



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

PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS AND UNION CALL FOR ACTION ON HB 1082

By Harrison Cann, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | September 11, 2019

Pennsylvania workers and union representatives, joined by Auditor General Eugene DePasquale and Rep. Thomas Mehaffie (R-Dauphin), asked the General Assembly to take action on [HB 1082](#) and increase health and safety protections for public-sector workers.

“Public employees rush into buildings that are collapsing when everyone else is running out...and too many times they rush in to give their life,” David Gash, president, Harrisburg Region Central Labor Council, stated, following a moment of silence honoring the victims of the September 11 attacks. Gash asserted that he is speaking today because public employees do not share the same protections as private employees.

Gash detailed the story of when he was hit by a car while working for the Department of Transportation (PennDOT), stating that safe working conditions are a right and not a privilege. “We will never be ashamed of fighting for the rights of workers,” Gash added.

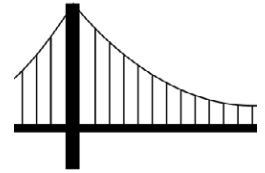
DePasquale stated that the issue of workers’ rights should not be a partisan issue. “It has always been stunning to find out that local governments were exempt from a lot of workplace safety regulations,” DePasquale said. “Over time, the ramifications of that distinction become more and more dangerous.” Discussing his previous audits of health care facilities, DePasquale claimed that unsafe working conditions, such as mandatory overtime, are dangerous for both the worker and patient’s safety.

Steve Catanese, president, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 668, stated that following the 9/11 attacks, many people stressed the importance of defining what is “morally right and wrong.” He added that the issue of public worker safety “is morally clear.” Catanese reiterated DePasquale’s claim in that the issue should not be partisan. He stated that many public service workers are going into their field not for the money but for the calling to help society.

“Pennsylvania has not had the courage and fortitude to go to the General Assembly and say ‘we think public workers are worth it.’” Concluding, he reiterated that public workers deserve the same Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations that private-sector workers have, and that he wants to ensure that “children of our members do not have to worry about whether their mom or dad is going to come home.”

George Hartwick, Dauphin County Commissioner, detailed a story of when he was mayor of Steelton and a construction worker lost his life due to a lack of local safety regulations for workers. “The most difficult jobs I found are the ones that SEIU workers are doing,” Hartwick said. He added that public works employees often face dangerous situations similar to the ones police officers face, but do not receive the same protections.

“This issue has been around too long to not take action,” Hartwick stated. “Public employees do not have the same protections [as private employees], and you would assume that they would come first.” He reiterated that public workers often sacrifice a higher salary because they want to serve the public.



Rep. Mehaffie recognized Rep. Patrick Harkins (D-Erie) for introducing HB 1082 and stated that the issue of worker's rights is a bipartisan issue that "we really need to push." He stated that employers always take care of their employees as if they were their family, and that should be no different in the public sector.

"When I became a commissioner, I could not believe that we were not following OSHA...it was astonishing," Rep. Mehaffie added. He asserted that there are cases where PennDOT employees working on one side of a road do not have the same protections as private-sector workers on the other side of the road. He stressed for others to slow down in construction zones and have patience with public workers because accidents can occur when they rush.

Gash stated that 28 states have already passed similar safety and health protections, and that "it is time we do it in Pennsylvania." He concluded by stating that with help, they can ensure that there will not be an empty seat at the dinner table because of another worker losing their life serving the public.

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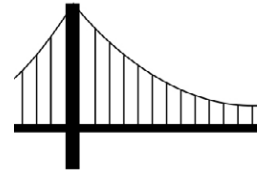
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DISCUSSES PROGRAMS HELPING STUDENTS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | September 12, 2019

Department of Health officials along with representatives from Pennsylvania's BrainSTEPS (Strategies, Teaching Educators, Parents and Students) Program today held a news conference to discuss the impacts of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and resources available to students with a TBI. Sarah Boateng, executive deputy secretary at the Department of Health, told reporters, "A traumatic brain injury or TBI is an important public health issue that can cause death and disability." She added, "Those who survive a TBI can have effects that can last for days or even the rest of their lives."

Boateng explained that TBIs can affect memory, movement, sensations and emotions. She noted that a concussion is the most common type of TBI. Boateng reported, "According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), during the last decade emergency room visits for sports and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries including concussions among children and teens nationwide have increase 60 percent." She reported, "According to the CDC, during the last decade emergency room visits for sports and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries including concussions among children and teens nationwide have increase 60 percent." Boateng commented, "While this alarming increase is important, we can educate the public on safety tips in prevention." She outlined some ways to reduce the risk of a concussion including the use of age and size appropriate car seats and booster seats; wearing a helmet that fits correctly; wearing proper sports equipment; and using gates at the top and bottom of stairs to prevent serious falls for infants and toddlers. Boateng explained that the BrainSTEPS program works with teachers and students' families to improve education for those who have experienced any type of brain injury. She further explained, "BrainSTEP teams are comprised of social workers, school nurses, counselors, psychologists and athletic trainers and these teams provide training and education to teachers so they can effectively help students with a TBI achieve educational success upon graduation."

According to Brenda Eagan-Johnson, BrainSTEPS program manager, "Pennsylvania is leading the nation for supporting students in the state who sustain any severity of acquired brain injury." She outlined some brain injury facts including: brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability in children and adolescents according to the CDC; after a brain injury students may experience learning and/or behavioral issues; outward physical recovery of a child does not signify the brain has healed; and the effects of brain injury in children are not always apparent and may not become evident until the child reaches important developmental stages. Eagan-Johnson explained to reporters that the program was created in 2007 by Department of Health and is jointly funded by the department and the Department of Education Bureau of Special Education and is implemented by the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania. She further explained that BrainSTEP teams across the Commonwealth are based in the educational intermediate units under the Department of Education and are comprised of approximately 300 educational brain injury consultants. Eagan-Johnson said, "BrainSTEP teams collaborate with schools, medical providers, students and families to meet the student's educational needs after brain injury by providing targeted consultation and training to help the school staff, including the teachers, understand the student's brain injury and provide



recommendations for appropriate academic accommodations.” She also said that once a student is referred to BrainSTEPS, “the team will follow that student annually until the student graduates.”

