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Bill Actions

[HB 1695](#) [Sankey, Thomas\(R\)](#) Act designating the viaduct bridges located on Interstate 80, Eastbound, Segment Number 1382, Offset 0000, & Westbound, Segment Number 1383, Offset 0000, in Cooper Township, Clearfield County, as the Richard B. Whitehead Memorial Bridges.

Bill History: 08-03-17 H Filed

[HB 1696](#) [Sankey, Thomas\(R\)](#) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions for sexual offense evidence testing & establishing the Sexual Offense Evidence Testing Account.

Bill History: 08-03-17 H Filed

[SB 837](#) [Ward, Kim\(R\)](#) (PN 1099) Designates a portion of State Route 981 in Smithton Borough and South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, as the Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 07-31-17 S Filed
07-31-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

PA Bulletin

DRBC: PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS MEETING

The Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center, Washington Crossing. The hearing will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges and other water-related projects subject to the Commission's review. A business meeting will also be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Bucks County Community College, Newtown, and include adoption of the minutes of the Commission's June 14, 2017, business meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required, and one hour of open public comment. Comments for the hearing will be accepted through 5 p.m. on August 21 or at the conclusion of the meeting. To present, contact Paula Schmitt at paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov. Written comments should be submitted at drbc.net or to Commission Secretary, PO Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

PPA: PETITION FOR CHANGES TO TAXICAB TARIFF; DOC. NO. 17-005

The Philadelphia Parking Authority, following a rate investigation by the Taxicab and Limousine Division, published a list of recommendations for amendments to the taxicab tariff. The full list is available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Upcoming Events

House State Government (INFORMATIONAL)

WEDNESDAY - 8/9/17, 10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building
Informational meeting to follow up to the hearings on June 12 & 16, 2017 regarding the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)

House Transportation (PUBLIC HEARING)

TUESDAY - 8/15/17, Subcommittee on Highways 10:00 a.m., PA State Fire Academy, 1150 Riverside Drive, Lewistown

Joint public hearing with House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness on emergency towing and weight restrictions in PA and:

HB 1414 Barrar, Stephen Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for visual signals on authorized vehicles.

HB 1678 Barrar, Stephen Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for limits on number of towed vehicles, for length of vehicles and for application to tow trucks.

(Note: HB 1678 added to agenda)

House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. (PUBLIC HEARING)

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PA Turnpike Commission

August 15, 2017 - 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

Session Schedule

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In the News

08-03-2017 [Chesapeake Energy Corporation Reports 2017 Second Quarter Financial And...](#)
(Press Release)

08-03-2017 [ABC PA Denounces Discriminatory Project Labor Agreement by PennDOT](#)
(Press Release)

08-03-2017 [Wolf Administration Provides Update on Bedford County Train Derailment](#)
(Press Release)

