library as final stage of Overlook development](#)**
Plans are moving ahead for 166 apartments just off Fruitville Pike, promising to bring more traffic to the already busy suburban artery through Manheim Township. It will be the last phase of Overlook Town Center, which developer Kevin Lapp opened in 2014 with Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings and other retail... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 10-31-2019 **["That was ... really bad!" South Whitehall residents blast board's approval of 780-unit Ridge Farm project](#)**
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- 10-31-2019 **[Paul Muschick: DA made right call to drop charges against mom who left baby on LANTA bus](#)**
Authorities did the right thing Wednesday by dropping the criminal case against a mother charged with leaving her baby on a bus, and trying to get her help instead. These cases are difficult, and this one definitely deserved a second look. State lawmakers should take a look at the case, too, and expand the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



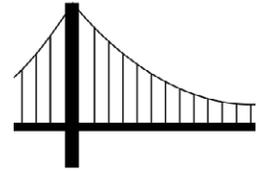
- 10-31-2019 **Peduto: Fossil fuel industries will take toll on Pittsburgh region**
At a climate forum in Pittsburgh Wednesday, Mayor William Peduto said he opposes construction of any new petrochemical facilities in the region because of their long-term toll on climate, the environment, public health and even the local economy. Mr. Peduto, speaking at the Climate Action Summit in the David L. Lawrence... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Burns, Davidson introduce legislation to stop medical transport changes**
(Press Release)
- 10-30-2019 **PennDOT, PA Turnpike Announce Implementation of Statewide Automated Work...**
(Press Release)
- 10-30-2019 **Philadelphia Port opens new auto processing center**
Governor Tom Wolf (D) joined officials and business leader to cut the ribbon Tuesday on the Southport Auto Terminal and Vehicle Processing Center at the Philadelphia Port. It is the first new terminal in South Philadelphia in 45 years. The 156-acre location operated by Glovis America is a product of the... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Judge rules bus company must provide service to Elizabeth Forward**
Pennsylvania Coach Lines must continue to provide bus service to students in the Elizabeth Forward School District, a judge has ruled. Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge Christine Ward on Monday granted a preliminary injunction that will force the bus service to continue amid a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-30-2019 **The Big Move: PennDOT to close Route 19/51 Wednesday to prepare for moving new Shaler Street bridge into place**
Unless Mother Nature gets in the way, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will close southbound Route 19/51 from the West End Circle to the Parkway West at 7 p.m. Wednesday to get ready to move the new Shaler Street Bridge. At 9 a.m. Thursday, the northbound lanes will be closed from the Parkway... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Your chances of hitting a deer with your vehicle are about to go way up**
Many factors are coming together to make the next several weeks particularly hazardous for deer-vehicle collisions in Pennsylvania. A perfect storm of circumstances is about to come together to increase the possibility of hitting a deer with your vehicle nearly anywhere in... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Harrisburg mayor's plan for business-only on-street parking draws ire of city council**
Billing it as a plan to encourage business growth and retention, Harrisburg's mayor on Tuesday asked members of city council to consider setting up a frame work that would allow local business owners to purchase permits, granting them exclusive rights to on-street parking spaces for at... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Lehigh Valley International Airport announces early kickoff for \$22 million expansion**
Booming passenger numbers have convinced officials at Lehigh Valley International Airport to kick off a \$22 million expansion of its main terminal a few months early. Consultants and staff with the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority unveiled plans Tuesday to improve foot traffic through the airport's... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



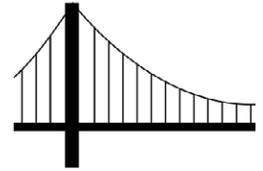
- 10-30-2019 **Baby left with LANTA bus driver: A case of unlawful abandonment or an opportunity for compassion?**
When a 26-year-old mother tearfully abandoned her 1-month-old child, tucked in his car seat, on the fare box of a LANTA bus over the weekend, the moment could have been an opportunity for compassion, according to Cathleen Palm. Palm, founder of the Center for Children's Justice based in Berks... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-30-2019 **More time requested in airport theft case**