Eagan-Johnson told reporters, “Acquired brain injuries are brain injuries that occur after birth and include nontraumatic and traumatic injuries.” She explained, “Moderate and traumatic brain injury often results from an external physical force commonly caused by recreational activities, falls, assault, abuse, gunshot wounds, motor vehicle accidents including bicycle and pedestrian accidents and abusive head trauma. Eagan-Johnson further explained, “Nontraumatic brain injuries also receive services after a student has had a nontraumatic brain injury and those result from an internal process caused commonly by strokes, brain tumors, aneurisms, lack of oxygen to the brain, lightning strike, late term chemotherapy and radiation effects to the brain, near drowning, brain infections and viruses, toxic injuries, a cardiac event or a diabetic coma.” She noted that concussions “are the most commonly occurring type of brain injury.” Eagan-Johnson reported that BrainSTEPS created a separate training model in Pennsylvania to help schools manage student concussions and have trained over 2500 school staff since 2013 who serve on their schools’ concussion team.

Dr. Ronald Deguffroy, Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 team leader, provided an overview of how the teams operate. He explained that the program is designed to deal with functional impairments that come with the injury. Deguffroy encourage parents to go to the program’s website www.brainsteps.net if they have a student who is suffering from a concussion or other traumatic brain injury. He noted that degree of support is based on the need of the student and for some of those it may be a combination of regular education and all the way through specialized programming.

Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

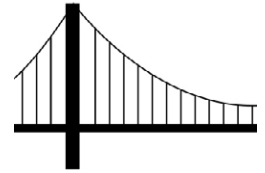
PUC: CHAPTER 56 WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission announces the first meeting of the Chapter 56 Working Group. The meeting will be held on October 29, 2019, at 9 a.m. in the Keystone Building, Harrisburg.

Interested stakeholders, including parties from the final rulemaking order, are encouraged to participate in the working group. Utilities and interested stakeholders should e-mail Laura Griffin at laurgriffi@pa.gov by Friday, October 18, 2019, to inform the commission of their intent to participate at the working group meeting. Questions concerning the working group may be directed to Patricia T. Wiedt, assistant counsel, Law Bureau, at (717) 787-5000 or Matthew Hrivnak, Bureau of Consumer Services, at (717) 783-1678.

Cosponsor Memos

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| HCO2365 | Snyder, Pam(D) | Creates special license plates for current members and veterans of the 28th Infantry Division. |
| HCO2488 | Rothman, Greg(R) | Designates the bridge carrying Route 1025 over U.S. Route 11/15 in East Pennsboro Township as the Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge. |
| HCO2489 | Murt, Thomas(R) | Creates an additional summary offense of distracted driving if a driver is also driving carelessly and establishes the Driver Distraction Awareness Fund. |
| HCO2496 | Malagari, Steven (F)
(D) | Increases penalties for texting while driving. |
| HCO2497 | Malagari, Steven (F)
(D) | Requires vehicles on both sides of a roadway to stop for pedestrians lawfully within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk. |



HCO2500	Boback, Karen(R)	Creates a special vehicle registration plate designed to raise awareness of bullying in schools.
HCO2527	Lewis, Andrew (F)(R)	Designates a portion of State Route 39 in Dauphin County as the Officer Mark Gaspich Memorial Highway.
HCO2540	Sanchez, Ben (F)(D)	Allows an individual on the autism spectrum to receive notation on their driver's license or identification card indicating their condition.
SCO1140	Williams, Lindsey (F)(D)	Allows individuals diagnosed with health conditions that may impede their ability to communicate to have a special designation placed on their driver's license or identification card.
SCO1151	Pittman, Joe(R)	Eliminates this confusion by allowing consumers to buy as much Uninsured and Under Insured Motorist (UM/UIM) coverage as they want.

Bill Actions

HB 303	Nelson, Eric(R)	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for firearms not to be carried without a license. Bill History: 09-11-19 H Filed
HB 1806	Snyder, Pam(D)	(PN 2449) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, providing for special plates for current members or veterans of the 28th Infantry Division. Effective in 90 days. Bill History: 09-10-19 H Filed 09-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 1810	Donatucci, Maria(D)	Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in transportation network service, providing for minimum pay rate; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry. Bill History: 09-11-19 H Filed

Upcoming Events

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

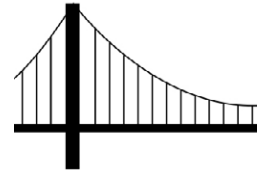
September 17, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Board Room B, Harrisburg
Board Meeting., For additional information: (717) 783-1697

PA Turnpike Commission

September 17, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl.,
Middletown
Formal Telephone Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Press Conference

September 17, 2019 - 11:00 a.m., Capitol Media Center, East Wing
Rep. Rabb & PennEnvironment Discuss 'F' Grade on Volkswagen Settlement



House Transportation

September 17, 2019 - 11:00 a.m., Room B31, Main Capitol

Informational meeting on the various perspectives on the usage of asphalt and concrete for road construction and maintenance

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

House Tourism and Recreational Development

September 18, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Informational meeting on the National Memorial Trail Alliance on progress to date, the potential impact on the Commonwealth, and the current movement in the US House and Senate to recognize the National Trail