- 08-03-2017 [**DOT: Wolf Administration Begins Improvement Work on Interstate 79 in Erie County**](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-03-2017 [**Casey Statement on Bedford County Derailment**](#)
(Press Release)
- 08-03-2017 [**Port Authority blames driver error for bus crash into Brookline cannon; union calls it 'accident'**](#)
The driver of the bus that hopped a curb in Brookline and knocked over an iconic cannon on July 8 was at fault in the crash and is no longer employed with the Port Authority of Allegheny County, a spokesman said Wednesday. Bus driver Nicole P. Lawrence, 34, was cited on July 18 for failing to wear... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**A geriatrician talks about senior driving: 'How did you get here today?'**](#)
Alice Pomidor, a Florida State University geriatrician, brings up the subject of driving with her patients over age 75 by asking a simple question: "How did you get here today?" As the editor of a newly revised American Geriatrics Society guide for medical clinicians on older people and driving, Pomidor understands why... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**These are the 'bad guys' who can help you take away an elderly driver's keys**](#)
As an attorney specializing in elder law, Jerry Rothkoff sees many adult children at their wits' ends about their parents' driving. It's "devastating" for a parent to lose the ability to drive, he said, but also terrifying to know your parent is a danger on the road.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Driving while aging: How can she make her mother give up the keys?**](#)
Dolores Munson, 85, got tired last winter of waiting behind a police car that had made a traffic stop about a mile from her home. She swerved into the next lane to pass, but couldn't help looking to see who had gotten in trouble. "I was nosy," the Stratford, N.J., woman said.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Is Uber the new Tinder? Love and sex in the car pool**](#)
It's a meet-cute story that couldn't have existed just two years ago. Without Uber's carpool service, UberPOOL, introduced to Philadelphia in February 2016, Nick Marzano and Melissa Schipke would never have shared a ride last December during a heavy downpour, would never have started... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Bedford County town evacuated after freight train derails, catches fire**](#)
HYNDMAN — Nearly three dozen cars of a freight train carrying hazardous materials careened off the tracks in a small Pennsylvania town Wednesday, igniting fires in some rail cars and a garage and forcing emergency officials to evacuate the whole town. No injuries were reported.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**CSX train derails in Hyndman**](#)
HYNDMAN — A CSX train derailment early Wednesday in Hyndman set a building ablaze, left dangerous chemicals burning and forced hundreds to evacuate as responders fought to reclaim the town. Thirty-two cars jumped the tracks in the Bedford County borough about 5... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Talking on your phone while driving? Pennsylvania bill proposes 3 points on license, fine for offense**](#)
Pennsylvania drivers would no longer be allowed to talk on a hand-held phone while they operate a vehicle if a recently introduced House bill is passed. HB1684 would prohibit anyone 18 and older from talking on the phone while driving, unless they use hands-free accessories. Drivers under... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)

- 08-03-2017 [**Evacuations remain in effect after freight train derailment**](#)
HYNDMAN, Pa. (AP) — Evacuations remain in effect for residents of a small Pennsylvania town following a freight train derailment... - [AP](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Parents appeal to Conrad Weiser School Board for return of bus route**](#)
Parents of very young elementary school-aged children fought to hold back tears Wednesday as they pleaded with the Conrad Weiser School Board to restore an eliminated bus run that served parts of the Wernersville and Womelsdorf areas. Stephanie Speirs of Center Road, Womelsdorf, said the No. 1 priority for... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Tesla gets richer despite looming production challenge**](#)
Tesla reported quarterly earnings Wednesday that beat analyst expectations, giving the company even more momentum as it begins a period of unprecedented production. The news arrived less than a week after Tesla unveiled the Model 3 at its factory in Fremont, Calif. Touted as the company's first... - [Washington Post](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Fairfield tank project moves forward**](#)
- [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Would air traffic privatization be bad for the public?**](#)
When it comes to aviation safety, you trust Sully. This week, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the hero pilot of the Miracle on the Hudson, made a case against privatizing air traffic control, a top priority of President Donald Trump. Proponents of privatization also face fierce resistance from some... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Hatfield seeks supplemental grant for Cowpath-Orvilla realignment**](#)
Hatfield Township officials are taking another shot at getting grant money to realign the intersection of Cowpath and Orvilla Roads. "We have a grant application in right now, with PennDOT, for the total cost of realigning Cowpath and Orvilla. We heard that we were going to hear... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Many overnight in hotels after derailment; fire dying off**](#)
HYNDMAN, Pa. (AP) — About 1,000 residents of a small Pennsylvania town spent the night in area hotels following a freight train derailment and fire that forced their evacuation... - [AP](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Freight train derailment in Pa. town involves 32 cars, sparks large fire**](#)
At least one residence was destroyed when it was struck by a derailed car from a CSX freight train that went off the tracks at the northern edge of this town in south central Pennsylvania early Wednesday morning. Thirty-two cars, some of which contained hazardous materials, derailed... - [New Castle News](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Editorial | Langerholc wants to clear the air on emissions testing**](#)
We agree with state Sen. Wayne Langerholc Jr.'s call to end vehicle emissions testing in Cambria County. The freshman lawmaker from Richland Township authored a resolution asking the Joint State Government Commission to find out what the ramifications would be if Cambria County were removed from the list of counties that... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Tractor trailer crashes over hillside off Pa. Turnpike in Westmoreland County**](#)
A tractor trailer carrying water veered off the Pennsylvania Turnpike westbound and went down a hillside Thursday morning near Arona in Westmoreland County, trapping the driver inside. County emergency officials said the driver was conscious and alert with minor injuries as emergency responders worked to free him from the rig. He... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-03-2017 [**Uber's cheaper carpool service is MIA in Pittsburgh. What are we missing out on?**](#)

