



Transportation Recap

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SESSION STATUS

At 12:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

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

Senate

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

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

House Appropriations Committee

9/23/19, 1:27 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol Building
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider four bills.

[HB 1392 Carroll, Mike](#) - (PN 2060) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for definitions and establishing an electric vehicle road fee; and making editorial changes. The new subchapter shall be known as the Electric Vehicle Road Fee Act. Concurrent with submitting an annual or biennial vehicle registration application and fee to the department, an owner of an electric vehicle shall submit the electric vehicle road fee. The electric vehicle road use fee for any electric motorcycle and neighborhood electric vehicle shall be \$50 per year. The electric vehicle road use fee for any electric vehicle that requires a class C license to operate shall be \$150 per year. The electric vehicle road use fee for any electric vehicle that requires a class A or class B license to operate shall be \$250 per year. The fees shall be deposited in the Motor License Fund. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1693) - The bill was **passed over**.

[A02888](#) by Bradford, reduces the fee from \$250 to \$150 for any electric vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 26,000. The amendment was **distributed** in committee.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

9/23/19, 3:55 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room, Main Capitol
By Sheri Melnick, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

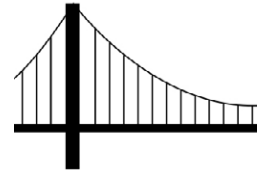
The committee met to consider legislation.

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

Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton) indicated that the bill is a "snow and ice bill" and expressed her hope that the House will pass it.

Sen. Mario Scavello (R-Monroe) recalled an accident on Interstate 80 last year where the circumstances of the accident would be addressed by Senate Bill 114.

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House Judiciary Committee

9/24/19, 9:00 a.m., Room 60 East Wing

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 303 Nelson, Eric](#) - (PN 2453) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous weapons, establishing that if a firearm is unloaded and not readily accessible, an individual may transport a firearm in a motor vehicle for a lawful purpose. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed** along a 15 to 10 party-line vote with Democrats voting in the negative.

Rep. Nelson called the bill «commonsense legislation» that simplifies current law relating to transportation of firearms. He said it brings Pennsylvania into compliance with federal standards.

Dymek added the bill relates only to carrying a firearm in a motor vehicle for persons who do not have licenses. He also said the bill is practically identical to federal law governing the interstate transportation of firearms.

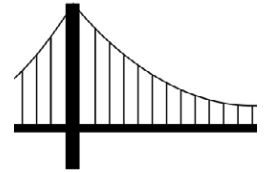
Rep. Dawkins asked who makes the determination if in fact the individual carrying the firearm meets one of the criteria. Rep. Nelson said right now there are 15 conditions where a person who does not have a license or permit to carry is allowed to transport a firearm. He said the bill sets a universal expectation on where a firearm should be stored while in transport. Rep. Dawkins asked if an officer would have justification under the law to take a person into custody if they were pulled over and had a new gun still in its wrapping. Rep. Nelson said the person would be able to state they are within state and federal guidelines as long as ammunition is not in the same package. He indicated that in that case, an officer would not be able to take the person into custody for that issue. Rep. Dawkins expressed concerns over unintended consequences. Rep. Nelson said the bill would work to eliminate confusion surrounding people having handguns in the car with them if they don't have a license. He said right now someone could violate the law without intending to. Rep. Dawkins said if an individual has already been deemed ineligible to carry a firearm, the bill would allow them to transport the firearm in the vehicle. He questioned how an officer would determine a person unlawfully has a firearm. Rep. Nelson reiterated the confusion surrounding the lawfulness of transporting a firearm.

Rep. Delozier clarified the bill only applies to lawfully-allowed individuals who can have a gun in their possession. She said the bill would not give blanket immunity to people who are otherwise not supposed to be in possession of a gun.

Rep. Rabb asked how the bill would impact straw purchasers who do not have a record. Dymek remarked the bill only applies to people who are otherwise able to possess a firearm. Rep. Rabb said the bill could help straw purchasers. Rep. Nelson said part of the goal of the bill is to create a clear expectation regarding the transport of guns. He said it does not address how the gun may have been purchased.

Rep. Kate Klunk (R-York) thanked Rep. Nelson for the bill. She noted numerous concealed carry courses held in her district and said questions are always raised on the subject from people unsure of where they fall under the law. Rep. Nelson said they have worked on the bill for a number of years with various stakeholders.

Chairman Briggs said he likes the consistency aspect of the legislation but has serious concerns about removing the various restrictions in place.



Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

09/24/19, 10:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

By Deborah E. Hannon, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider two bills.

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

Chairman Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming) stated a similar bill was passed out of the committee earlier in the year with the only difference being a check box when viewing registration online.

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House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

09/24/19, 10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1459 Schlossberg, Mike](#) - (PN 1826) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles), in Title 35, adding a chapter providing for emergency responder mental wellness and stress management; establishing the Statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Program; providing for duties of the Secretary of Health and the Department of Health; in emergency medical services system, further providing for support of emergency medical services; in operation of vehicles general provisions, further providing for EMS costs; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

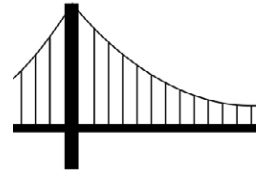
[A02667](#) by Sainato, adds corrections officers to the bill and provides for a technical change to the definition of PTSI. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A02872](#) by Barrar, is an omnibus amendment, making several technical changes and includes more mental health entities and programs in training as resources. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Mike Schlossberg (D-Lehigh) said the bill establishes a mental wellness and stress management protocol by the Department of Human Services (DHS), provides for education and training for first responders regarding post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), PTSI, or any other traumatic event, and creates a peer-to-peer support program for trained peer support specialists to assist with first responders coping with a traumatic event or other mental health issue. He added that the bill creates a confidential toll-line for first responders coping with PTSD, addiction or mental health issue. He commended the committee and Rep. Frank Farry (R-Bucks) for working on the legislation.

Chairman Sainato said that the changes were agreed to by Rep. Farry, Rep. Schlossberg and Chairman Barrar.