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

PA Public Utility Commission

September 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

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

Department of Transportation

September 20, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., 1101 S. Front Street, Room 409, Harrisburg

Medical Advisory Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 705-7598

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

September 26, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia

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

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 27, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh

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

PA Turnpike Commission

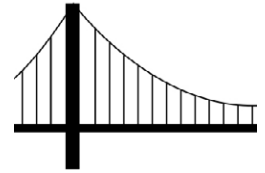
October 1, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

PA Public Utility Commission

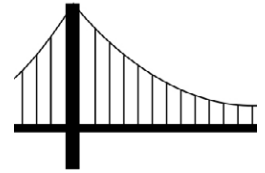
October 3, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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

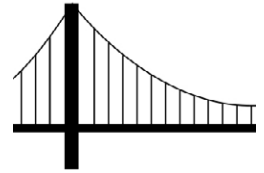


In the News

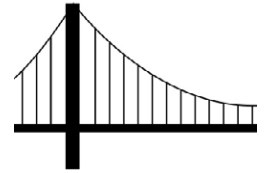
- 09-12-2019 **[AG DePasquale Says Pottsville Area School District Must Make...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-12-2019 **[PA Turnpike Commission Partners with Prevent Suicide PA to Build Awareness...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-12-2019 **[Muth Encourages Communities to Apply for Multi-Modal Assistance Funds](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-12-2019 **[Ward Appointed to Multi-State Transportation Policy Committee](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-12-2019 **[Pennsylvania orders Sunoco to cover exposed pipelines](#)**
The state Department of Environmental Protection is ordering Sunoco Pipeline LP to cover up portions of its pipeline network that have become exposed over time. The order follows the discovery of an exposed pipeline in June by the state Public Utility Commission, which then requested that Sunoco report any... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-12-2019 **[California bill could pave the way for labor rights for Uber drivers in Philly](#)**
In an act that highlights how prominent the labor struggles of gig workers have become, the California Senate passed a bill late Tuesday that is expected to transform how the on-demand gig economy works. The bill (AB5) will force app-based companies like Uber, Lyft, and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-12-2019 **[Harrison denies request for billboard along Alter Road, would be seen from Route 28](#)**
A man wanting to place a billboard visible from Route 28 in Harrison says he may try to do it in another municipality after being denied a variance to put one on land in the township. Harrison's zoning hearing board denied the variance requested by John P. Oliver of Oliver Development to place a billboard on property along... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-12-2019 **[Traffic snag on Brackenridge side of ATI's steel mill wreaks havoc for its Stieren neighbors](#)**
Stieren Avenue in Brackenridge is just too dangerous for Katy Thies to let her children play in front of her home. Because nearby Mile Lock Lane is one-way in the opposite direction between Stieren and First Avenue, more traffic comes down the narrow one-way... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-12-2019 **[Union leaders, elected officials vow to extend worker protections to public sector employees](#)**
Thousands of public sector workers in Pennsylvania do not have on-the-job health and safety protections, so local union leaders are urging state lawmakers to support a bill that would change that. About 100 union workers, organizers and elected officials rallied in the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2019 **[Reading rally supports creating OSHA-style health and safety regulations for public workers in Pennsylvania](#)**
State Rep. Pete Schweyer's father was a municipal worker. The Lehigh County Democrat told a group of about 30 labor leaders and local public officials gathered Wednesday afternoon in front of the Berks County Services Center that his dad cut the grass for the city and worked to... - [Reading Eagle](#)



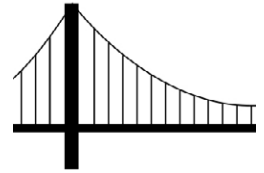
- 09-12-2019 **Easton City Council approves engineering study for new parking garage, refinances \$6.7 million bond**
Easton officials will work with engineering firm Pennoni to design a parking garage on North Fourth and Church streets behind the Easton Public Market. The city received 15 bids with Pennoni's \$270,300 the lowest. The highest was \$825,080. The garage will likely have more than 400 parking spaces with a pedestrian... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Still no agreement between Uniontown city, railroad officials**
Uniontown city officials and Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company representatives still aren't seeing eye to eye about who should be responsible for removing rail crossings that have become a safety concern for city officials and subsequent pavement restoration work.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 09-12-2019 **EDITORIAL: Off the rails just might work**
Thumbs up: If you find yourself hopping a "trolley" in downtown York City this fall, thank local entrepreneur Toni Calderone for the trip down memory lane. No, they're not really trolley cars — they'll be running on rubber, not rails — but the new four-bus fleet is designed to evoke... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Santarsiero, PennDOT tour Bucks roads and bridges**
State Sen. Steve Santarsiero and PennDOT officials toured several state-owned roads and bridges in the 10th District Tuesday and discussed funding, planning and other challenges in fixing problems areas in multiple communities. As time and traffic wear down roads and bridges throughout Bucks County,... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Sunoco ordered to cover exposed pipeline**
HARRISBURG — The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Wednesday ordered Sunoco Pipeline to cover exposed pipelines at more than three dozen locations across the state. Following the discovery of an exposed pipeline in June, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) requested that Sunoco identify any... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Chester County remembers 9/11 victims at touching ceremony**
COATESVILLE — On Wednesday morning, Chester County stopped to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001. County residents and officials took part in The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum September 11th Service Wednesday morning in front of the steel workers memorial.... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Upper Darby residents demand answer on speeding complaints**
UPPER DARBY — Owen Avenue residents in Drexel Hill who were promised relief from the speed demons cutting through their street have waited long enough and are demanding action. After the initial complaint last September, petitions were gathered and submitted, township council hired an engineering firm and a plan was... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Borough officials: New signal will improve traffic flow**
WEST MIDDLESEX – When giving directions, West Middlesex residents have two points of reference —the viaduct and "the light." For years, the borough's sole traffic light, at state Route 18 and Main Street, has served as a beacon for the community. However, it had a problem... - [Sharon Herald](#)



