



Transportation Recap

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SESSION STATUS

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

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

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

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

Senate

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

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

Cosponsor Memos

[HCO2119](#) [Boback, Karen\(R\)](#)

Clarifies PennDOT's responsibility regarding drainage facilities on state highways in boroughs and incorporated towns.

[HCO2364](#) [Burns, Frank\(D\)](#)

Designates a bridge on the portion of Friend Lea Road as the Cyril Thomas Yeckley Memorial Bridge. Allows constituents to obtain handicap parking placards in their respective legislative district offices. Reinstates the position of Deputy Secretary for Aviation within the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

[SCO 900](#) [Brooks, Michele\(R\)](#)

[SCO1114](#) [Argall, David\(R\)](#)

Bill Actions

[HB 384](#) [Kail, Joshua \(F\)\(R\)](#)

(PN 354) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for penalties relating to classes of licenses. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

- 06-18-19 S Signed in the Senate
- 06-18-19 G In the hands of the Governor
- 06-28-19 G Last day for Governor's action
- 06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 22)
- 08-27-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1065](#) [Dush, Cris\(R\)](#)

(PN 1226) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3033 over Redbank Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, as the CPL James Slagle 2nd Ranger Battalion Army Ranger WWII Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

- 06-19-19 H Signed in the House
- 06-19-19 G In the hands of the Governor
- 06-29-19 G Last day for Governor's action
- 06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 25)
- 08-27-19 G Earliest effective date



HB 1166 **Jozwiak, Barry(R)** (PN 1344) Amends the act entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services. The bill increases various pilotage fees and charges. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

- 06-19-19 S Signed in the Senate
- 06-20-19 G In the hands of the Governor
- 06-30-19 G Last day for Governor's action
- 06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 26)
- 08-27-19 G Earliest effective date

HB 1782 **Burns, Frank(D)** Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1002, also known as Friend Lea Road, over U.S. Route 219 in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Cyril T. Yeckley Memorial Bridge.

Bill History:

- 08-27-19 H Filed

SB 338 **Langerholc, Wayne(R)** (PN 503) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, increasing the maximum width of vehicles of 18 feet (from 16 feet). Further provides for larger-sized farm machinery and equipment. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 325)

Bill History:

- 06-19-19 H Signed in the House
- 06-19-19 G In the hands of the Governor
- 06-29-19 G Last day for Governor's action
- 06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 28)
- 08-27-19 G Earliest effective date

SB 773 **Killion, Thomas(R)** (PN 1148) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, establishing a definition for continuous alcohol monitoring device; in licensing of drivers, providing, upon approval of a petition, that the ignition interlock device must be installed in any motor vehicle to be operated by the individual, and proof of installation must be provided; in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, establishing that whenever an individual has been arrested for a violation, and was convicted of two or more prior offenses under section 3802, the arresting officer shall impound the vehicle that the individual was operating at the time of arrest; and providing for a study of driving under the influence courts. The legislation provides provisions related to the implementation of vehicle impoundment, along with language regarding the grading of offenses, consecutive sentences, and participation with drug and alcohol addiction treatment. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History:

- 08-28-19 S Filed
- 08-28-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



SB 837 **Brooks, Michele(R)** (PN 1146) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, providing for persons with disabilities to obtain temporary disability parking placards from their legislative district offices. The legislation also provides that the placards will only be valid for a period of not more than six months. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