Washington, D.C., resident Natalee Dawson “shudders to think” about all the money she would have spent without using the UberPool app to carpool with strangers and friends traversing the nation’s capital. She estimates she pays \$5-7 per ride when she uses Pool, but double that... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-02-2017

[Delaware River Basin Commission Hearing & Meeting Notice for 8/16/17 & 9/13/17](#)
(Press Release)

08-02-2017

[Exelon Reports Second Quarter 2017 Results](#)
(Press Release)

08-02-2017

[PEMA: Commonwealth Response Coordination Center Activated After Train...](#)
(Press Release)

08-02-2017

[More bike lanes in Philly? Let's put it to a vote](#)
It's time for a recount of the numbers of those opposed to “protected” bike lanes that were proposed for Lombard Street west of Broad in Center City, in Kenyatta Johnson’s Council district. Based on figures provided by his office a few days back, I reported about... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-02-2017

[Pa. Turnpike toll scofflaws get last chance at amnesty](#)
HARRISBURG — Motorists who repeatedly blow through Pennsylvania Turnpike tollbooths without paying have until Friday night to pay up, in some cases at a reduced rate — or risk having the state suspend their vehicle registrations. The Turnpike Commission announced its amnesty program last month, and in... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-02-2017

[American Airlines promises to find your bags](#)
American Airlines has new technology that notifies passengers if their checked bag will be late, or landed early, perhaps because a customer missed a connecting flight. The notifications, sent by text, email, or phone, aim to take the annoyance out of waiting in vain at the baggage carousel.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-02-2017

[Want amnesty for unpaid turnpike tolls? Friday is last chance](#)
Those with unpaid tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike have until 7 p.m. Friday to take advantage of a partial amnesty program. That's when a law takes effect that allows the Turnpike Commission to work with PennDOT to suspend the vehicle registrations of habitual toll scofflaws.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-02-2017

[With days left in amnesty effort, Turnpike nets over \\$1M from toll scofflaws](#)
Motorists who owe money for Pennsylvania Turnpike toll violations have until Friday to settle up in partial toll amnesty program. Launched July 5, the month-long program has so far netted resolutions on 19,449 violation notices totaling about \$1.1 million, according to PA... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-02-2017

[Amtrak mobile app now offering Lyft rides to and from stations](#)
Amtrak and Lyft announced a partnership Tuesday that allows customers to hail the ride-sharing service through Amtrak’s mobile app. As part of the arrangement, new Lyft users who use the promotional code AMTRAKLYFT will receive \$5 discounts on their first four rides.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

08-02-2017

[County rethinking office at airport](#)
HOLLIDAYSBURG — Blair County commissioners are being asked to guarantee a loan on a three-part construction project at the Altoona-Blair County Airport which includes an office building for the county to lease as a district court. But the projected cost of that lease, starting at \$4,800 a month, may be... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