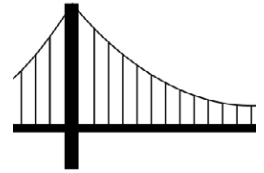
- 09-12-2019 **State Rep. Metzgar will dedicate Bedford bridge**
State Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar has announced that the bridge over Little Wills Creek on state Route 96 in Bedford County will be dedicated as the Staff Sgt. Roger (Rod) Guy Holler Memorial Bridge during a ceremony at 11 a.m. Sept. 21. Holler was a native of Buffalo Mills and a graduate of Hyndman High School... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Thousands ride in annual 9/11 Memorial Ride**
The roar of thousands of motorcycles was loud, but patriotism and gratitude especially spoke volumes Wednesday evening during the annual 9/11 Memorial Ride. The ride started at the Clinton Township Fire Company building, where music, food tents, ice cream and merchandise excited participants.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Airport officials still awaiting FAA funding for Palmer runway work**
Plans are lining up for a runway widening project at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, but officials are still waiting on approval of federal funding for work to begin. At Tuesday's Westmoreland County Airport Authority meeting, the authority awarded a \$11.9-million contract to Golden Triangle Construction... - [Latrobe Bulletin](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Opinion | Take That 'Gig' and Shove It**
Corporate America has made a lot of money by treating millions of workers as independent contractors, denying them basic legal protections enjoyed by employees. California is now on the verge of taking an important step to curb that sham. The State Assembly passed a bill Wednesday that imposes strict limits on... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Trump officials tour unused FAA facility in California in search for place to relocate homeless people**
A team of Trump administration officials toured a California facility once used by the Federal Aviation Administration this week as they searched for a potential site to relocate homeless people, according to three government officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Analysis | The Technology 202: Democrats face litmus test on economic inequality with California gig economy bill**
Should Uber and Lyft treat their drivers as employees? That question is dividing the Democratic Party and becoming a litmus test for 2020 presidential candidates on how they see the future of work. Several candidates including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Sen. Elizabeth... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-12-2019 **Those helicopters overhead actually are flying ICUs**
Nowadays, STAT MedEvac and LifeFlight focus not on rushing patients to hospitals but bringing ICUs to patients. After a horse kicked her in the head in 2015, the unconscious woman took a 16-minute ride on a LifeFlight helicopter that saved her life. In a race against the clock, Christine Holt, 54, arrived at Allegheny... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2019 **U.S. consumer prices up slight 0.1% in August**
Consumer prices slowed in August, rising by a slight 0.1%, reflecting a big drop in the cost of gasoline and other energy products... - [AP](#)



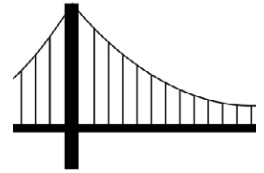
- 09-12-2019 **State police operation reveals more drivers under the influence of drugs**
State police arrested 52 people for drunk or drugged driving and confiscated about \$17,000 in cash during the two-day Operation Nighthawk patrols last weekend in Armstrong, Butler and Beaver counties, according to a report. Police said one driver led them on a chase early Saturday morning before he... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Pennsylvania Workers and Their Unions Call For Action on Worker Safety...**
(Press Release)
- 09-11-2019 **DEP Orders Sunoco to Cover Exposed Pipelines Identified Across the State**
(Press Release)
- 09-11-2019 **Harkins joins workers, advocates to rally on behalf of safety bill**
(Press Release)
- 09-11-2019 **Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: Pittsburgh metro area labor market...**
(Press Release)
- 09-11-2019 **As heavy-duty truck market softens, Mack planning temporary layoffs at Lower Macungie assembly plant**
What goes up must come down, especially when the peak is as high as the heavy-duty truck market has been in recent years. So with the market shifting into a lower gear, Mack Trucks is planning to adjust production at its Lower Macungie Township assembly plant by... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Tyrone to explore potential cracks in sidewalk rules**
TYRONE — After a store owner complained at a Borough Council meeting this week that vendors for community events frequently block the sidewalk in front of his business, council asked its solicitor to determine whether an existing ordinance can provide relief or if something else needs to be... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Residents tell East Marlborough officials to do something about increased traffic**
EAST MARLBOROUGH—As the pace of development increases in the Kennett Square area, so do concerns about traffic in East Marlborough Township. That was evident in two separate discussions Monday night during the public comment section of the township supervisors' monthly meeting.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Iroquois School District challenges Wabtec assessment**
District wants higher value based on Erie-area plant's \$161.7 million purchase price. Appeal could increase tax revenue. Wabtec Corp.'s purchase of the sprawling GE Transportation plant in Lawrence Park Township has created one of the largest property assessment... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Delmont committee mulling options for bringing Heritage Trail spur into borough**
After working with Indiana University of Pennsylvania students on possible routes to close a gap in the Westmoreland Heritage Trail between Export and Delmont, members of the Delmont Visionary Committee are turning their focus to a potential trail spur leading into Delmont.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Legislator to chair appropriations**
State Sen. Gene Yaw, R-Loyalsock Township, has been appointed as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Government Operations. Yaw is one of five Republicans and four Democrats who will review funding levels for a variety of state agencies including, Executive Offices, Lt.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)