08-26-19 S Filed
08-26-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

September 3, 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

House Transportation

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

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

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

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

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

Pittsburgh Port Authority

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

PA State Transportation Commission

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

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

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



In the News

- 08-28-2019 **I-83 commuters to encounter construction zones beyond early 2020s**
Anyone driving on Interstate 83 from the Harrisburg area to the Maryland line is guaranteed to run into construction zones. About one-third of the major thoroughfare in Pennsylvania is under construction. Currently, nearly 17 miles out of 50 miles are under construction on I-83 in Pennsylvania, which cuts through Cumberland,... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Travel Delays Likely for Drivers Headed to Penn State Football Games This Fall**
Penn State football will kick off its 2019 season at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday against Idaho, and that means thousands of fans will be traveling to State College this week. As usual, those fans should be prepared to encounter road work and potential travel delays along the way.... - [State College News](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Ruskin traffic remains a worry**
Carole Parsons teaches piano, where everything is under the control of the practitioner: If you mess up, it's on you. It's not necessarily so with driving, where you may be subject to carelessness of other drivers and less-than-safe conditions. At a recent City Council meeting, Parsons, who lives on Ruskin Drive, spoke... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Ebensburg moving forward with runway paving plans**
EBENSBURG — Cracks in a local airport runway could be filled as early as next spring after borough council members agreed Monday to apply for grant money. The potential \$500,000 project was proposed to council members by Regional Aircraft Conservation Recreation Association President John Glass, who said... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Put limits on tracking data**
Police across Pennsylvania widely use license-plate tracking cameras, which are mounted in police vehicles and along highways, for an array of valid law-enforcement purposes. Using databases compiled from millions of time-stamped images from specific locations, police can track vehicles on state and federal watch lists, look... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-28-2019 **UGI opens CNG fueling station**
WILKES-BARRE TWP. — UGI officials celebrated the opening of a new compressed natural gas fueling station Tuesday at the company's office on East Northampton Street. The utility invested \$700,000 in the station that will help serve its growing fleet of Wilkes-Barre-Twp.-based natural gas-powered vehicles, said... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-28-2019 **More than 200 pounds of knives, blunt objects, confiscated at local airport this year**
Knives of all shapes and sizes, a BB gun, some work tools, a lacrosse stick, a meat tenderizer, a railroad spike and a pair of juggling clubs sat on display Tuesday in the terminal lobby of the local airport in Pittston Twp. All were surrendered to the Transportation Security Administration this... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-28-2019 **LCTA apologizes for rebranding confusion**
WILKES-BARRE — Officials of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority apologized to county council on Tuesday for confusion over the authority's recent rebranding. Charles Sciandra, chairman of the transportation authority board, and board solicitor Joseph Blazosek told council the board did not know that... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)