HOLLIDAYSBURG — Attorneys for the parties allegedly involved in theft of funds from International Group LLC, a fixed-base operator at the Altoona-Blair County Airport, on Tuesday requested more time to work out the details of a plea agreement. Blair County Judge Daniel J. Milliron was to preside over a hearing in... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Judge tells Canton, Chartiers to split bridge replacement**
A Washington County judge ruled on Tuesday that Canton and Chartiers townships must share the more than \$200,000 price tag for a new bridge that spans Chartiers Creek and straddles the boundary separating the municipalities. In doing so, President Judge Katherine B. Emery granted Canton's... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Residents cite conditions on MacDade overpass in Ridley**
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP — Conditions of the pedestrian overpass on MacDade Boulevard at the Blue Route were brought to the attention of the board of commissioners at its recent monthly meeting by Bob Ballard, who lives in the Derwood Park section of the township. Ballard told officials that trash piles up on the overpass in large amounts... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Lehigh Valley International Airport eyeing \$22 million terminal connection**
After talking for decades about connecting the terminals at Lehigh Valley International Airport, airport authority officials are ready to actually do it. Details were released Tuesday for a proposed multi-phase project at the airport in Hanover Township, Lehigh County that would connect the main... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 10-30-2019 **40 Days, Thousands of Jobs: The G.M. Strike From the Picket Lines**
When it began, people rallied in parking lots, their fists thrust in the air. Nearly 50,000 members of the United Auto Workers had walked off the job across the United States on Sept. 16, the first time a union had declared a nationwide strike against one of the Detroit automakers since 2007, and... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Boeing C.E.O. Knew About Pilot's Warnings Before Second Crash**
Boeing's chief executive faced the grieving relatives of two deadly crashes of its 737 Max jet at an emotional congressional hearing on Tuesday, as senators pummeled him with questions about whether the company should have grounded the plane before the second accident.... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-30-2019 **City officials haggle over budget as year end looms**
Corry City Council members and city officials met Thursday to go over and adjust the city's 2020 budget. At the meeting, Council members were still haggling over what to keep and what to lose, because the budget is not yet balanced with the date of adoption looming.... - [Corry Journal](#)



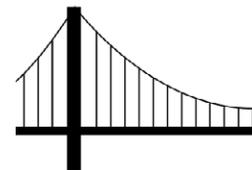
- 10-30-2019 **With long-awaited bridge replacement complete, Gregg Township eyes next project**
After being closed for more than a year, the Lower Georges Valley Road Bridge is finally open, but Gregg Township Supervisor Keri Miller said there is more work to be done in order to make local roadways safer and more efficient. The 23-foot bridge, located at the 100 block of Lower Georges Valley Road,... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Sugar Valley Charter Earns PennDOT Recognition**
CLEARFIELD – Sugar Valley Rural Charter School is among the high schools recognized in PennDOT’s annual “Paint the Plow” safety outreach contest. In announcing the winners on Tuesday, PennDOT’s Clearfield regional office said the annual plow-painting event promotes winter driving safety... - [Lock Haven Record](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Public transit in Ohio getting \$105 million from state, feds**
State officials say \$105 million in grants is going to public transit systems Ohio... - [AP](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Work zone speed cameras to be deployed in Pennsylvania**
Cameras to detect speeding in Pennsylvania’s roadway work zones will begin limited operation next week ahead of their use statewide early next year... - [AP](#)
- 10-30-2019 **Downtown Pittsburgh sinkhole a sign of how deep aging infrastructure problems go**
City officials Tuesday said it could take a while to determine what caused a gaping sinkhole on 10th Street in Downtown Pittsburgh and noted it’s important to remember the age of the city when making that determination. .We’re building on top of 250 years of development, and there are vaults... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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- 10-29-2019 **Committee advances Mastriano legislation for veteran driver's licenses**
(Press Release)
- 10-29-2019 **CNX Reports Third Quarter Results and Provides Updated 2019 and 2020 Guidance**
(Press Release)
- 10-29-2019 **Pilot who emergency-landed in Susquehanna River said he tried everything to restart aircraft’s engine: report**
The pilot who made an emergency landing Oct. 4 in the Susquehanna River said he conducted a “thorough” preflight inspection” prior to taking off. A preliminary three-page report released today by the National Transportation Safety Board noted the aircraft had a “total loss of... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Restrictions lifted on Logans Ferry Road bridge near Plum-Lower Burrell border**