- 08-02-2017 [**Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission amnesty program nears end**](#)
Friday is the deadline for motorists to pay outstanding tolls in the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's partial amnesty program. On July 5, the commission launched the program to give scofflaws a last chance to pay tolls without being subjected to having their vehicle... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Legislature should create single agency for transportation**](#)
Regular travelers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike can set their clocks by regular toll increases — and by the state Legislature's long-running inability to craft a comprehensive transportation policy. For the 10th time in 10 years, the state Turnpike Commission voted recently... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Teens use Uber via parent accounts, despite the ride-sharing service's ban on minors**](#)
When Lola Velez-Miggins was a young teen living in Philadelphia, she relied on trains and buses to get to work or school when her mom couldn't drive her. Now, the 16-year-old Falls native, who has moved to Maryland, opts for a more direct way to get to and from school and work if mom is busy: Uber.... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Bill would let Uber, Lyft drivers get a single California business license rather than multiple local ones**](#)
Every week, Yolanda Bowie's part-time job as a driver for Lyft and Uber takes her from her Sacramento home and across the constellation of cities that make up the greater Bay Area. Bowie was surprised when Lyft told her recently that she might have to pay for a business license to drive in each one of them. If that happened,... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Sound Off for Wednesday, Aug. 2**](#)
Last Wednesday afternoon at rush hour at Route 1 and Cheyney Road, there was a major main break. One water company man was there shutting the leak off. When I rode by Saturday, you couldn't even tell they had a leak. The road has been restored and everything looks great. Way to go, Chester... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**PA Turnpike Toll Amnesty Ends Friday**](#)
There are only a few days left for people with outstanding toll violations and bills left to take advantage of the Pennsylvania Turnpike's partial amnesty program. After that, a new state law could mean real headaches for scofflaws. READ: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Approves 6 Percent Toll Increase For... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Centre County bustling with transportation projects**](#)
In Pennsylvania, summer means construction. And that is certainly true for Centre County. In Centre County, the Metropolitan Planning Organization works in partnership with the state Department of Transportation to help prioritize projects and arrange funding, said Tom Zilla, principal transportation... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Citizens evacuated after Pennsylvania train derailment, fire**](#)
HYNDMAN, Pa. (AP) — Part of a freight train has derailed in Pennsylvania causing three cars to burn, as well as a residential garage they struck, prompting emergency officials to evacuate residents in a 1-mile (1.61-kilometer) radius. Bedford County 911 coordinator Harry Corley says six cars on the CSX... - [AP](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**New-look license coming to Warren County**](#)
Warren County motorists who renew their licenses late next week will be the first in the area with the new style from PennDOT. The department began issuing new licenses with improved security features in the Harrisburg area in June. The Warren driver center will issue them starting Thursday, Aug. 10,... - [Warren Times Observer](#)

- 08-02-2017 [**Railroad 'open' to allowing right-of-way in crossing debate**](#)
 BARTON -- After not attending last week's public meeting with the Town of Barton on the potential closure of two railroad crossings within the municipality, Norfolk Southern Railroad officials stated that the company is "open" to possibly allowing company property to be used as a roadway to... - [*Sayre Morning*](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Commissioners establish first county-owned road**](#)
 The Clarion County Board of Commissioners is having the county administration building parking lot paved – in part by making it a road. The administration building, located at 330 Main Street in Clarion Borough, has had a gravel parking lot since the building was erected.... - [*Clarion News*](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Train derailment sparks fire in Bedford County**](#)
 Emergency officials evacuated part of Hyndman Borough on Wednesday after a train went off the tracks, crashed into a garage and sparked a fire. The derailment occurred about 5 a.m. near Hogback Road, said Bedford County 911 Coordinator Harry Corley. CSX spokesman Rob Doolittle said at least 32 cars of the 128-car train were... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Philly's PES refiner, the east coast's largest, seeks debt relief**](#)
 The owner of the South Philadelphia refining complex, which has experienced a boom-and-bust life including a near-death experience five years ago, has engaged an investment bank to find relief from its debts. Philadelphia Energy Solutions LLC (PES) has hired investment bank PJT... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 08-02-2017 [**Owe tolls to the Pa. Turnpike? Amnesty program is about to run out**](#)
 Time is running out for motorists who have outstanding toll violations with the Pennsylvania Turnpike... - [*AP*](#)
- 08-01-2017 [**PennDOT: Police Depts. Target Aggressive Driving During Enforcement Initiative**](#)
 (Press Release)
- 08-01-2017 [**Three GO-TIME Initiatives Selected as Finalists for National Tech Awards**](#)
 (Press Release)
- 08-01-2017 [**A 10-minute ride between Downtown and Oakland? That's a goal of the latest Bus Rapid Transit proposal**](#)
 Downtown Pittsburgh and Oakland are the second- and third-largest job centers in the state. But getting from one to the other can be a job in itself. With that in mind, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, the Port Authority, the county and the city have endorsed a Bus Rapid Transit... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 08-01-2017 [**Bicyclists rally for justice after driver targets four comrades**](#)
 About 80 bicyclists rallied Monday night at the scene of hit-and-run crash in Lebanon County that severely injured a 67-year-old cyclist, knocked down two of his friends and missed a third. The three friends, two of whom were knocked off their bikes in the incident, spoke at the 7 p.m. event Monday. But the severely injured... - [*Harrisburg Patriot-News*](#)
- 08-01-2017 [**Warehouse on Airport Road in East Allen gets preliminary OK**](#)
 A proposal to build a 450,000- square-foot warehouse on Airport Road won preliminary approval from East Allen Township supervisors Thursday, but exactly how high the structure will be is still up in the air. Vertek Construction Management wants to build the warehouse on 42 acres at... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 08-01-2017 [**Officials should act to diminish distracted driving**](#)