[HB 1838 Causer, Martin](#) - (PN 2523) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles), in emergency medical



services system, providing that 75 percent of the money from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund shall be disbursed so that 30 percent of the funds are allocated to provide training to underserved rural areas. This legislation also requires that not less than 10 percent of funds shall be provided to emergency medical services agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for ambulances. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Barrar said the bill increases the moving fine violation fee from \$10 to \$20 and the driving under the influence (DUI) conviction fund from \$25 to \$50. He added that the bill requires 30 percent of the fund to be used for trainings in underserved areas of the commonwealth, and that not less than 10 percent of the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF) funds to be used for purchasing medical equipment for ambulances.

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

Rep. Clint Owlett (R-Tioga) said the bill staffing waiver would only apply to basic life support services and that the Department of Health will maintain discretion granting waivers based on local EMS system needs and patient care. He said that rural communities, EMS agencies are struggling to maintain staffing levels for 24 hours, creating extremely long waits for services. He said the proposal was based on the SR 6 report.

Rep. Todd Polinchock (R-Bucks) stated that the bills just passed in committee take “a great step” in making Pennsylvania and first responders safer and address the trouble recruiting and maintaining first responders. He commended both chairman for their leadership.

Chairman Barrar said the committee’s effort is based on SR 6 and that the committee hopes to work on more in October.

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House Local Government Committee

9/24/19, 12:02 p.m., Room G-50 Irvis Office Building

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider two bills.

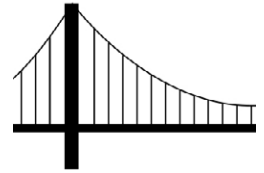
[HB 523 Day, Gary](#) - (PN 517) Amends the General Road Law further providing for repair of private roads by stipulating that in the absence of a written agreement or if the private road is a part of a planned community under 68 Pa.C.S. (relating to real and personal property), when more than one person enjoys a common benefit from a private road, each person shall contribute in proportion to the amount of private road owned to the cost of maintaining the private road and shall have the right to bring a civil action to enforce this requirement. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02886](#) by Rowe, clarifies how the road repairs are to be paid for and exempts property owners that do not use the private road as the primary access to their property from paying for repairs. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Gary Day (R-Lehigh), prime sponsor of the bill, provided a brief overview of the legislation.

Rep. Lori Mizgorski (R-Allegheny) wanted to know who pays if someone says they do use the private road and refuses to pay. Chris Mulhall of the Republican committee staff explained that the use would be if their driveway is attached to the private road then they would fall into utilization for access they would be required to maintain it. The committee’s executive director Rob Gaertner pointed out the legislation has a provision providing a civil remedy when a person refuses to pay.

Rep. Steven Malagari (D-Montgomery) asked if the legislation applies to an alleyway. Mulhall responded that he does not believe it does.



Rep. Christina Sappy (D-Chester) asked if somebody who is part of the private road but does not use it as access to their property have to pay for snow removal and other things. Mulhall explained that if they do not utilize the private road for access to their property then they are exempt from the maintenance costs.

Rep. Brett Miller (R-Lancaster) noted the amendment refers to a person who does not utilize the private road for primary access to the person's property. He wanted to know what primary means if there are two access points. Mulhall explained they utilized the word primary in case a person has a shed at the back of their yard and the person is using the road to get to their shed or other parts of the property. He said primary is the daily access to your house.

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Senate Rules Committee

09/24/19, 3:55 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation and consider certain executive nominations.

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

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House Transportation Committee

9/25/19, 9:30 a.m., Room G-50 Irvis Office Building

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 916 Stephens, Todd](#) - (PN 1037) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licensing of drivers, providing for continuous alcohol monitoring device. The bill establishes that a person arrested for driving under the influence of a alcohol or a controlled substance within 10 years of a prior conviction or while pending adjudication for one or more prior charges shall be fitted with a continuous alcohol monitoring device. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

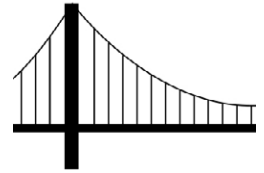
[A02647](#) by Hennessey, adds language requiring the courts to evaluate repeat drug and alcohol DUI offenders for the suitability of a substance monitoring program. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 1710 Hennessey, Tim](#) - (PN 2303) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, instructing PennDOT to create a unique license plate design, similar to the bicentennial plate from the 1970s. This plate will include the phrase, "Let Freedom Ring- 250 years" and will cost \$50 in addition to regular registration fees. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02858](#) by Hennessey, eliminates the required consultation with the four transportation chairs on the design of the plate; requires the Liberty Bell to be on the plate; changes the effective date to 120 days and makes technical changes. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Sara Innamorato (D-Allegheny) asked where the additional \$50 fee goes. Matt Ricci, Republican research analyst, responded that the fee would go to the Motor License Fund.

[HB 1711 Hennessey, Tim](#) - (PN 2304) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, instructing PennDOT to design two distinct heritage plates representing the 1950s and 1960s. The plates will cost \$50 in addition to regular registration fees. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.



[A02772](#) by Lawrence, adds language requiring the license plates to be stamped or embossed similar to the license plates in the 1950s and 1960s. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A02857](#) by Hennessey, changes the effective date; eliminates the expiration date for the plate availability; and makes technical changes requested by PennDOT. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 1712 Hennessey, Tim](#) - (PN 2305) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, authorizing PennDOT to issue distinctive corporate logo registration plates for fleets with more than 100 vehicles based and registered in Pennsylvania. The cost for the plates is a one-time fee of \$6,000 for fleets with over 100 vehicles and less than 199 vehicles or \$5,000 for fleets with 200 vehicles or more. Corporate registration plates will be renewable for a fee of \$20 for each individual motor vehicle logo plate and \$11 for each trailer with a corporate logo. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02867](#) by Hennessey, makes technical changes requested by PennDOT and changes the effective date to July 1, 2021. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Northampton) wanted to know who will review and approve a company's proposed logo for the license plate. Ricci explained it would be PennDOT.