Traffic restrictions have been lifted on a bridge that crosses Pucketa Creek at the border of Plum and Lower Burrell. A \$1.1 million construction project on the Logans Ferry Road bridge began about five months ago. Work included replacing the span over the creek and... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



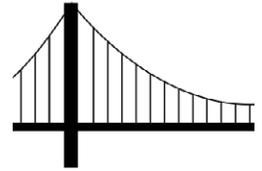
- 10-29-2019 **AWA asking for \$2.1 million**
The Altoona Water Authority plans to ask Pennvest for \$2.1 million to pay for replacement of more than a mile of troublesome waterline along the Goods Lane corridor, in coordination with a paving project. PennDOT is delaying the paving until next year to accommodate the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Pittsburgh Airport, Pitt launch first phase of innovation campus**
FINDLAY TWP. — Pittsburgh International Airport on Friday announced Phase 1 of Neighborhood 91, an innovation campus in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh. The development's first phase will focus on additive manufacturing, also known as 3-D printing. Argon gas supplier Arencibia has committed to... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Luzerne County \$5 vehicle fee will be in effect another year**
Luzerne County's controversial \$5 vehicle registration fee must remain in place for at least another year to generate enough revenue to obtain a \$2 million dollar-for-dollar state match, county County Engineer Lawrence Plesh said Monday. Based on receipts so far, Plesh projected the county won't hit its \$2... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Newest PUC commissioner, Yanora, is from Northeast Pa.**
HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) announced Monday that Ralph Yanora of Pittston Township has been appointed to the Commission to serve a five-year term. "We look forward to working with Commissioner Yanora and welcome his insights and experience," said PUC Chairman Gladys Brown Dutrieuille.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Boeing C.E.O. to Tell Congress: 'We Know We Made Mistakes'**
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- 10-29-2019 **General Motors Sides With Trump in Emissions Fight, Splitting the Industry**
Breaking with some of their biggest rivals, General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Toyota said Monday they were intervening on the side of the Trump administration in an escalating battle with California over fuel economy standards for automobiles. Their decision pits them against leading competitors, including Honda and... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-29-2019 **After Spike in Deaths, New York to Get 250 Miles of Protected Bike Lanes**
Riding a bicycle in New York City is often a harrowing journey across a patchwork of bike lanes that leave cyclists vulnerable to cars. The dangers came into focus this year after 25 cyclists were killed on city streets . the highest toll in two decades. Now Mayor Bill de Blasio and the City Council have agreed on a \$1.7 billion... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Chester County school bus drivers honored with safety awards**
WEST CHESTER—Chester County swept the top three awards in this year's Pennsylvania School Bus Driver Safety Competition. "Bus drivers have a vital role in keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school each day," said state Sen. Andrew Dinniman.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)



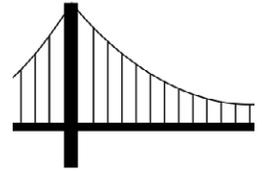
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- 10-29-2019 **GM, Toyota and Chrysler side with White House in fight over California fuel standards, exposing auto industry split**
A coalition of international automakers, including General Motors, Toyota and Fiat Chrysler, on Monday announced an effort to intervene on behalf of the Trump administration in its ongoing fight with California over how fuel-efficient the nation's auto fleet must be in coming years.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Boeing CEO to acknowledge mistakes in testimony on deadly 737 Max crashes**
Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg plans to acknowledge that his company made mistakes when he faces lawmakers this week who are looking for answers about how flaws in the 737 Max led to a pair of deadly crashes just months apart. .We know we made mistakes and got some things wrong,. Muilenburg said in... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-29-2019 **'Our daughter died in vain': What Boeing learns from plane crashes**
A photograph shows the 18-foot hole that ripped open an aging Aloha Airlines jet mid-flight in 1988 and swept a flight attendant to her death; this prompted new limits on the number of times one plane is permitted to fly. Boeing opened the museum to employees in 2017 and this year added a... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-29-2019 **As Project Moves Forward, Whitehall Road Regional Park Gets \$100,000 Grant for Sports Field Lights**