- 08-28-2019 **TSA displays items not allowed to be carried onto an airplane**
PITTSTON TWP. — If you plan to travel by air, you will have leave your rolling pin, meat tenderizer and, oh yeah, your knife and handgun in your checked baggage. And that's not all that will be confiscated by TSA security when you go to board your flight. Transportation Security Administration officials held a media event Tuesday... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-28-2019 **If you feel different, you drive different**
As Labor Day, seen by many as the unofficial end of summer, approaches this coming Monday, many people who are fortunate enough to have the day off will take the opportunity for one final summer blowout, which for some will include consuming alcohol. And while adults of age drinking responsibly is perfectly fine, the fact is... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Towamencin recap: Firearms range rules and regs approved**
TOWAMENCIN — An updated code is now on the books that should help make Towamencin safer. The township supervisors voted unanimously on Aug. 14 to adopt an updated code spelling out rules and regulations for private firearms ranges in the township. "It started from one some time ago, that's what caused us to look at the... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Akron Borough considers suit against former engineer following sidewalk installation fiasco**
Akron Borough is considering filing a lawsuit against its former engineer for the firm's alleged improper inspections of newly-built sidewalks. The engineering firm, Arro Consulting, Inc., allegedly signed off on some sidewalks and curbs that did not meet both borough or Americans with... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Coatesville council slams contractors for construction delays at routes 30, 82**
Construction delays at the major intersection of routes 30 and 82 prompted Coatesville City Council on Aug. 26 to take to task the engineering and construction firms in charge of the redesign project. Representatives from Cedarville Engineering Group of Pottstown explained... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Pittsburgh man charged in Wood Street T station knife attack**
A Pittsburgh man has been charged with aggravated assault in connection with a knife attack at the Wood Street transit station Downtown late Tuesday night. Shortly before 11 p.m. an Allegheny County Port Authority police officer was flagged down at the station for a report of a knife attack, according... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-28-2019 **A new bill, inspired by a Delco woman.s death, aims to crack down on Pa.'s repeat DUI drivers**
Lawmakers in Delaware County, inspired by the death of a woman killed by a six-time drunk driver, are hoping a new piece of legislation will close what they call a persistent .loophole. in Pennsylvania law. State Sen. Thomas H. Killion (R., Delaware) unveiled .Deana.s Law. on... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-28-2019 **'I Buy Houses Cash' fliers or PPA tickets? Illegal fliers latest deceptive campaign.**
People behind .We Buy Houses. campaigns are testing their creativity, as West Philadelphia residents found last week when fliers that look more like parking tickets than ads for a business offering cash for homes were left on dozens of cars stretching across a handful of blocks, according to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 08-28-2019 **Glass bus shelters are digital, sleek, and a tempting target for Philly.s vandals**
Those sleek glass bus shelters in Philadelphia are apparently attracting more than transit riders. The shelters. glass panes and digital advertising screens have become targets for vandalism. Forty-five of the 65 incidents of damage reported at bus shelters this year involved the glass structures, city records show,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-28-2019 **Negotiations to bring an upscale hotel to Allentown airport set to begin**
Another Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority development is inching closer to take off. On Tuesday, the authority.s Board of Governors voted to start negotiations with High Real Estate Group, a Lancaster-based developer. High.s proposal called for building an upscale hotel, restaurant and a convenience store on... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-27-2019 **Canonsburg considers parking kiosks**
Canonsburg officials are considering changing public parking, with a possible switch from coin meters to kiosk stations. Mayor Dave Rhome said the preliminary discussion concerns the nearly 200 parking meters in the borough's business district, both lots and street... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 08-27-2019 **Former Reading bus terminal will soon feature a newsstand**
The former Inter-City Bus Terminal in Reading will soon be home to a newsstand. Daniel DeCarlo Sr., whose son purchased the terminal in May, plans to open 3rd & Court News & Chews in the coming weeks. "Basically some vending machines, a news stand, cigarettes, cigars, and... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-27-2019 **Council eyes city curbs**