[HB 1758 Ortitay, Jason](#) - (PN 2348) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, exempting volunteer fire companies from the \$22 fee for a certified Pennsylvania State Police record of investigation of a vehicle accident. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02930](#) by Carroll, adds language requiring the State Police to establish a process for providing necessary information for insurance purposes only to volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies at no cost and allowing local police departments to waive the fee for insurance billing purposes. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

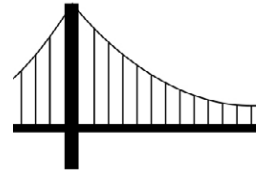
[HB 1768 Ryan, Frank](#) - (PN 2359) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in transfer of state highways, defining rehabilitative work as work that includes, but is not limited to, the alteration or relocation of all or a portion of a highway or road for safety purposes that is reasonably necessary, economical or practicable. The legislation further requires that the highway or road transfer may be effective before the rehabilitative work has been completed if agreed to by the department and affected municipality. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **passed over**.

Rep. Frank Ryan (R-Lebanon), the bill's prime sponsor, provided the background and reasons behind his proposal. After a lengthy discussion by the committee members and Rep. Ryan, Chairman Hennessey said he is holding the bill over until the committee meets again in mid-October. He said that would give Rep. Ryan and PennDOT the opportunity to reach agreement and to address the questions and concerns raised by the members of the committee.

[HR 473 Saylor, Stanley](#) - (PN 2425) Resolution designating October 10, 2019, as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. - The resolution was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Bullet.in.Points

No Bullet.in.Points this week.



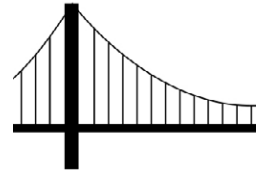
Cosponsor Memos

- HCO2395 Brown, Rosemary(R) Requires County Planning Commissions to include Common Interest Ownership Communities (CIOCs) data in annual reports.
- 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.
- HCO2527 Lewis, Andrew (F)(R) Designates a portion of State Route 39 in Dauphin County as the Officer Mark Gaspich Memorial Highway.
- HCO2622 Cook, Bud(R) Designates the bridge on a portion of State Route 8042 over U.S. Route 40 in Washington County as the SFC Thomas McDonough Memorial Bridge.
- SCO1181 Ward, Kim(R) Reinstates vehicle registration stickers for display on Pennsylvania license plates.

Bill Actions

- HB 303 Nelson, Eric(R) (PN 2453) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous weapons, establishing that if a firearm is unloaded and not readily accessible, an individual may transport a firearm in a motor vehicle for a lawful purpose. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 09-24-19 H Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary
09-24-19 H Reported as committed from House Judiciary
09-24-19 H First consideration
09-24-19 H Laid on the table
10-21-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

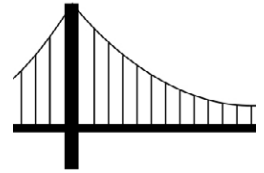


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Bill History: 09-24-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
09-24-19 S First consideration
09-25-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
09-25-19 Second consideration 12:06pm
09-25-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

HB 523 **Day, Gary(R)** (PN 517) Amends the General Road Law further providing for repair of private roads by stipulating that in the absence of a written agreement or if the private road is a part of a planned community under 68 Pa.C.S. (relating to real and personal property), when more than one person enjoys a common benefit from a private road, each person shall contribute in proportion to the amount of private road owned to the cost of maintaining the private road and shall have the right to bring a civil action to enforce this requirement. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 09-24-19 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Local Government
09-24-19 H Reported as amended House Local Government
09-24-19 H First consideration
09-24-19 H Laid on the table
10-21-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



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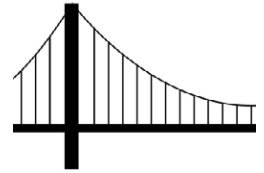
Bill History: 09-25-19 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation
09-25-19 H Reported as amended House Transportation
09-25-19 H First consideration
09-25-19 H Laid on the table
10-21-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1074 Turzai, Mike(R) (PN 1614) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in municipal authorities, providing for the membership of the governing bodies of airport authorities located in counties of the second class. The board shall be composed of 13 members; one appointed by the governor, one appointed by each of the four legislative leaders, and eight appointed by the county executive of the county where the authority is located. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1234)

Bill History: 06-12-19 H Removed from the table
09-25-19 H Set on the House Calendar
09-25-19 H Laid on the table
09-25-19 H Removed from the table
10-21-19 H Set on the House Calendar

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Bill History: 09-19-19 Second consideration 1:59pm
09-19-19 H Over in House
09-19-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
09-23-19 H Meeting set for Off the floor, Room 140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
09-23-19 H Passed over in committee House Appropriations



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

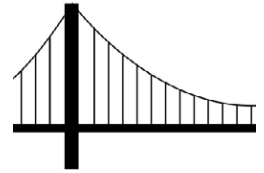
Bill History: 09-25-19 H Set on the House Calendar
09-25-19 Laid out for discussion 3:11pm
09-25-19 Third consideration 3:11pm
09-25-19 H House McCarter motion to postpone vote on HB 1410 - Failed (Vote N: 108/Y: 90)
09-25-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:144/N: 54)

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Bill History: 09-24-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
09-24-19 H Reported as amended House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
09-24-19 H First consideration
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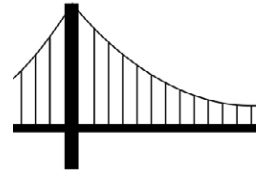
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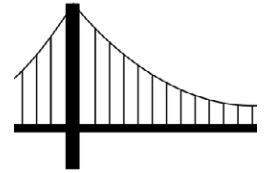
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HB 1768 Ryan, Frank(R) (PN 2359) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in transfer of state highways, defining rehabilitative work as work that includes, but is not limited to, the alteration or relocation of all or a portion of a highway or road for safety purposes that is reasonably necessary, economical or practicable. The legislation further requires that the highway or road transfer may be effective before the rehabilitative work has been completed if agreed to by the department and affected municipality. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 08-20-19 H Filed
08-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
09-25-19 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room G50, Irvis Office Building, House Transportation -- House Transportation
09-25-19 H Passed over in committee House Transportation