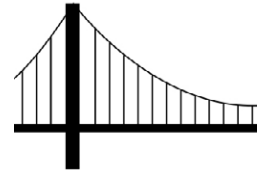
- 09-11-2019 **[Polk decision 'ill-advised'](#)**
The state-appointed Polk Center board of trustees, an advisory group that meets quarterly, voted in favor of a resolution Tuesday to oppose the pending shutdown of Polk Center. Noting they were "not in agreement with the order to close," the trustees described the closing decision as "ill-advised" and urged that the order be... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 09-11-2019 **[Pittsburgh-based driverless car company says its vehicles likely won't be owned by individuals](#)**
In a Medium post published on Mon., Sept. 9, the head of Pittsburgh-based driverless car company Argo AI shared some realities about the autonomous vehicle industry. Bryan Salesky, CEO of Argo AI, wrote that his company is currently designing self-driving cars to only operate within "specific areas of a... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 09-11-2019 **[More concerns raised with swine farm](#)**
Todd Township Supervisors heard claims from representatives of the Todd Township Community Action Group during their monthly meeting Monday night regarding supposed activity at the swine CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation) in the township. Stephanie Perez, representing the Todd Township Community Action Group,... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 09-11-2019 **[Tussey parents raise concern about busing](#)**
SAXTON — Parents, teachers and community members were at the Tussey Mountain High School cafeteria for the monthly Tussey Mountain School District Board of Directors work session to voice their concerns about busing. Changes made to this year's busing schedule to allow for Bedford County... - [Bedford Gazette](#)
- 09-11-2019 **[PennDOT to Address LH Intersections](#)**
LOCK HAVEN – City officials are encouraging residents concerned with the intersections of Main and Hanna streets and Water and Grove streets to attend the Sept. 23 meeting of City Council as a representative from PennDOT will attend to provide information, answer questions, hear comments... - [Lock Haven Record](#)
- 09-11-2019 **[PennDOT to answer questions about proposed stop light removals](#)**
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- 09-11-2019 **[Officials: Be patient, take detours to Northumberland 9/11 service](#)**
NORTHUMBERLAND — American Legion Post 44 and Northumberland Borough officials are preaching patience to Valley residents driving to Wednesday's 7 p.m. 9/11 memorial service at the King Street Park Gazebo. Major road construction on Front Street and King Street limits access to... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
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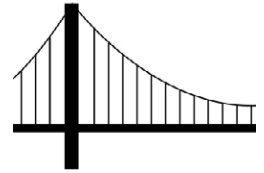
- 09-11-2019 **California Senate passes ride-share bill that has divided Democrats over the future of Uber and Lyft drivers**
Uber and Lyft drivers have long complained about their wages and contractor status. Now it's the latest issue highlighting a growing split between the Democratic Party's establishment and the more progressive left. At issue is California bill AB5, which could convert hundreds of thousands... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Trump visit to Baltimore could cause traffic trouble with Orioles at home, thousands expected at convention**
President Donald Trump is coming to Baltimore on Thursday, and he might mess up your evening commute. The White House and city officials have not released any information about the exact timing of Trump's visit, or which roads might be affected. And the city's Department of Transportation and the Baltimore Police... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Feds award \$7.5 million to study self-driving vehicles in Ohio**
Ohio got an infusion of federal money for testing self-driving vehicles on Tuesday. The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$7.5 million grant to the Ohio Department of Transportation and a group of other organizations, including the Transportation Research Center, to develop a statewide... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 09-11-2019 **'Is everyday going to be like a festival here?' Plan to transform Easton alley to pedestrian path upsets neighbors**
Easton residents and business owners sent a first plan to improve South Sitgreaves Street back to the drawing board during a meeting Tuesday in the City Council Chambers. The group wanted to block off Pine Street, and decorate the alley with murals and a string of lights. Additionally, it wanted a corral built along... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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- 09-11-2019 **Why the Philadelphia airport hosted a job fair for trans and nonbinary people**
When Celeste Divinity was a server, she found herself making constant calculations: Should she tell her customers about her gender identity? Divinity, 23, a trans woman, knew that if she didn't, she'd risk getting misgendered . a painful and all-too-common occurrence on the job. But if... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-11-2019 **NS Savannah, nation's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, brought to Philadelphia for dry docking**
The NS Savannah, the nation's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, is in Philadelphia for dry docking, not far from where it was built in Camden more than 60 years ago. After being towed from its longtime home in Baltimore up the Chesapeake Bay and through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, the sleek, 596-foot vessel... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-11-2019 **Mack Trucks wants to park more trucks at its Lower Macungie plant**
Mack Trucks is looking to add 253 parking spaces at its Lower Macungie plant so they don't have to keep moving trucks around off-site, which they have been doing. Mack representatives came before the Lower Macungie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday to get its blessing on plans that would bring the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