A newly announced state grant will give a boost to one much-desired aspect of the long-planned Whitehall Road Regional Park. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority received \$100,000 for LED sports field lighting for two synthetic turf fields to be developed in the... - [State College News](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Consumers, retailers benefit from agency's metered parking perks**
The Williamsport Parking Authority has made a variety of customer-friendly decisions that are good for downtown consumers and a step forward for center city businesses. The authority has announced expansion of free parking for First Fridays and the holidays. To facilitate an accelerated and shortened holiday season, metered parking... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Streets reopened near site of Downtown sinkhole that swallowed bus**
Penn Avenue and a portion of 10th Street near the site of a massive sinkhole that swallowed up part of a Port Authority bus reopened Tuesday. Tenth Street between Liberty and Penn avenues, however, will remain closed for six to eight weeks while repairs are made to the roadway, according to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Concrete damage limits access to Latrobe parking garage while city looks for fix**
The Weldon Street entrance to Latrobe's municipal parking garage is temporarily closed while city officials and consultants weigh options for solving concrete problems that likely will add to the cost of ongoing repairs to the structure. Pullman Services has been working for several weeks on the first major... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



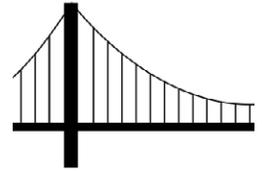
- 10-29-2019 **Founder of MADD speaks at Pittsburgh DUI conference**
Some keynote speakers are more recognizable than others. At the PA DUI annual conference last week in Pittsburgh, the speaker was the founder of the movement. In 1980, Candace Lightner's 13-year-old daughter, Cari was killed "by a multiple repeat offending drunk driver," according to... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 10-29-2019 **A bus fell into a sinkhole Downtown, and the Internet rejoiced**
Sometimes, the Internet is good. It has a tendency to be bad more often than it should, but yesterday it was most definitely good. In case you missed it, a Port Authority bus fell into a sinkhole Monday morning Downtown at 10th Street and Penn Avenue. It has since been... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Baby left with LANTA bus driver: A case of unlawful abandonment or an opportunity for compassion?**
When a 26-year-old mother tearfully abandoned her 1-month-old child, tucked in his car seat, on the fare box of a LANTA bus over the weekend, the moment could have been an opportunity for compassion, according to Cathleen Palm. Palm, founder of the Center for Children.s Justice based in Berks County,... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Paul Muschick: Woman who left baby on LANTA bus deserves sympathy, not jail time**
I hope the court system goes easy on the woman accused of leaving her infant son on a bus in Bethlehem. It must have been a difficult decision for her. But she tried to do the right thing by leaving the boy with someone she considered to be an authority figure, someone who would make sure he was cared for.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Allentown airport announces plans for \$22 million expansion**
Booming passenger numbers have convinced officials at Lehigh Valley International Airport to kick off a \$22 million expansion of its main terminal a few months early. Consultants and staff with the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority unveiled plans Tuesday to improve foot traffic through the airport.s main... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Authorities assess damage caused by sinkhole; cause remains under investigation**
Authorities on Tuesday said they are still working to determine the cause of a sinkhole that consumed the back end of a Port Authority bus early Monday, as contractors began assessing the damage caused by the 20-foot-deep hole, which has resulted in the closure of a few streets... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Philadelphia Port opens new auto processing center**
Governor Tom Wolf (D) joined officials and business leader to cut the ribbon Tuesday on the Southport Auto Terminal and Vehicle Processing Center at the Philadelphia Port. It is the first new terminal in South Philadelphia in 45 years. The 156-acre location operated by Glovis America is a product of the... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 10-29-2019 **Downtown Pittsburgh sinkhole repairs could take 8 weeks**
A host of utility lines running under Pittsburgh.s streets could have played a part in causing a giant sinkhole to open up and swallow the back end of a Port Authority bus on 10th Street on Monday in Pittsburgh.s Downtown. The several utilities exposed by the hole are complicating repairing the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Marshall's Bill to Allow Autonomous Vehicles Receives Unanimous Support at...**
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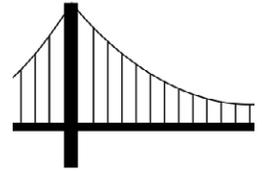