- HB 1838** **Causer, Martin(R)** (PN 2523) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles), in emergency medical services system, providing that 75 percent of the money from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund shall be disbursed so that 30 percent of the funds are allocated to provide training to underserved rural areas. This legislation also requires that not less than 10 percent of funds shall be provided to emergency medical services agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for ambulances. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 09-24-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
09-24-19 H Reported as committed from House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
09-24-19 H First consideration
09-24-19 H Laid on the table
10-21-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
- HB 1849** **Lewis, Andrew (F)(R)** (PN 2556) Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 39 in Dauphin County, from Dover Road to Forest Hills Drive, as the Officer Mark Gaspich Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 09-19-19 H Filed
09-23-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- HB 1856** **Murt, Thomas(R)** (PN 2559) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, providing for an additional fine for the offense of careless driving, establishing the Driver Distraction Awareness Fund for education programs, and providing for additional duties of the Department of Transportation. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 09-20-19 H Filed
09-23-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- HB 1868** **Gabler, Matt(R)** (PN 2588) Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11414, on U.S. Route 219 in Brady Township, Cleary County, as the Lance Corporal Robert Clyde Gontero Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:** 09-23-19 H Filed
09-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



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

Bill History: 09-24-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
09-24-19 H Reported as committed from House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
09-24-19 H First consideration
09-24-19 H Laid on the table
10-21-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1870 **Topper, Jesse(R)** (PN 2589) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1036 over Six Mile Run, Broad Top Township, Bedford County, as Sergeant David Leon Barber Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 09-23-19 H Filed
09-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

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

Bill History: 06-19-19 Second consideration 1:54pm
06-19-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
09-23-19 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
09-23-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
10-21-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Upcoming Events

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

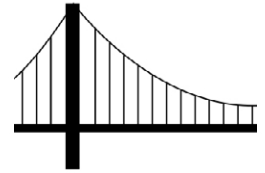
October 3, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

October 9, 2019 - 12:30 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-3991

PA Public Utility Commission

October 9, 2019 - 6:00 p.m., Robert Morris University, Yorktown Hall, 8256 University Blvd., Moon Township
Public Input Hearing on Duquesne Light Company Transmission Line Project. For additional information: (717) 783-6152



PA State Transportation Advisory Committee

October 10, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

PA Turnpike Commission

October 15, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

October 16, 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

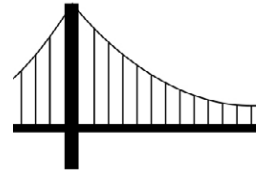
October 17, 2019 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Committee Meetings. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

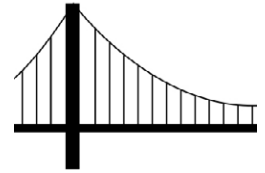
October 17, 2019 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration and Operations Committee meetings. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

In the News

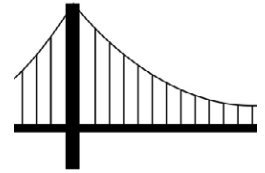
- 09-26-2019 **[A.G. DePasquale Says Brownsville Area School District Must Improve Finances](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-26-2019 **[PA Turnpike Online Public Meeting Set for Oct. 1 to Explain Cashless Tolling](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-26-2019 **[Philadelphia airport ranks near the bottom on consumer survey, but still did better than LaGuardia](#)**
Philadelphia International Airport inched up the ranks by one spot on a popular consumer survey, landing fourth-from-last in the J.D. Power 2019 North America Airport Satisfaction Study. That means PHL did better than Ronald Reagan Washington National, Honolulu... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 09-26-2019 **[Pa. hyperloop study draws public, private officials to Harrisburg workshop](#)**
Will a hyperloop work in Pennsylvania? That's the question officials from legislative and executive branches, statewide agencies, organizations and departments, as well as a handful of private business leaders are trying to answer. Fifty people, invited to a workshop at Dixon University in Harrisburg on... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 09-26-2019 **[Two killed in late-night crash on Route 378 in Bethlehem; southbound lanes remain closed](#)**
Two people were killed in a crash on Route 378 southbound in Bethlehem late Wednesday night, according to the Lehigh County Coroner's Office, and the road remained closed early Thursday. Sirens were heard wailing for minutes on end in West Bethlehem just before... - *Allentown Morning Call*



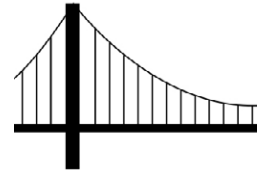
- 09-26-2019 **[Why Bethlehem agency will spend \\$550,000 to repair garage that could disappear in coming years](#)**
The Bethlehem Parking Authority will spend \$552,880 over the next year on fixing the Walnut Street garage, a 43-year-old structure that could be demolished in the coming years. The money is needed to keep the popular but aging garage behind historic Main Street open until city officials decide what to do with it. A parking... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[In Berks County, drunken-driving crashes are down, aggressive driving is up - and other revelations from PennDOT's 2018 crash database](#)**
Each year, PennDOT releases a database of detailed statistics for crashes in the state. This month, the agency released numbers for 2018 that looked quite a bit different from previous years. Namely, some statistics were added that PennDOT hadn't previously tracked.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Gas card records raise questions about Scranton fire chief's claim he paid for own gas while vacationing](#)**
SCRANTON — Scranton Fire Chief Patrick DeSarno's taxpayer-funded gas card was used to fuel up at a turnpike station near Allentown the same day he got in a fender bender in his city-owned SUV while vacationing in New Jersey, records show. That July 18 purchase, for a little more than five gallons of gas that cost... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Job site worker dies following turnpike accident](#)**
SOMERSET – A Fulton County man has died from injuries in a construction site accident Tuesday on an Allegheny Township section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Cambria County Coroner Jeff Lees said. Skid loader operator Dwight Fischer, 59, of Waterfall, was working at an... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Northern Lebanon overbilled state, didn't verify bus driver qualifications, audit says](#)**
A state audit found Northern Lebanon School District overbilled the state for tens of thousands of dollars in transportation costs and didn't adequately verify bus driver's qualifications. The district now owes \$87,763 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Regional gas prices spike, but Washington largely spared](#)**
Gasoline prices jumped across Western Pennsylvania – and most of the nation, actually – in the aftermath of the drone attacks on Saudi Arabian oil facilities a week and a half ago. The average price of a gallon of unleaded self-serve skyrocketed to \$2.884 in the region this week, up 12.6 cents from \$2.758, AAA East Central... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Sinking Spring gives go-ahead to revitalization committee to apply for more state grants](#)**
The Sinking Spring Borough Council gave the BOSS Revitalization Committee the green light to apply for a second round of state grant funding for building-facade improvements as part of its corridor upgrade. Sam Loth, coordinator for the BOSS initiative, told the board \$50,000 of... - [Reading Eagle](#)