City Council on Monday approved a new five-year capital improvement plan that calls for borrowing \$8 million in the coming two years — yet the focus of discussion was a \$251,000 allocation for replacement of curbs. Currently, the city doesn't invest anything in curb repair or... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-27-2019 **PennDOT, state police trying to keep Labor Day drivers safe**
Last year's Labor Day holiday resulted in 660 arrests for DUI and 80 crashes related to alcohol, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. In addition, there 13 alcohol-related fatalities and seven deaths that were drug related. With Labor Day less than a week away, PennDOT and the Pennsylvania State... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 08-27-2019 **River Valley's regionalized routes await approval**
Pending approval from various area county commissioners, River Valley Transit is looking to expand their fixed route transit to Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia counties, the Williamsport Area Transportation Study said Monday. The public comment period will end Wednesday, and will be sent to be... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-27-2019 **Ebensburg council OKs contract for paving project**
EBENSBURG – So much paving, so little time. It's the concern of Ebensburg Borough Council, which has numerous streets to be resurfaced following this summer's borough-wide wastewater project and placement of natural gas lines, along with a large paving project that will start after completion of that work and is... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-27-2019 **Pitt researchers develop marijuana breathalyzer**
With more and more states legalizing both medical and recreational marijuana, sooner or later some bright scientist had to invent a marijuana breathalyzer. Now it appears researchers at the University of Pittsburgh may have just walked to the head of the class.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 08-26-2019 **Motorists urged to watch for buses**
As school area students head back to school, motorists should be on the lookout for school buses stopping for children. Blatant disregard for a school bus' red lights and extended stop sign arm will result in stiff penalties, Hollidaysburg State Police Trooper... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Spencer Run project planned**
The Altoona Water Authority is planning a \$71,000 in-house project to replace gabion baskets that are collapsing into Spencer Run, threatening the side yard of a residential property along Colonial Drive in Allegheny Township, just south of the entrance to Cross Keys Village mobile home... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Patching tops PennDOT's Erie County to-do list**
Maintenance work this week also will include seal coating and crack sealing. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation maintenance crews will patch portions of the Bayfront Parkway in Erie this week. Crews also will patch West Ridge Road in Millcreek and Fairview townships,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Pedal Pittsburgh brings out thousands for bike ride through city**
On a day when perfect weather made going outside a true pleasure, nearly 3,000 people rode their bicycles Sunday through city streets and on well-groomed trails that offer close-up views of Pittsburgh's bridges, buildings and riverfronts. For the 26th consecutive year, Pedal Pittsburgh drew the usual serious... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Crestwood postpones first day of school following bus issues**
Students and teachers won't be headed back to the classroom today in the Crestwood School District, which delayed the start of school until Sept. 3 to address transportation issues. Incoming Superintendent Bob Mehalick posted on the district website and fielded calls from parents and media, as news of the decision spread across... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 08-26-2019 **A welcoming focus on safety**
Safety was the name of the game at the Interstate 80 Welcome Center in Delaware Water Gap on Friday, August 23. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation joined forces with the Highway Safety Network and other organizations to... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Editorial: Safe driving especially important as school starts**
The importance of staying safe behind the wheel should always be on motorists' minds, but there are certain times of year when it's especially good to issue some reminders. We are in such a period now. As the season for summer activities winds down, the need for vigilance on... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Does Murphy have his priorities straight with NJ Transit? | Editorial**
Gov. Phil Murphy has a chronic migraine called NJ Transit, no bulletin there. Everyone knew that restoring the agency was going to be a long and ugly slog, because it had been pillaged by a cabal of vandals, bagmen and frauds for eight years with the approval of the previous governor.... - [Trenton Times](#)