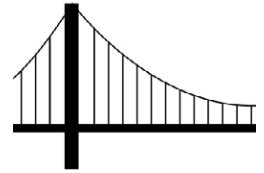
- 09-11-2019 **GM recalls over 3.4M pickups, SUVs to fix brake issues**
Under pressure from the federal government, General Motors is recalling more than 3.4 million big pickup trucks and SUVs in the U.S to fix a brake problem... - *AP*
- 09-11-2019 **California bill could pave the way for labor rights for Uber drivers in Philly**
In an act that highlights how prominent the labor struggles of gig workers has become, the California Senate passed a bill late Tuesday that is expected to transform how the on-demand gig economy works. The bill (AB5) will force app-based companies like Uber, Lyft, and... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 09-11-2019 **American Airlines mishandles the most bags in the nation. It.s even worse in Philly**
Shanin Specter.s flight from Atlanta landed in Philadelphia after 10 p.m. one August night, but his troubles from the flight had only just started. The exhausted lawyer wanted to get home quickly with a busy day ahead of him, but his black duffel bag wasn.t at baggage claim inside Philadelphia... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 09-11-2019 **Pennsylvania orders Sunoco to cover exposed pipelines**
The state Department of Environmental Protection is ordering Sunoco Pipeline LP to cover up portions of its pipeline network that have become exposed over time. The order follows the discovery of an exposed pipeline in June by the state Public Utility Commission, which then requested that Sunoco report any... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 09-10-2019 **PennDOT Multimodal Grant Application Period Opens**
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- 09-10-2019 **PUC Begins Annual 'Be Utility Wise' Consumer-Education Events; Friday's Erie...**
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- 09-10-2019 **Pennsylvania Workers and Their Unions Call For Action on Worker Safety & Health**
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- 09-10-2019 **Gasoline prices continue decline despite oil prices moving higher, analyst says**
Gasoline prices have continued to fall in the Pittsburgh area and across the nation. "For its eighth straight week, the national average has declined even as oil prices have bucked the trend in the last week, moving higher on optimism over upcoming trade talks between China and the United... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 09-10-2019 **Voters can apply online for absentee ballots**
Gov. Tom Wolf announced Monday that Pennsylvania will launch a new option for voters to apply online for absentee ballots, starting with the November election. Staff with the Cambria County elections office have already participated in a webinar on the new procedure last week and say the process will be... - *Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*



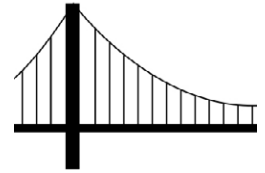
- 09-10-2019 **Somerset County explores temporary fix to Shaffer Covered Bridge**
Alongside concerned residents Monday, one of Somerset County's EADS engineers stood inside the repair-needy Shaffer Covered Bridge and outlined a temporary move that could allow the historic span to reopen. But the cost to install it will likely determine whether the plan is... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Council discusses housing agreement**
LEWISTOWN — Lewistown Borough Council on Monday voted to end a deal to provide extra police service to Mifflin County Housing Authority-run properties citing approximately \$25,000 in payments not yet received for the first eight months of 2019. After lengthy and spirited discussion, the vote was 5-2 with Frank Berrier... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 09-10-2019 **PennDOT to answer questions about proposed stop light removals**
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- 09-10-2019 **Businesses, Motorists Trying to Persevere as North Atherton Street Undergoes Needed Improvements**
It's the noon hour on a typical, sweltering, State College summer Thursday, a time when restaurants serve a lunchtime crowd, dollar amounts on convenience stores' gas pumps swell, and the doors of a variety of businesses are pushed open and closed, powered by patrons.... - [State College News](#)
- 09-10-2019 **PennDOT seeks applications for transportation improvement projects**
The state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced Monday that it is seeking applications for a grant program that funds improvement projects to enhance Pennsylvania roadways, bridges, transit facilities, park and ride facilities, sidewalk, crosswalk safety improvements, bicycle lanes and... - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
- 09-10-2019 **County Election Office preparing for online absentee ballot registration**
HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania is launching a new option for voters to apply online for an absentee ballot starting with the November election. In previous elections, voters' only choice was to complete a paper absentee ballot application and mail or hand-deliver it to their county... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-10-2019 **California Labor Bill, Near Passage, Is Blow to Uber and Lyft**
A pack of Teamsters fanned out through California's Capitol building last week, marching into legislators' offices and pressing them to pass a bill that would force Uber and Lyft to treat their drivers as employees. The measure, Assembly Bill 5, would entitle gig workers to protections like a... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Costs add up for Lemon Street pocket park**
At less than 4,000 square feet, the "pocket" park at 31-35 W. Lemon St. is smaller than a high school basketball court. But for its owner, the Lancaster city redevelopment authority, it has come with a big price tag. Construction is expected to start soon at the grassy plot just east of the... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)



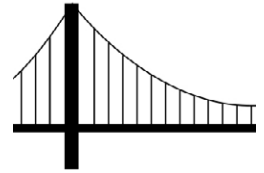
- 09-10-2019 **Maryland's latest transportation budget reduces MTA capital funding by 10%**
Money for Maryland Transit Administration capital projects is set to plummet by \$345 million, or about 10%, over the next six fiscal years, according to the state's latest draft transportation budget. The 2020-2025 draft transportation budget "does not reflect progress... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Hazmat team called to Donegal for battery acid leak on turnpike**
A hazmat team was called to Donegal Township Tuesday when a truck started leaking battery acid on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, according to Westmoreland County 911. The truck was travelling east on the turnpike, carrying pallets of batteries, according to 911. The driver noticed that acid was leaking from the truck around 3:15 a.m.,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Editorial: Details matter with rail inspection**
The devil is in the details. On Aug. 4, 2018, a Norfolk Southern freight train derailed near Station Square in Pittsburgh. Given the proximity of people at the Port Authority T track below, it is providential that there were no casualties. But there were costs. Local... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Port Authority begins program to reduce bus stops**
Port Authority will begin rolling out its plan later this week to consolidate bus stops along two routes, 16 Brighton and 51 Carrick, with a goal of improving its on-time performance and eliminating little-used, redundant or unsafe stops. The authority announced Tuesday it would begin hanging signs on stops along... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Turnpike to begin work replacing second Plum bridge to prepare for widening toll road**
The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission last week awarded the second of three contracts to replace local bridges in Plum and Monroeville in anticipation of widening the turnpike to three lanes in each direction in that area. Mosites Construction Co. received an \$8.1 million contract to replace the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-10-2019 **Camden nuclear firm Holtec diversifies into renewable-energy battery systems**
Holtec International, the Camden energy firm primarily focused on nuclear power, has formed a joint venture with Eos Energy Storage to produce utility-scale battery systems used in the expanding market for renewable power. Privately-held Holtec announced this week that it plans to open a... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-09-2019 **PennDOT Accepting Applications for Transportation Improvement Projects to...**
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- 09-09-2019 **PUC Recognizes Importance of Telephone Discount Lifeline Program to Overcome...**
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- 09-09-2019 **Bike riders pedal for change in state law**
About 40 Pittsburgh bicycle enthusiasts pedaled into East Liberty on Sunday afternoon, hoping to draw the attention of legislators — some of whom were along for the ride — and persuade them to modify a state law to make city biking safer. Starting at the Kingsley Association on Frankstown Avenue, the group rode a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