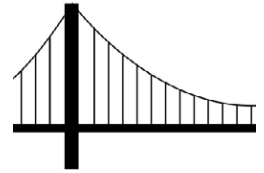
- 09-26-2019 **[\\$250 Million Feud Lingers, but Senecas and N.Y. Reach Small Truce](#)**
For years, motorists flying down Interstate 90 southwest of Buffalo were putting the well-being of their vehicles . not to mention their occupants . at risk, as they entered a three-mile stretch crossing the Seneca Nation.s tribal lands. The highway is one of the worst around, with deep divots, cracked pavement... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Analysis | Trump's travel ban really was a Muslim ban, data suggests](#)**
On Tuesday, House Judiciary and Foreign Affairs subcommittees held a hearing on President Trump.s effort to ban travel to the United States from mostly Muslim-majority countries. Commonly known as the Muslim ban, the policy went into full effect on Dec. 4, 2017, after the U.S. Supreme Court... - [Washington Post](#)
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- 09-26-2019 **[Lancaster city wants to be bike-friendly. How about first becoming more car-friendly?](#)**
THE ISSUE Lancaster city has a plan to rebuild Water Street into a “bicycle boulevard” that can be used by cyclists, motorists and pedestrians alike, LNP’s Tim Stuhldreher first reported Sept. 5. “The bicycle boulevard and off-road path would serve as one of the principal north-south... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Officials praise gas impact fees](#)**
The Marcellus Shale Coalition heard from elected officials at the Wyoming County 911 Center on Friday about how natural gas impact fees have benefited Pennsylvania and its northeast counties. The state government enacted Act 13 in 2012 to improve environmental laws... - [Tunkhannock The New Age Examiner](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[SEPTA and Philadelphia reveal their investment managers' profits while bigger state pensions resist disclosure](#)**
When it comes to telling the world what they buy with public pension money, Philadelphia and SEPTA are much more transparent about their outside managers' fees than the larger Pennsylvania state pension funds. The state funds have bragged they are cutting such fees. There looks like... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-26-2019 **[Aggravating alerts: Drivers should embrace car safety technology](#)**
Motorists should feel assisted by safety tools, not annoyed by them Driver-assisted technology has made vehicles safer and has been a good segue for the public toward autonomous cars that likely will heavily populate roads in the not-too-distant future. But a new and credible survey... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-25-2019 **[AG DePasquale Releases Audits for School Entities in Nine Counties](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-25-2019 **[DCED: Wolf Admin. Announces Critical Transportation Enhancements in Elk County](#)**
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- 09-25-2019 **[PUC Announces Public Input Hearing on Duquesne Light Company Transmission...](#)**
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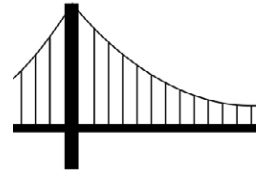
- 09-25-2019 **Improving Health Care Infrastructure to Rural Populations Key to Reducing...**
(Press Release)
- 09-25-2019 **Erie Port Authority puts Dobbins Landing upgrades on hold**
The authority had sought bids from several design firms interested in handling the improvements. In July, six firms expressed interest in designing upgrades to Dobbins Landing and the Bicentennial Tower on Erie's bayfront as part of the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority's master plan for waterfront... - *Erie Times-News*
- 09-25-2019 **Firetruck maker KME, one of largest employers in Carbon County, cuts 15% of workforce**
A firetruck manufacturer that is one of Carbon County's largest employers has cut an unspecified number of jobs. Kovatch Mobile Equipment, or KME, said in a statement that the workforce reductions occurred at manufacturing facilities in Nesquehoning and a location in California.... - *Allentown Morning Call*
- 09-25-2019 **Caernarvon OKs fire police for shaved-ice business' movie night**
At Tuesday's workshop meeting the Caernarvon Township supervisors approved a request from Tsunami Ice at 6022 Morgantown Road for fire police assistance during its planned movie night. The event will be Sunday at 6 p.m. and feature the movie "Breakthrough" at 7 p.m..... - *Reading Eagle*
- 09-25-2019 **Hart brought airport advances; challenges await its new leader**
For 33 years, Tom Hart has been the face of the Williamsport Regional Airport in Montoursville. That face will be changing when he retires at the end of the year. As executive director, Hart has brought a steadiness to the leadership of the airport, overseeing its operations during times of great change and... - *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*
- 09-25-2019 **State study: Palmer airport brings \$226M in annual economic impact**
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport — which has long been touted as an economic generator for Westmoreland County — brings in \$226 million in annual economic impact, according to a recent state study. The airport's numbers in the 2019 study, done by the state Bureau of... - *Latrobe Bulletin*
- 09-25-2019 **VW Executives and Ex-C.E.O. Are Charged With Market Manipulation**
Volkswagen was supposed to turn the corner this year from the shadow of a costly diesel emissions scandal, with a new emphasis on electric vehicles, a new logo and a new commitment to ethical behavior. But on Tuesday, German prosecutors charged the automaker.s two... - *New York Times*
- 09-25-2019 **Trump officials threaten to withhold highway funding from California for its 'chronic air quality problems'**
Trump administration officials threatened this week to withhold federal highway funding from California, arguing that the state has not shown what steps it is taking to improve its air quality. The move by the Environmental Protection Agency escalates the fierce battle between... - *Washington Post*
- 09-25-2019 **Top Volkswagen executives charged with market manipulation in emissions scandal**
Top Volkswagen executives, including chief executive Herbert Diess, have been charged with market manipulation in the latest chapter of the auto giant.s diesel emissions scandal, German prosecutors say. Diess, Chairman Hans Dieter Poetsch and former CEO Martin Winterkorn were... - *Washington Post*