Pennsylvania is among 44 states that ban texting while driving. And in each year since enacting the law in 2012, the number of citations has risen, reaching 3,336 in 2016, according to state records. Yet distracted driving also has risen over that period. Vehicle crashes due... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

08-01-2017

[Create onehighwayagency, policy](#)

Regular travelers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike can set their clocks by regular toll increases — and by the state Legislature's long-running inability to craft a comprehensive transportation policy. For the 10th time in 10 years, the state Turnpike Commission voted recently... - [Scranton Times](#)

08-01-2017

[Court steps up for flyers](#)

Progressively smaller airline seats and progressively larger passengers are a poor match, to which anyone who has taken a commercial flight in recent years can attest. Congress, in April, rejected a bid to prevent airlines from further shrinking airline seats. Fortunately, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the... - [Scranton Times](#)

08-01-2017

[Few days remain for motorists to pay toll violations and avoid risking suspension](#)

Motorists with multiple outstanding toll violations will have only a couple more days to pay a lesser sum and avoid suspension of their vehicle registration. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission wants motorists with six or more outstanding toll violations or with unpaid tolls and fees totaling \$500 or... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

08-01-2017

[Sayre mayor calls for extension of Brock Street one-way trial](#)

Council approves Diahoga Trail proposal, municipal parking lot expansion SAYRE — Sayre Borough Mayor Denny Thomas, has called for the 90-day trial of Brock Street being one-way to be extended. He stated that he wants to make sure the borough "dots the I's and... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)

08-01-2017

[Windham: Recovery continues -- Meeting held on flood-damage mitigation](#)

WINDHAM -- Bradford County Commissioners and elected municipal officials Monday held a flood-damage mitigation meeting at the Windham Township Fire Department building in order to develop a unified recovery plan. Though damage can be found across the county, Windham Township sustained... - [Sayre Morning](#)

08-01-2017

[These are the 3 things the U.S. needs to do to stay competitive on infrastructure: Opinion](#)

How does infrastructure in the U.S. compare to that of the rest of the world? It depends on who you ask. Hiba Baroud (Vanderbilt University photo) Hiba Baroud (Vanderbilt University photo) On the last two report cards from the American Society of Civil Engineers,... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-01-2017

[Legalize median parking on South Broad](#)

South Philadelphia is a place of deep-seated traditions built over generations. Parking in the median of Broad Street is one of those unique customs — one born out of necessity. The lawsuit filed by the political action committee 5th Square threatens to end this decades-old practice,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-01-2017

[Major Cleanup Effort To Begin On Notorious Conrail Heroin Tracks](#)

The City of Philadelphia joined officials from Conrail on Monday to take the first step in a multi-pronged strategic effort to clean up the infamous railroad tracks in Fairhill frequented by heroin users. It marks the beginning of a long journey. The more than half-a-mile stretch of Conrail railroad tracks near B Street... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

08-01-2017

[Gas prices hold in Meadville area](#)

The average price of a gallon of gasoline has remained the same in Meadville over the past

week. Prices remained at \$2.59 per gallon on Monday, according to the gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. Across the state, the price has gone up by nearly a penny, averaging \$2.50,... - [Meadville Tribune](#)

08-01-2017

[Editorial | State should address our bad driving habits](#)

We have become a nation of bad drivers. Young and old alike ignore the basic rules of the road. How did we get to this point? Why do motorists suddenly turn rude and ignorant when they climb behind the wheels of vehicles? We can debate if the younger drivers are learning their horrible habits... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

08-01-2017

[Unpaid Turnpike tolls can become vehicle registration suspensions on Friday](#)

People who repeatedly dash out on their Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls have until Friday night to pay their fines at a reduced rate or risk having the state suspend their vehicle registrations. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced its amnesty program last... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-01-2017