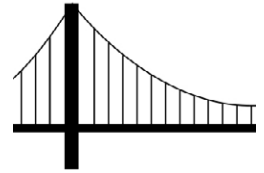
- 09-09-2019 **Pottsville may get parking app in 2 weeks**
POTTSVILLE — A mobile app that motorists can use to pay for parking in the city will soon be available. John Levkusic, engineer and interim executive director for the Pottsville Parking Authority, spoke Wednesday about ParkMobile. “The day you are putting up these signs, this will be live,” he... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 09-09-2019 **Reading may owe 'sizeable' amount to Reading Parking Authority**
The City of Reading may owe the Reading Parking Authority millions of dollars in unpaid parking fees. Parking Authority Executive Director Nathan Matz, who is also a city police lieutenant, discovered a nearly 30-year-old agreement between the parking authority and the city that said the city would pay the authority \$162,000... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-09-2019 **City seeks more funding for bike lane project**
SHARON – Sharon officials are trying to figure out a way to install candlesticks in the bike lane along North Sharpsville Avenue using the money a grant allotted. “We think the candlesticks are necessary for the safety of the cyclists in that lane,” City Manager Bob Fiscus said at the workshop meeting... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 09-09-2019 **Why not first look for ways to reduce fossil fuel impact before ditching them?**
We Americans are renowned worldwide for our ingenuity and resourcefulness. When we encounter challenges, we find ways to overcome them. That makes proposals by several Democratic candidates for president quite puzzling. Where, pray tell, is the can-do American spirit?... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 09-09-2019 **More NJ Transit bus drivers hit the road and could mean relief from canceled bus trips**
NJ Transit bus riders may see less of the alert that is the bane of their commute: that their bus is canceled due to operator (bus driver) availability. The agency’s 500th new bus driver graduated training, and those drivers are now driving regular bus routes, which should reduce cancelations due to... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 09-09-2019 **‘Negro Mountain’ signs removed by Maryland State Highway Administration**
The State Highway Administration removed four signs for “Negro Mountain” from Western Maryland roads in April over concerns about racial sensitivity, an agency spokeswoman confirmed Sunday. “We continue to work with the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and the local community to better understand the... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 09-09-2019 **Lancaster County gasoline prices rise, ending 9-week slide**
After nine straight weekly decreases, the average price of gasoline in Lancaster County rose 2.8 cents per gallon last week, a price-tracking website reported Monday. The average price here increased to \$2.60 cents a gallon, said GasBuddy, based on its survey of 147 gasoline stations across the county.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-09-2019 **High-stakes legal battle looms in California boat fire that killed 34**
Owners of boats in which people are hurt or killed succeed about half the time in winning court rulings that protect them from huge damage awards, according to a maritime legal expert. Tulane University maritime law professor Martin J. Davies said the Limitation of Liability Act of 1851 could shield the owners of the... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