- 08-26-2019 **Governors of 4 states, including Maryland, to take part in transportation summit**
The governors of Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island and New Hampshire are planning to meet to discuss transportation issues. Republican Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is hosting the National Governors Association infrastructure summit in Boston on Monday and... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 08-26-2019 **As school starts, social media becomes the catalyst to promote bus safety**
“School’s open. Watch for school buses.” Those were the words of Bethlehem Police Chief Mark DiLuzio posted to the department’s Facebook page last week as kids around the Lehigh Valley began their first day of classes. Many more will start this week, and officials are turning to social media to emphasize school bus safety.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Over 3,000 Cyclists Take To The Streets For Pedal Pittsburgh**
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — More than three thousand cyclists took to Pittsburgh’s Streets Sunday morning to ride as a community and promote the activity. This is the 26th year for the cycling tradition in the Steel City. “I just love biking,” said Justin Crunkleton of New Castle.... - [KDKA](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Advocates continue pushing for more passenger rail service from Pittsburgh to the east**
Advocates continue pushing for more passenger rail service from Pittsburgh to the east After more than 10 years of discussing, studying and lobbying about more passenger rail service from Pittsburgh to the east, only one thing is settled: If there is more service, it will be costly.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-26-2019 **U.S.-China trade war keeping gas prices down for Labor Day**
The escalating trade war with China will benefit motorists at the gas pump this Labor Day. .With Labor Day around the corner, motorists will see the cheapest end to the summer since 2016, a great send-off to wrap up the summer driving season, but more good news likely lay ahead for motorists,. said Patrick... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-26-2019 **Labor Day 2019 gas prices lower than the past two years, according to GasBuddy and AAA**
People traveling by car for the unofficial end-of-summer Labor Day weekend will see the lowest prices at the pump since 2016. And, gas prices are expected to continue to fall as we approach autumn. .For now six straight weeks we’ve seen the national average price of... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 08-26-2019 **South Fayette is among sites eyed for Uber self-driving car test track**
A former airport in South Fayette Township is among the sites under consideration for a research and test track for self-driving cars, about 15 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. The township.s board of commissioners will vote Sept. 11 on a conditional zoning change needed to develop a research and technology park for... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Mount Washington Transit Tunnel reopens to bus and T service**
The Mount Washington Transit Tunnel, a short-cut for buses and the T between Downtown Pittsburgh and neighborhoods south of the city, reopened Saturday night to commuters who use the Port Authority. Light rail vehicles resumed regular service at 7:15 p.m., and buses were... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 08-25-2019 **School bus driver fatally electrocuted after utility pole collision**
A school bus driver died Friday in North Sewickley after his vehicle hit a utility pole, according to Beaver County Emergency Services. The driver was Timothy VanKirk, 60 of Ellwood City, according to Beaver County Coroner David J. Gabauer. His bus, which was otherwise empty, hit a utility pole near the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Pittsburgh airport travelers bring throwing stars, brass knuckles and knives. Lots of knives.**
A gold fidget spinner .throwing star,. brass knuckles, mini bats, martial arts weapons and knives . lots of knives. Those are only a few examples of the .tons. of prohibited items left behind yearly at Pittsburgh International Airport, a government official said... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Ruth Ann Dailey: Summertime congestion**
A short time after I crossed from Ohio into Pennsylvania last weekend, returning from vacation, I encountered the day.s first traffic jam . a sudden and complete standstill on I-70. After long, long minutes of stop-and-barely-go, I crested a hill and saw the problem.s source.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Winter is coming: Why gas pump isn.t where you see the impact of Philly refinery closure**
In the days after a devastating fire closed the Philadelphia Energy Solutions refinery in South Philadelphia, wholesale gasoline prices shot up with the expected loss of fuel supplied by the East Coast.s largest refinery. But a funny thing happened on the way to the gas station.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Taking steps to hold drivers accountable signals a change in Philly.s pervasive car culture | Opinion**
Thirty-five members of Philadelphia.s cycling and pedestrian advocacy community descended upon the District Attorney.s Office on Friday, Aug. 16, to demand the office appeal the case of Emily Fredricks, who was hit and killed by the driver of a Gold Medal trash truck in November 2017.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-25-2019 **'BEEP for B'man' a great reason to lay on your horn**
Motorists have a great excuse to lay on their horns in O.Hara. Fourteen-year-old Bill Carney, also known as B.man, sits at the corner of Fox Chapel and Freeport roads in Fox Chapel Plaza several evenings a week. His mission? Soliciting honks, beeps and waves from the driving public.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Penn State's new weather data collection system to gather localized information**
When it comes to Western Pennsylvania.s recent weather woes, forewarned is forearmed. Those warnings might get a little more accurate and timely with a new Penn State project to install a series of mini weather stations across the state. The Pennsylvania Mesonet . short for mesoscale network . will eventually... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Laurels & lances: Hard work, fast train, sweet music**
Laurel: To the value of a hard worker. Some people have plans to retire after 20 or 30 years on the job. Not Nora Morant. At 88, the Oakland woman has spent 70 years on the housekeeping staff at Charles Morris Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Squirrel Hill.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 08-25-2019 **Electric City Classic draws cyclists from around the world to Scranton**
Clanging cowbells grew louder as cyclists sped closer. More than 230 athletes from around the world raced around downtown Scranton on Saturday, competing in the inaugural Electric City Classic. CYCLING: Electric City Classic results A project of Scranton Tomorrow, downtown streets were emptied of cars and... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Clean car standards good for drivers, environment**
In 2014, President Obama proposed standards requiring cars and pickup trucks to get a fleetwide average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. His plan would not only reduce carbon pollution but save consumers money at the pump. Unfortunately, President Trump, at the behest of the fossil fuel industry,... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-25-2019 **35th in cost-effectiveness**
It seems appropriate that the political division responsible for the Pennsylvania government's inertia often is described relative to Interstate Route 80, which divides the state roughly in half from east to west. Political analysts often talk about issues regarding their impact above or... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Police, PennDOT want motorists to be aware of safety for the beginning of school**
As students are beginning to go back to school in the area this week, both PennDOT and local police want motorists to abide by rules to keep students safe. Thank you for Reading! Please log in, or sign up for a new account and purchase a subscription to continue reading.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 08-25-2019 **Students encouraged to participate in Innovations Challenge**
Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the third PennDOT Innovations Challenge. Co-sponsored by PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the challenge encourages students to use problem-solving, creative and strategic-thinking abilities to solve real-world... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 08-25-2019 **LCTA re-branding on hold**
The re-branding of the transportation authority that serves much of Luzerne County is on hold, pending a discussion between authority board members and county council on Tuesday. The Luzerne County Transportation Authority unveiled its new branding identity, Northeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, during an... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 08-25-2019 **First Vegas-themed gaming room opens in Western Pennsylvania**
The first legal Video Gaming Terminals in Western Pennsylvania opened to the public last week at Emlenton Truck Plaza in Emlenton. The Pennsylvania legislature approved truck stop gaming in 2017. Emlenton Truck Plaza will be among the very first in the state to operate the games.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 08-25-2019 **PennDOT challenges students to help curb litter**
The department's Innovations Challenge offers cash prizes for the best solutions and technologies. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is offering cash prizes for students with the best ideas and technologies to curb littering. The department's annual Innovations Challenge this year asks students in... - [Erie Times-News](#)