[Govs. Christie, Cuomo announce new Port Authority leadership](#)

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday named a former state lawmaker who was one of his staunchest supporters during the George Washington Bridge lane-closing scandal to chair the agency that controls the region's airports, bridges and ports and the World Trade Center... - [AP](#)

08-01-2017

[Penn students take gold with custom electric race car](#)

The sleek, black race car tore off in such a hurry that its fat tires slipped and squealed in response. Driver Cheryl Liu, her 130-pound frame clad in a jumpsuit and helmet, huddled with her University of Pennsylvania teammates on the asphalt. On a cool day when the roadway was slightly damp, should she hand over the wheel... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

08-01-2017

[Keystone riders on Amtrak: Get to your station earlier](#)

If you ride Amtrak's Keystone Train 650, you will need to get to your station a little earlier for the next month. Starting Aug. 7 and through Sept. 1, Train 650 will arrive 10 minutes earlier at all stations on the route to accommodate the construction of a new station in Mount Joy.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

07-31-2017

[Shuttle Buses to Replace Weekend Train Service on SEPTA's Airport Line](#)

(Press Release)

07-31-2017

[As Philadelphia's port expands, the surrounding road network braces for its impacts](#)

To some degree, the Port of Philadelphia is really three separate ports rolled into one. Spread over 1,000 acres of Philadelphia's waterfront, the port is fragmented (there are 15 separate facilities), but orderly - and highly secure. Incoming and outgoing trucks and containers (as well as... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

07-31-2017

[Nicholson welcome center project stalled](#)

Nearly two years after the 100th anniversary celebration of the massive Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, Nicholson is still without a welcome center. "It has been horribly frustrating, trying to get that project moving," Wyoming County Commissioner Tom Henry said last week.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

07-31-2017

[Tuktuk Lancaster files second appeal, argues PUC erred in ruling against city sightseeing business](#)

TukTuk Lancaster has filed a second petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, this time asking the state agency to reconsider the sightseeing company's application based on new information. The PUC voted 3-2 on July 12 to deny an application by Timm and Kristina... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

- 07-31-2017 [**Eichelberger seeks rewrite**](#)
 For years, conservative and libertarian groups across the country have dreamed of a “convention of states,” a mass gathering of elected representatives who could rewrite the Constitution in one fell swoop. The effort has always been an uphill climb, but state Sen. John H.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**Big Rigs, a Human Smuggling Mainstay, Often Become Rolling Traps**](#)
 In one truck, the migrants crouched in the dark in a three-foot crevice between the trailer’s ceiling and the top of medical-supply boxes. In another, smugglers crammed 73 men, women and children into a trailer filled with rotting watermelons, to try to disguise their scent for Border Patrol... - [New York Times](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**California high speed rail likely to face more environmental challenges after high court ruling**](#)
 California’s high-speed train project is likely to continue to be buffeted by environmental challenges as a result of a decision by the state’s top court. In a 6-1 ruling last week written by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, the California Supreme Court decided that federal rail law does not usurp... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**Sunoco to restrict traffic on Boot Road and Ship Road in West Goshen, West Whiteland**](#)
 Sunoco Logistics is planning lane closures on Boot Road in West Goshen Township, and Ship Road in West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Monday, July 31, through Friday, Sept. 1, for utility work, the... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**Barton: Town board meets with public on railroad crossing closures -- Norfolk Southern a no-show to the meeting**](#)
 BARTON -- In a public meeting Friday that was supposed to include representatives of Norfolk Southern Railroad, the town board opted to instead use the meeting to update public town residents on the progress of the proposed railroad crossing closures on Ellistown Road and Emory Chapel... - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**Editorial | Laurels and barbs**](#)
 Laurel: Southern Airways Express’ June report contained good news: the Pittsburgh-to-Johnstown flight completion rate was 90 percent, a figure that rivaled the national average for carriers. Members of the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority also learned that the local... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**Changes In Store For Philadelphia’s Major Transit Hub**](#)
 Developers got a chance to see what is going to be in the specs when Amtrak puts out a “request for qualifications” to reinvent the area around 30th Street station. The RFQ is expected in the next month or so, but the station itself is just a small part of the project.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**Gasoline rises to \\$2.57 in Pittsburgh region**](#)
 The average price of gasoline in the Pittsburgh region increased 1 cent a gallon in the last week to \$2.57 on Monday, according to GasBuddy’s survey of more than 700 stations in southwestern Pennsylvania. It’s a fitting trend, as summer is normally when motorists usually see... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-31-2017 [**DUI floating down Pine Creek ... really?**](#)
 Recently I read an opinion letter from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on the dire need to raise the fishing license fees to support the growing needs of their department. The letter discussed the wonderful programs and enforcement efforts that the department is currently conducting and the need for more waterways... - [Lock Haven Express](#)