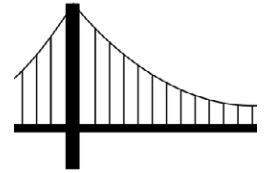
- 09-25-2019 **[Analysis | What Americans really think about California's auto emissions waiver - and what could change their minds](#)**
In a controversial move last week, the Trump administration revoked California's authority to set auto emission standards that require more fuel-efficient cars than the federal government requires. The administration said this would lower car prices and set a uniform national... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Council head suggests dissolving Erie Parking Authority](#)**
Authority said it won't pay city up to \$500,000. City Council president wants to "see if we can disband that authority." For more than a decade, as long as it was sending hundreds of thousands of dollars to City Hall each year, the Erie Parking Authority enjoyed a stable... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Pa.'s roads are the 5th worst in nation, study says](#)**
How bad are Pennsylvania's roads? According to a new study, Pennsylvania has the nation's fifth worst road infrastructure. That's what Lending Tree's QuoteWizard's latest report, based upon a study of Federal Highway Administration data, says. "We analyzed Federal Highway Administration data and ranked states... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Ribbon-cutting held for Paoli train station project; Dinniman calls for Amtrak to move on other stations](#)**
TREDYFFRIN — Mass transit officials, disability rights groups and local politicians celebrated a major milestone in the evolution of the Paoli train station Monday. After many years of planning and two years of construction, Amtrak and SEPTA marked the completion of the Paoli Station... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[State study: Arnold Palmer Regional Airport boosts economy by \\$226M](#)**
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport boosts the local economy by \$226 million annually, according to a state study. The 2019 state Bureau of Aviation update of its similar 2011 report shows the Unity airport's impact has more than doubled since 2010 — when it pumped \$97.5 million into the area, a year before Spirit Airlines began... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Harrison approves zoning amendment for school bus depot](#)**
Highlands School District's new bus company will be able to keep its depot in Harrison right where it is. Harrison commissioners approved amending the township's zoning ordinance to make a school bus depot a permitted use in the S-1 Special zoning district. That includes the property on Springhill Road where ABC... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Tarentum's Hebe statue welcomes arrival of fall](#)**
It may not feel like it, but autumn is here — and Tarentum's Hebe statue is ready for it. Fall officially arrived at 3:50 a.m. Monday. At the borough's end of the Tarentum Bridge, which sees some 30,000 vehicles daily according to PennDOT, the statue of Hebe is sporting a scarf... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Who gets the \\$11,000,000 referral fee? Montco law firm and a former partner fight over it.](#)**
A 17-year-old girl was catastrophically burned in 2014 when a propane tank exploded on a food truck in North Philadelphia, where she washed dishes and cooked. When the case was settled, her share — about \$70 million — was called the largest individual pre-verdict settlement in Pennsylvania... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



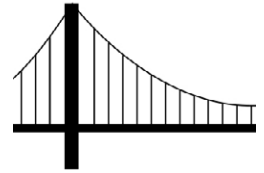
- 09-24-2019 **[Absentee ballot online application process going smoothly, state says](#)**
Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that more than 4,300 voters applied online for absentee ballots in the first week the state issued the system. “The success of letting people apply online for an absentee ballot proves that Pennsylvanians want voting to be more accessible,” Wolf... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[The Susquehanna Greenway: The prime outdoor opportunity in your own backyard](#)**
If trails, parks and opportunities for enjoying outdoor recreation sound good to you, then you’re in luck. The Susquehanna Greenway has all of that and more, but few know what a greenway entails. So, let’s learn a little bit more about this statewide system that’s right in your... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[PennDOT schedules road, bridge work](#)**
BELLEFONTE — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Centre County Maintenance announces the following work schedule for this week, weather permitting. Motorists should travel with extra caution in these and all work areas. Motorists should be aware that due to the nature of highway maintenance and... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Employers hurting for qualified candidates to fill jobs; Rabbitransit down 28 drivers](#)**
Richard Farr has a problem to solve, and it’s a big one. He has 28 jobs to fill. Farr is the executive director of Rabbitransit, the public bus and transportation system for 10 Pennsylvania counties, including Adams, York and Franklin. It currently employs 313 bus drivers and another nearly 100... - [York Daily](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[U.S.-Japan Trade Deal May Be Delayed Over Car Tariffs](#)**
The United States and Japan may fall short of signing a trade deal this week, as negotiators from both countries grapple with how to resolve President Trump’s threat to place tariffs on cars from Japan. The two countries had been working toward signing a limited trade deal this... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Gas prices up from last week in the Valley](#)**
SUNBURY — The average price for gasoline across the Susquehanna Valley is seven cents higher this week than it was last week, at \$2.813 per gallon, according to AAA East Central’s Gas Price Report, said Jim Garrity, AAA legislative affairs manager. The jump in price, Garrity said,... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Scranton City Council letter to clarify expectations for internal gas card audit](#)**
SCRANTON — City council wants to make clear its expectations regarding an internal audit of gas cards used for city vehicles. And if that audit by the city controller’s office doesn’t meet their expectations, several council members said they’d support hiring... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-24-2019 **[Trump's trade deal with Japan hits snag amid auto tariff fears](#)**
The trade agreement President Trump told Congress he had reached with Japan last week is now hung up amid Japanese concerns that Trump will still move to penalize their auto shipments to the United States, according to two people familiar with the negotiations.... - [Washington Post](#)