- 08-25-2019 **[Erie Events considers options for waterfront market](#)**
A \$1.5 million state grant was recently confirmed for the Market House project at the former GAF Materials Corp. property. Launching a nearly \$6 million market house on the city's west bayfront . a year-round operation that could include both a full-service grocery store... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 08-25-2019 **[Editorial: Don't let poor driving decisions ruin great time of year](#)**
The approach of Labor Day and children.s return to school pose extra dangers on roads. Our Opinion: Folks who are out drinking must be prepared to get a ride, and motorists, parents and children can all play a role in promoting safety as classes resume. The importance of staying safe behind the wheel should always be on... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-25-2019 **[Can a Silicon Valley entrepreneur fix California's troubled DMV? Newsom is banking on it](#)**
Tech entrepreneur Steve Gordon got a glimpse of how wary Californians are of the Department of Motor Vehicles when he visited an office near his San Jose home at 6 a.m. one morning and found people waiting in line . even though the doors didn.t open until 8.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-25-2019 **[It's time to sign up for Real ID | Opinion](#)**
Beginning October 1, 2020, the Real ID Law will be enforced across the country. This means that in order to board a domestic commercial airline flight, all citizens will need Real ID-compliant licenses, identification cards or other forms of federally-acceptable identification. By other forms of... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[More rail stops topic of hearing](#)**
Interested parties in Huntingdon County are encouraged to attend a hearing Wednesday, Aug. 28, to explore the possibilities of adding another train to the Pennsylvanian line of Amtrak. - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Think Pennsylvania roads are bad? Report says our roads are much better than New York and New Jersey](#)**
New Jersey spends more per mile on its highway system than any other state in the country but isn't getting its money's worth, according to a report released Thursday by a nonpartisan public policy group... - [AP](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Truck traffic continues to drive Lehigh Valley's long-term plans](#)**
Any conversation about the future of the Lehigh Valley can't seem to get away from trucks. On Wednesday night, members of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission hosted its second public comment section on its draft comprehensive plan. The report spells out the organization's strategy for how the Lehigh Valley... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Construction rolls on at Logans Ferry Road bridge at Lower Burrell-Plum border](#)**
A construction crew will soon be pouring concrete for the deck for the Logans Ferry Road bridge on the side heading toward New Kensington. Soon after, a crew from Plum Contracting will prepare to build the lanes in the other direction. That will happen starting next month, according to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 08-23-2019 **Residents: Closed bridge has created a 'dangerous' detour**
There's no doubt the 142-year-old Shaffer Covered Bridge is in need of restoration, local leaders say. But closing the county bridge, which crosses Bens Creek near Somerset Pike, has also required a multi-mile detour for several homes on the opposite side of the stream, and residents there are worried that could also cause... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-23-2019 **Legal threat halts Sans Souci work**
HANOVER TWP. — A legal threat has halted work to repave the Sans Souci Parkway, postponing the work for at least several weeks. The four-mile-long Sans Souci Parkway which runs through Hanover Twp., linking Nanticoke and Wilkes-Barre, remains milled since the work was... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 08-23-2019 **Crestwood parents voice displeasure over bus routes**
WRIGHT TWP. — Students as young as kindergarten from St. Jude School would have a 10½- or 11-hour school day if they follow the bus schedule set by the Crestwood School District, parents said. They want the district to provide busing dedicated to St. Jude's... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 08-23-2019 **Bus crisis in Crestwood**
MOUNTAIN TOP — Students as young as kindergarteners from St. Jude School would have a 10½- or 11-hour school day if they follow the bus schedule set by the Crestwood School District, parents said. They want the district to provide busing dedicated to St. Jude's... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 08-23-2019 **PennDOT: I-83 southbound lanes to close overnight Friday, Sunday**
The southbound lanes of Interstate 83 will be closed overnight Friday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Aug. 25, for bridge work, PennDOT announced Thursday. Contractors will be removing beams from the Mount Rose Avenue bridge that crosses over I-83 at Exit 18 in Springettsbury Township from 11 p.m. to 5... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 08-23-2019 **I-80 restoration project continues next week**
DANVILLE — Motorists traveling on Interstate 80 westbound should be on the alert for potential delays due to a highway restoration project on I-80 in Liberty and Valley townships, Montour County. Various sections of the left (passing) lane and shoulder on I-80 westbound... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 08-23-2019 **Chester County towing company sues Reading Parking Authority for \$2.8M**
READING — A Chester County towing contractor Wednesday sued the Reading Parking Authority for \$2.8 million alleging the authority owes him for cars he towed and stored. Travis Stacey, owner of Stacey's Towing, Honey Brook, said the authority contracted with him to tow vehicles parked in the city that appeared to be... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 08-23-2019 **Lansdale council OKs expanded permit parking zones**
LANSDALE — Starting in just a few weeks, Lansdale residents may see the stylized L borough logo popping up in plenty of new places. That logo will form the core of the borough's newly expanded permit parking system, which council voted unanimously on Wednesday night to expand to... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)