- 10-28-2019 **Pickett invites public to ceremony designating a section of Route 220**
TOWANDA — State Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford/Sullivan/Susquehanna) is encouraging members of the community to attend the ceremony she is hosting on Friday, Nov. 1, to designate a section of U.S. Route 220 along the Sullivan/Bradford County line as the “T.W. ‘Doc’ Shoemaker... - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Feds’ sign crackdown blasted by Bradford County Commissioners**
TOWANDA — Some signs might block out the scenery and break people’s minds — but it is not the signs that the federal government is calling for to be taken down, said Bradford County Commissioners this week. - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Hamiltonban planners take on confusing driveway ordinance**
A difference in interpretation of Hamiltonban Township’s driveway ordinance became the main discussion point of Tuesday night’s planning commission meeting. At issue was whether the ordinance requires a driveway to provide a 20-foot wide driving width or merely 20-foot right of way.... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Reading Parking Authority’s new gates malfunction**
The Reading Parking Authority’s new gate system, a nearly \$1 million investment once referred to as the Ferrari of systems, operated more like a Gremlin last week, drawing the ire of the authority’s board. Mark A. Vergenes, a Lancaster-based consultant to the parking authority,... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Fewer teen drivers are on the road in Pennsylvania**
The number of teen drivers in Pennsylvania is at a 10-year low and there are fewer crashes involving teen drivers than there were in 2009, according to data from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Locally, the number of teen drivers in Northumberland, Snyder, Union and... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Highway Safety Network coordinator’s road trips help teens learn safe driving skills**
Mike Diehl, the community traffic safety coordinator of the Highway Safety Network, visited the Selinsgrove Area High School on Oct. 3 for a driver’s safety assembly. He travels from school to school in PennDOT District 3 to talk about driver’s statistics and safety when it comes to teens. He talked... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 10-28-2019 **A New \$6 Billion Subway? Great, as Long as Rents Don.t Rise.]**
Maribel Burgos barely has time to change into her uniform before she has to clock in at the McDonald.s in Lower Manhattan where she works, even though she gives herself 90 minutes to commute from her home in East Harlem. After walking several blocks to reach the nearest subway line, Ms. Burgos... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-28-2019 **Before Deadly Crashes, Boeing Pushed for Law That Undercut Oversight**
With a few short paragraphs tucked into 463 pages of legislation last year, Boeing scored one of its biggest lobbying wins: a law that undercuts the government.s role in approving the design of new airplanes. For years, the government had been handing over more responsibility to... - [New York Times](#)
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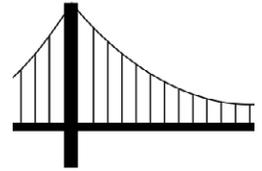
- 10-28-2019 **[LAX is banning Uber and Lyft pickups at the curb. Here's how the new system works](#)**
The days of stepping into an Uber, Lyft or taxi curbside at Los Angeles International Airport are over. Starting Tuesday at 3 a.m., travelers leaving LAX will be required to board a shuttle or walk to a waiting area east of Terminal 1 to hire a car. The changes were announced this month as part of LAX's effort to manage... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[Philly Needs to Move the Airport Before It's Underwater](#)**
This article is one piece of a bigger story on climate change in Philadelphia. You can read the full story here. That glittering river you see from your airplane seat that signals you're almost home is going to be a big friggin' problem. PHL is set just 260 yards from the Delaware River, and its terminals, runways and... - [Philadelphia Magazine](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[What Can Philly Do About Climate Change? A Whole Lot, Actually.](#)**
You know those digital flood-simulation maps? The ones that show how water will begin to creep into the streets of Lower Manhattan and put it underwater by the end of the century? The ones that could double as preview posters for a dystopian movie? They don't only exist for New York.... - [Philadelphia Magazine](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[What intersection had the most crashes in each Lehigh Valley township and borough?](#)**
Tiny Chapman, the smallest municipality in the Lehigh Valley, can be easy to overlook. Tucked away in Northampton County's Northern Tier, the borough has an estimated population of 165, not even half the size of the next two smallest boroughs in the region, Glendon and Portland.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[Used car danger: New bill would improve auto safety](#)**