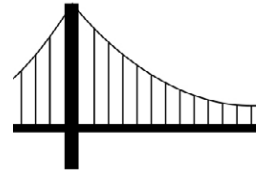
- 09-24-2019 **FAA misled Congress on inspector training for Boeing 737 Max, investigators say**
Investigators examining a whistleblower complaint have concluded that safety inspectors who worked on training requirements for Boeing 737 Max pilots were themselves underqualified. . and that the Federal Aviation Administration provided misleading information about the issue to Congress.... - *Washington Post*
- 09-24-2019 **Whoa to us all: Instead of complaining about Amish horses and buggies, perhaps we ought to slow down [opinion]**
THE ISSUE In a story published in Saturday's LNP, staff writer Jeff Hawkes wrote of his experience riding in the buggy of a Paradise Township Amish farmer on Route 30. The farmer asked to be identified only by his last name, Stoltzfus, because the Old Order Amish community shies from publicity.... - *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*
- 09-24-2019 **Three months after Lancaster city installed roundabout, residents still skeptical; city collecting data**
Terry Walker doesn't think a roundabout is the best way to address safety concerns at North Plum Street, East New Street and Park Avenue in Lancaster city. The 78-year-old said he was almost hit while walking across North Plum Street by a motorist who did not yield.... - *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*
- 09-24-2019 **EPA reportedly threatens to cut California's highway funding over Clean Air Act 'failure'**
The Trump administration is reportedly threatening to pull federal funding for highways and other transportation projects in California after the state has "failed" to submit complete pollution-control plans required by law. According to a letter obtained by the Sacramento Bee, Environmental... - *Los Angeles Times*
- 09-24-2019 **A battle over ethanol: Mandates in gasoline should not be raised**
That solution would not harm area farmers or ethanol plants but would help oil refineries nationwide A quiet but intense lobbying battle in Washington between farmers and the oil refining industry can be resolved simply: The federal government should not raise the ethanol mandates in gasoline next year.... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 09-24-2019 **Firetruck maker KME, one of largest employers in Carbon County, cuts 15% of workforce**
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- 09-24-2019 **Gas prices spike following attacks on Saudi Arabia**
The national average price of gasoline is up for the first time in 10 weeks following the attacks on Saudi Arabia, according to the price-tracking website GasBuddy.com. The national average has gone up 8.5 cents per gallon in the past week to \$2.66, GasBuddy reported. The 8.3 cents-per-gallon increase in the... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 09-23-2019 **Sen. Boscola's Vehicle Ice Removal Bill Set for Full Senate Vote**
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- 09-23-2019 **DCED: Wolf Admin. Announces Business Expansion, Transportation Improvements...**
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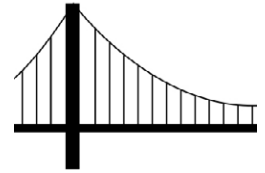
- 09-23-2019 **[Nominations Sought for Damage Prevention Committee; PUC Reminds Stakeholders...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-23-2019 **[KTFC Update Vol. 8 Issue 14](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-23-2019 **[Thousands of Voters Use New Online Absentee Ballot Application in First Week](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-23-2019 **[Allison Park man, 22, dies in traffic accident on I-79 in Butler County](#)**
An Allison Park man was killed in an early morning crash Friday on Interstate 79 in Butler County. According to state police, Joshua P. Travis, 22, was traveling northbound on I-79 in Muddy Creek Township when he lost control of his Dodge Ram 1500 at about 6 a.m. After over-correcting, Travis slammed into an embankment... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-23-2019 **[PennDOT to study automated driving](#)**
HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has been awarded an \$8.4 million United States Department of Transportation grant to test the safe integration of automated driving systems into work zones. The project's goal is to develop a consistent approach to allow for... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-23-2019 **[PennDOT: Northern portion of thruway project 80 percent complete](#)**
LEWISBURG — The northern section of the \$865 million Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project is about 80 percent complete, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation assistant plans engineer Matt Beck. The information was provided by Beck on Friday at Country Cupboard in... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-23-2019 **[New study shows Chester County roundabouts reducing fatalities, crashes](#)**
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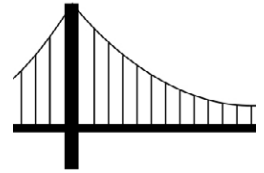
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Luzerne County Council will soon appoint a county resident to an open seat on the county transportation authority. After that, council will have no say in the operations of the transportation authority, or any other county authority, until the next time it appoints members to unpaid seats on authority boards.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
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Crawford County Maintenance Manager Aaron Fox announced the following county maintenance schedule for the week of Sept. 23 for roadways maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Athey work will be done on Miller Hill Road and Brown Hill Road in Rockdale... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
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The Democratic presidential candidates have been chasing labor support all summer, appearing at small union halls and large conferences, and tweeting support for workers at companies like Amazon and Walmart. But now, as the United Automobile Workers, one of the nation.s largest unions, stages a... - [New York Times](#)
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PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Transit police across the country are marking Rail Safety Week by making sure drivers and walkers stay off the tracks, and a special enforcement effort is planned for Tuesday. Transit police will be stationing themselves at grade crossings to make... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
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Amtrak's Miami trains—the Silver Star and Silver Meteor—have a Facebook page where the former has acquired the derogatory nickname “Silver Starvation” — because it no longer carries a dining car. Since Amtrak meals are about to become a major issue, a friend and I... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
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MADLEY — Friends and family filled the pavilion at Christ Lutheran Church outside of Madley Saturday to remember a fallen soldier as an area bridge was dedicated in his memory. Roger “Rod” Guy Holler was barely 21 when he was killed in January 1971 while serving in Vietnam.... - [Bedford Gazette](#)
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Autoworkers who have spent the last week picketing outside General Motors plants said the United Auto Workers strike has a simple message: GM should use its billions of dollars in profits to do more for workers. But as they chanted and waved protest signs at factory entrances, many... - [Washington Post](#)
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Uber and Lyft drivers seeking to form unions hailed a new California law requiring gig economy workers to be classified as employees as a crucial victory. But their plans are in limbo as the companies vow to fight the law. The drivers are gearing up for a fresh battle with the ride-hailing... - [Washington Post](#)