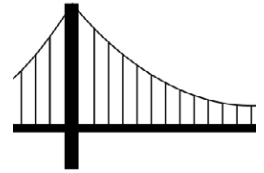
- 09-09-2019 **25 years ago, USAir Flight 427 crashed near Hopewell despite perfect conditions**
It was sunnier 25 years ago than it was today. "Folks, from the flight deck we should be on the ground in 'bout 10 more minutes. Sunny skies, little hazy," the first officer of USAir Flight 427 told the 127 passengers over the intercom. "Temperature's, ah — 75 degrees, wind's out of the west... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-09-2019 **Port Authority bus passenger injured in crash with car in Glassport**
A passenger on a Port Authority of Allegheny County bus was taken to the hospital after the bus collided with a car Monday morning in Glassport. Port Authority police allege the car went through a stop sign, spokesman Adam Brandolph said. The crash is under investigation, he said.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-09-2019 **Pennsylvania to let voters apply online for absentee ballots**
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- 09-09-2019 **Pitt researchers developing breathalyzer to detect THC levels**
Deciding if a driver is alcohol-impaired has been a straight-forward proposition for 20 years . if your blood alcohol concentration is 0.08 or higher, you are impaired and you shouldn.t be driving. The same can.t be said for marijuana, which is being used by more people as... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Gene Therapy: So you wanna be my school bus driver?**
You probably don.t know this, much less care, but I.ve appeared in comedy clubs coast-to-coast; I.ve even performed in some of them, but I.ve rarely triggered the kind of sustained hilarity I did this week for an innocent off-hand remark. .Maybe someday, when I.m retired, I could drive a school bus; I understand... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Pa. Turnpike installing fiber optic system, to lease extra capacity**
Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania Turnpike dropped plans to install a statewide broadband system along the toll road with a private partner and lease excess space to private firms with communications needs because it couldn.t reach a deal. Now, the turnpike is moving on its own to install a fiber-optic... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Upper Darby gets a new train station as SEPTA girds for transportation funding face-off**
Train whistles have sounded at the Secane station . near where Upper Darby, Ridley, Springfield, and Morton meet . since the 19th century, when grand country homes gave weekend respite to the Philadelphians who could afford them. A squat stone train station has greeted those travelers there from 1871 to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Rail agency blames Station Square derailment on broken rail, inspector oversights**
An inspector for a Kansas-based company committed .serious oversights. in Pittsburgh last year by failing to recognize a broken rail about three weeks before it caused a major derailment of a Norfolk Southern freight near Station Square, according to a federal report.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 09-08-2019 **Former Scranton School District fleet manager receives prison sentence**
Daniel Sansky, who admitted to overbilling taxpayers and charging the Scranton School District for work on the personal vehicles of its employees, will spend the next six to 23½ months in Lackawanna County Prison. Appearing in Lackawanna County Court on Friday, the district's former fleet... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Editorial: Want better transportation? Make your voices heard [Poll]**
Options remain limited for people wishing to travel to and from the Reading area. Our Opinion: A strong public outcry could help lead to action. On Aug. 12 we published the latest in a series of editorials raising concerns about Berks County's lack of transportation to and from other... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Pottstown gets no help with \$1M storm damage bill**
Real estate agents will tell you the most important aspect of a property is "location, location, location." Apparently, that is true of flash flooding as well. Although the Small Business Administration is making federal assistance in the form of low-interest loans available to homeowners and business owners... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Cold case arrest: Charges filed in 1972 murder of Allen High grad on Pennsylvania Turnpike**
An Ohio prison inmate's writing published in biker magazines was cited by police in charging him with the shooting death of an Allentown High School graduate, whose body was found along the Pennsylvania Turnpike in 1972, police said Friday... - [AP](#)
- 09-08-2019 **Justice Dept. Investigates California Emissions Pact That Embarrassed Trump**
The Justice Department has opened an antitrust inquiry into the four major automakers that struck a deal with California this year to reduce automobile emissions, according to people familiar with the matter, escalating a standoff over one of the president's most significant... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Navy Veteran Legislators Work Across the Aisle to Recognize United States Navy**
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- 09-06-2019 **PHIA: Electric vehicle bill may be on tap**
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- 09-06-2019 **Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for September 6, 2019**
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- 09-06-2019 **Longwall mining returns to I-70**
Crews are moving the proper monitoring equipment and traffic signs into place along Interstate 70 in Ohio County, W.Va., between the Pennsylvania state line and the visitors center as Tunnel Ridge Coal Co. is scheduled to move its longwall mining operations beneath the highway in that area by... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-06-2019 **SEPTA rides into the future with new Secane station**
UPPER DARBY — SEPTA's latest infrastructure project in Upper Darby Township was given its official opening Thursday morning. Leaders of the transit authority, state and federal lawmakers and Upper Darby leaders cut the ribbon to the newly renovated Secane Train Station, a... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)



- 09-06-2019 **Lansdale: Applications coming in for parking permits**
LANSDALE — The early returns are in, and so far the interest is high. Borough officials reported Wednesday night that local residents have already begun applying for permits to park in town. "We're obviously in a rollout period. Again, it's early. We have some... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Limerick Township truck project approval gets political**
LIMERICK — The expected approval of the controversial truck servicing project on Limerick Center Road came with more than a dash of election year politics Tuesday night. The vote to approve the final site plan for the project was 3-1 with Supervisor Patrick Morroney voting against it and Supervisor Thomas Neafcy... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Iron to Arts Corridor work underway**
For years, one side of Washington Street has been lined by unkempt trees that bent their way through slumping steel fencing and a battered brick wall behind them. That will be a memory soon – with plans being finalized to replace it all with a decorative downtown path for walkers, bikers and Flight 93 trail... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-06-2019 **EBT preservation keeps 'Friends' busy**
Often referred to as "the narrow-gauge railroad that time forgot," the non-operating East Broad Top Railroad continues to be the subject of ongoing restoration activities of the Friends of the FEBT. With a variety of projects and activities already completed at the EBT... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Bridge replacement means big detour for Northeast Extension drivers heading for Poconos**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Philadelphia-area drivers who use the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to get to the Poconos are facing a substantial detour this weekend as crews replace a bridge spanning the toll road. Crews will begin removing the Route 309 bridge that goes over the... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Delta Air Lines will use facial recognition cameras at LAX boarding gates**
Delta Air Lines will begin using facial recognition technology at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday, installing cameras to identify passengers at one boarding gate, with plans to add more. The move by the Atlanta-based carrier comes as a coalition of progressive... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Small East King Street office building's price soars \$1M in a year**
There's already plenty of evidence that the downtown real estate market is booming. The number of businesses moving into center-city, and the number of existing businesses expanding, make that apparent. But here's a brand new numerical indicator that the downtown real... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-06-2019 **Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit launches investigation after student with special needs left on van**
The Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit is investigating why a high school student with special needs was left unattended on a school van for an "extended period of time" on Wednesday afternoon. In a statement, Intermediate Unit Executive Director Elaine Eib said the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



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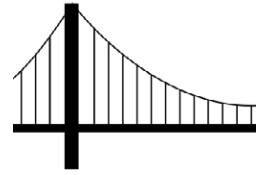
Port Authority will look at payment bracelets as a supplement to ConnectCards

The Port Authority has found that an overwhelming number of riders who tested a rubber bracelet to pay fares liked the option, so the agency is looking into making them available on a permanent basis. "We were extremely, pleasantly surprised at the results," authority... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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Inspection showed broken track three weeks before Norfolk Southern derailment at Station Square A broken rail that caused a Norfolk Southern Railway train to derail last year at Pittsburgh's Station Square was identified weeks before seven cars jumped the tracks, a Federal Railroad Administration report released... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



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