Many Americans have unknowingly purchased vehicles with potentially exploding airbags and other defects More than 40 million used vehicles roll out of car lots in America each year. Some of those cars are sold to unsuspecting consumers who are subject to manufacturer recalls that require repairs.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[Port Authority bus falls into massive Downtown sinkhole](#)**
A large sinkhole opened Monday morning in Downtown Pittsburgh, nearly swallowing whole a Port Authority bus and adding an unpleasant twist to the morning traffic rush. Adam Brandolph, a Port Authority spokesman, said one passenger and the driver were aboard the G31 Bridgeville Flyer at 7:40 a.m. when it was... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[Port Authority bus falls into Downtown Pittsburgh sinkhole](#)**
The back of an Allegheny County Port Authority bus fell into a sinkhole at a busy Downtown intersection this morning, according to the transportation agency. The incident occurred shortly before 8 a.m. while the bus was stopped at a traffic light the intersection of 10th Street and Penn Avenue, according to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[Why these workers are bypassing employers and protesting bigger targets: American Airlines and Ross](#)**
On Thursday, as the sun set over the American Airlines section of Terminal C at the Philadelphia International Airport, hundreds of workers cheered as Briheem Douglas got them fired up to march to American.s section in Terminal F. .We wanna make sure that American hears us in every one of their terminals!... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



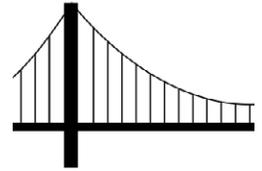
- 10-28-2019 **[SEPTA train hits, kills 16-year-old girl on Media/Elwyn line](#)**
A SEPTA train struck and killed a 16-year-old girl who was on the tracks Monday morning near the Swarthmore station on the Media/Elwyn Line. The victim, whose name was not released, was hit about 7:10 a.m. by a city-bound train just south of the station. Officials said that foul play was not suspected and that an investigation... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-28-2019 **[More than \\$200,000 in abandoned Key card funds is sitting in a SEPTA zombie account](#)**
A SEPTA account holds hundreds of thousands of dollars in unclaimed money from expired Key cards, and the balance is likely to rise at the end of November when another batch of cards expires. The account now holds almost \$206,000 from registered and unregistered Key... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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Halloween is a fall fun time when both adults and kids delight in fright and especially in a night of Trick or Treating. But it's also a time when parents need to take special precautions to make sure their kids are safe, even as they prowl the nighttime streets, knocking on doors and stuffing... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
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This will be one neighborhood unlike any Mr. Rogers ever saw. Pittsburgh International Airport unveiled plans Friday for Neighborhood 91 . a proposed hub for additive manufacturing to be built on 195 acres of land just west of the midfield terminal. The neighborhood already has its first resident . er, tenant . in Lehigh... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Striking General Motors factory workers will put down their picket signs after approving a new contract that will end a 40-day strike that paralyzed the company's U.S. production... - [AP](#)
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Though union members voted Friday evening to ratify a contract and end a 40-day strike, General Motors workers at the Langhorne warehouse in Bucks County narrowly voted against the tentative deal. The Langhorne vote, tallied Thursday evening, was 43-32, union leaders... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



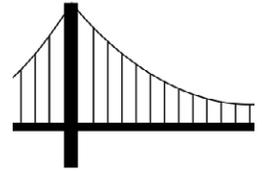
- 10-27-2019 **The cost of SEPTA's Key card system just swelled to nearly \$200 million . way more than planned**
A big spending increase for SEPTA.s smart fare system, approved Thursday, swells the Key card.s primary contract to \$192.5 million . about \$70 million more than planned when the project began eight years ago. SEPTA officials said most of that increase would go toward basic annual... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 10-27-2019 **Lawsuit: Flight attendant caught pilots livestreaming bathroom in cockpit during flight from Pittsburgh**