- 08-23-2019 **[How Will Penn State's New Football Traffic System Impact Toftrees?](#)**
With Penn State's new traffic and parking system for football home games this fall, fans will be directed to follow specific routes for designated lots in one of four parking zones. One of those routes runs through Toftrees Avenue, and on Wednesday, university representatives spoke at the... - [State College News](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Hyndman lawsuits near resolutions](#)**
Three separate lawsuits brought by Hyndman residents against CSX Transportation Inc. after the Aug. 2, 2017, derailment that caused an explosion that lit the sky in the early morning hours that Wednesday have recently made steps to come to a resolution or are closer to it.... - [Bedford Gazette](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Parking meters that automatically smack you with tickets? No way! Murphy just vetoed it.](#)**
Gov. Phil Murphy has rejected a measure that would have allowed New Jersey towns to install so-called smart meters capable of automatically issuing parking tickets, NJ Advance Media has learned. Proponents of the technology have argued it brings the age-old process of... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[DuBois, Sandy Twp. chiefs remind drivers to be cautious with school back in session](#)**
DuBois Area School District students returned to class today, and DuBois and Sandy Township police chiefs are reminding drivers to be cautious as school zones become more active, and be aware of school bus safety. "We need to be cautious with our driving and be very conscientious of... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Another warehouse is coming to Airport Road, replacing 16 buildings at Route 329](#)**
The transformation of an industrial park into a single warehouse in East Allen Township has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The board Thursday granted conditional use approval to Imperial Realty Group LLC to subdivide the property at Airport Road and Route 329 into four... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Police: 19 parked vehicles keyed this week on Mt. Washington streets](#)**
As many as 19 vehicles parked on two streets in Pittsburgh's Mt. Washington neighborhood were keyed between Wednesday night and Thursday morning, Pittsburgh police spokeswoman Cara Cruz said. They were parked on Laclede and Kathleen streets, she said, in what... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-23-2019 **[Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel set to reopen](#)**
The Port Authority of Allegheny County expects to reopen the Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel for regular light rail service Monday. The tunnel has been closed for maintenance since July 26, requiring the authority to detour nearly two dozen routes and causing some delays for... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



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