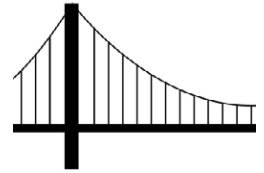
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Moirá Nee of Brookline wanted to make her sister's bachelorette party in Erie last September especially memorable by splurging on a limousine for the evening. But what started out as a kind gesture turned into a nightmare for Ms. Nee, who still can't believe that the roughly \$400 she expected to pay for... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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The Westmoreland County Transit Authority will not renew its contract with the operator of its bus and shared ride system in 2020 because the authority could not reach an agreement with that company on the rates for next year. National Express LLC wanted to charge rates the transit authority... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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After more than a year's delay in state funds, the Port Authority is revising its capital budget and reprogramming more than \$23 million into safety and aesthetic improvements. A board committee Thursday recommended a capital budget of \$230.9 million, substantially larger than normal because it includes two years of state... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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California and 22 other states sued Friday to stop the Trump administration from revoking the authority of the nation's most populous state to set emission standards for cars and trucks... - [AP](#)
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For the first time since 1992, Pittsburgh International Airport will be free of the suffocating debt that came with the construction of the midfield terminal. But it won't last long. The Allegheny County Airport Authority plans to pay off the remaining \$77 million of debt, about half related to midfield, by the end of the year.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Democrats were quick to back working-class United Auto Workers in their strike against General Motors, delivering doughnuts and holding picket signs outside factories to show solidarity. It's a union they long have aligned with politically... - [AP](#)
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Staff at area senior centers can see firsthand how getting a REAL ID driver's license or identification card could be particularly difficult for older Pennsylvanians. Take Elaine, who comes to the Coatesville Area Senior Center daily and is in her 90s. She wanted one of the upgraded ID cards she could use to board flights and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-22-2019 **PennDOT using \$8.4M grant to study automated vehicle performance in highway work zones**
Imagine orange barrels in Pittsburgh but without all the attendant nightmare scenarios. As difficult as that may be, the state Department of Transportation thinks it's possible. PennDOT is embarking on a four-year project to improve the performance of automated vehicles in work zones. The project is part of a larger vision to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



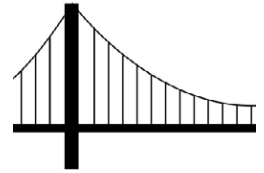
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The County of Lackawanna Transit System dug deep for a rationale when, in 2012 and 2014, it rejected a proposed bus-side ad from an atheist group. COLTS said it would reject religious and political advertising on public safety grounds, in that controversial advertising could spark arguments... - [Scranton Times](#)
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Moriah Coleman of Carbondale used to enjoy flying, but in recent years has become fearful of it, said her parents, Harry and Linda Coleman. So, they brought Moriah, 21, to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport on Saturday for the Arc of NEPA.s .Wings for All. airline rehearsal... - [Scranton Times](#)
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Who was the pilot of a small plane who flew under the Riegelsville bridge a week ago? The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, which maintains the 115-year-old suspension bridge, would like to know. So does the Federal Aviation Administration, which opened an investigation after seeing... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
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This year started with the new owner of the former GE Transportation locomotive plant in Lawrence Park issuing threats. Absent wage and other concessions from union workers there, Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp. would swiftly start moving work out of Erie.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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Officials drop the controversial idea of outsourcing transportation services. Our Opinion: The district should next resolve the long-debated question of how to improve its bus facilities. For years now the issue of transporting students has occupied an inordinate... - [Reading Eagle](#)
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EMTs, firefighters and local police tested their ability to respond to a plane crash Saturday at Harrisburg International Airport with a drill that included live fire, smoke and dozens of volunteer victims. The drill, which began at 9 a.m. Saturday, is required by the Federal... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
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Roundabouts are like vegetables. They're good for you, even if you can't stand them. At least, that's what PennDOT is saying after reviewing crash data at 19 locations that have been converted into roundabouts. These spots showed decreases in fatalities (2 to 0), suspected serious injuries (10 to 1) and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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— California and nearly two dozen other states on Friday filed suit against the Trump administration's unprecedented legal reversal of the state's authority to set its own rules on climate-warming tailpipe emissions. The lawsuit represents the starting gun in a sweeping legal battle over... - [New York Times](#)



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A decade-long boom in domestic extraction has turned the United States into the world's largest oil producer, a position that will cushion the economy in new ways, economists and energy experts say. Even as prices rise at the pump, more-expensive oil will reward Texas,... - [Washington Post](#)
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It was not immediately clear how many jobs may come to Erie. When union workers in Erie walked the picket lines outside the Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp. plant in February and early March, the company sent some of their work to its MotivePower locomotive plant in Boise,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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Newer roundabouts at dangerous intersections in Pennsylvania are reducing fatalities and crashes, a PennDOT study released this week concludes. PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said the study concludes roundabouts are saving lives and reducing congestion.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
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WRIGHT TWP. — Crestwood School Board member Barry Boone criticized the new busing contract approved Aug. 30, noting at Thursday's board meeting that the deal ignores recommendations from the state auditor general. "I believe personally that this last contract was signed in haste, and... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
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SOUDERTON — The sidewalk at the Broad Theater has been closed to begin work on replacing it with a new streetscaped sidewalk similar to what was previously done on parts of Souderton's Main Street. The work is in conjunction with the plans to renovate and reopen the... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
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EAST GOSHEN — The township officially broke ground Tuesday night on a 3.1-mile long pedestrian trail that will stretch along Paoli Pike from Line Road to Airport Road. The \$8.1 million project will add to 3.5 miles of existing township trails. Grants totaled \$3.6 million, including a DCNR grant of \$268,000 and a... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)



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LOCKPORT — The Croak Hollow paving project scheduled to be completed this year will have to wait until spring of 2020. The Woodward Township Supervisors announced the news at Tuesday's meeting after learning that the process to receive their PennDOT Multimodal... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
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When California lawmakers passed a worker-protection bill essentially requiring Uber and Lyft to treat drivers as employees, it was thanks in part to a little-known group called Rideshare Drivers United. Uber and Lyft had hoped for a deal with organized labor exempting them from... - [New York Times](#)
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HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) Thursday approved an amended Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement highlighted by a lower than requested increase in rates for natural gas distribution services provided by UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (UGI).... - [Bradford Era](#)
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The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, split along party lines, voted Thursday to dramatically expand low-income utility assistance programs, making them more forgiving and more affordable for hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians. The PUC's action could significantly lower energy costs for the poorest... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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THE ISSUE Pennsylvania's Election Day is still nearly two months away, on Nov. 5, but the last day you can register to vote for this election is Oct. 7. It's not a presidential election or even a congressional midterm, but there are state and municipal elections — all of them important to each... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)



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