A Southwest Airlines flight attendant said she witnessed two pilots streaming live voyeur-camera footage from the airplane.s bathroom into the cockpit, according to a lawsuit filed Friday. The attendant, Renee Steinaker, alleged she discovered the sneaky surveillance during a 2017 flight from Pittsburgh to Phoenix, according to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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Officials from the region on Friday said the worldwide epicenter for the burgeoning industry of additive manufacturing will be on 195 acres of land in Findlay and Moon owned by Allegheny County Airport Authority adjacent to Pittsburgh International Airport. Dubbed Neighborhood 91 . a riff on Pittsburgh.s 90 neighborhoods . it.s the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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Millions of Pennsylvanians are paying for an outdated vehicle emissions testing program in counties that already meet federal air quality standards. As chair of the Pennsylvania Senate Transportation Committee, I believe the time to change that is long overdue.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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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](#)
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This week Pennsylvania joins the nation in celebration of National School Bus Safety Week. During this time, stakeholders such as parents, students, teachers, motorists, state officials, school bus operators and school administrators join forces to underscore the importance of school bus safety in their... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 10-27-2019 **Few Ohioans opt for enhanced ID required for plane travel**
Only about 14% of Ohio.s licensed drivers and identification card holders have opted for a new federally compliant ID that will be needed starting in October 2020 to board planes and enter federal facilities. Standing in line at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles next year could be even... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)



- 10-27-2019 **G.M. Workers Approve Contract and End U.A.W. Strike**
The longest nationwide strike against General Motors in half a century ended on Friday after a solid majority of the company's union members delivered their support for the four-year contract hammered out by their leaders. The United Auto Workers union emerged with substantial wage increases and... - [New York Times](#)
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- 10-27-2019 **UAW members approve new contract with GM, ending one of the largest strikes in years**
Members of the United Auto Workers approved a new contract with General Motors, ending the weeks-long strike that shuttered the automaker and sent nearly 50,000 workers to picket lines across the country, in what was one of the largest work stoppages in recent years.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 10-25-2019 **PA Turnpike begins cashless tolling Sunday at Ohio border, Route 66 bypass**
Beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, the Pennsylvania Turnpike will no longer accept cash payment for tolls at two new locations, the entry from Ohio in Lawrence County and the Turnpike Route 66 bypass in Westmoreland County. The agency is encouraging motorists to use its prepaid E-ZPass transponder... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Robotics company Starship Technologies has taken its fleet of automated food delivery robots off Oakland's streets and back to the drawing board after a University of Pittsburgh student this week flagged issues with the robots blocking access to sidewalks. The company will meet in November with the Oakland Transportation... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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With the Mack Trucks strike slated to end, a recent report from parent company Volvo Group provides a look at the heavy-duty truck market that 3,500 workers will return to next week. First, where the market has been: The company delivered almost 50,500 trucks in North America through the first nine months of the year, up 27%... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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The Issue: The question of how to act when a lane narrows prompts strong reactions from readers. Our Opinion: No matter which method of merging one prefers, there's no excuse for being discourteous. In a recent editorial we discussed some of Berks County's worst stretches... - [Reading Eagle](#)



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It's been quiet around the railroad bridge that runs over South Orange Street in Carlisle the past four months. New signs were installed on June 19 prohibiting tractor-trailers from making turns that would take them under that bridge, a notorious site for stuck trucks.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
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JAKARTA — Design flaws in Boeing's 737 Max jet, regulatory lapses and false assumptions about pilots' responses to new systems combined to cause last year's fatal Lion Air crash, Indonesian investigators said Friday, as they released a final report that pinpointed faults in a... - [Washington Post](#)
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I tried the duct tape trick on the broken cup holder in one of the middle seats, but the tape didn't hold. And there are so many small dings on the van that if someone accidentally hits me, I wouldn't be able to tell if it's a new dent. In the past year or so, I've had to fix the air conditioner and repair... - [Washington Post](#)
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