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Regarding your editorial on the settlement agreement relative to the Liberty Bridge fire ("Pay the Fines," July 16): PennDOT does hold contractors accountable for impacts on our projects in several ways. The circumstances surrounding the Liberty Bridge project and the impacts of the... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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Many in the gas and oil industry are aware that Buckeye Partners' affiliate Laurel Pipeline has asked the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to approve reversing the flow of the pipeline, which currently delivers gasoline and other products to Western Pennsylvania from the East... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-30-2017 [**Braddock program acts as transportation concierge**](#)
In her position overseeing a transportation network that serves 14 mostly disadvantaged communities in the Mon Valley, Paula McWilliams has seen this scenario too many times: Heritage Community Transportation takes someone to a medical appointment in McKeesport or Monroeville. Then the doctor refers the person to a... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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More than a century ago, planners in Mt. Lebanon recognized the value of preserving and planting trees throughout the municipality, and now officials are hoping to parlay that foresight into an official designation as a municipal arboretum. The municipality is applying for accreditation as an arboretum from ArbNet,... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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A state law set to be implemented in late August will allow first-time convicted drunken drivers to avoid having their driver's licenses suspended — a move advocates say could ultimately lead to safer travel for motorists. Under the new provision signed into law last year by Gov. Tom Wolf,... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-30-2017 [**Passengers ask Port Authority to reconsider bus rapid transit transfers**](#)
Port Authority of Allegheny County riders urged the authority's board Friday to nix a plan that would require transfers for some riders in Oakland on the way to their destinations in Downtown. The change would occur once a bus rapid transit system opens between... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-30-2017 [**Uber visits Fox Chapel Area with self-driving car**](#)
Dorseyville Middle School students will get to see first-hand how a driverless car operates when Uber representatives visit Fox Chapel Area High School on Aug. 4. Students enrolled in the middle school's Summer Learning Academy program have been studying transportation design as part of the project-based... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 07-30-2017 [**Not so fast: Bike lane expansion gets a red light on Lombard**](#)
For the first time since bicyclemania took over City Hall during the Nutter administration, a red light will stop bike lane expansion on Lombard Street in Center City. The figurative light was flashed by Second District Councilman Kenyatta Johnson. And it must be obeyed, unlike real red lights that bicyclists like... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)

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Pennsylvania is among 44 states that ban texting while driving. And in each year since enacting the law in 2012, the number of citations has risen, reaching 3,336 in 2016, according to state records. Yet distracted driving also has risen over that period. Vehicle crashes due... - [Scranton Times](#)
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Boyles, Scranton City Council President Joe Wechsler; City Council Solicitor Amil Minora; Dunmore Borough Council President Mike McHale, et. al. RE: Stubborn questions about the \$195 million sale of the sewer authority system and the lease of the Scranton Parking Authority.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 07-30-2017 [In Pivotal Moment, Tesla Unveils Its First Mass-Market Sedan](#)
After a meteoric rise that made it, at least briefly, the most valuable car company in America, Tesla arrived at a moment of truth on Friday night as it delivered the first of its mass-market sedans to their new owners. For a decade, the company has been a manufacturer of high-end electric cars... - [New York Times](#)
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- 07-28-2017 [Michael A. Carroll, P.E., Joins SEPTA Board](#)
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- 07-28-2017 [Pa. speed camera bill gets boost from federal study](#)
A proposal to bring speed cameras to Roosevelt Boulevard got a boost this week from a federal report encouraging states to approve the devices to make roads safer. The report, issued Tuesday by the National Transportation Safety Board, "is decisive evidence that automatic speed enforcement is a critical... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-28-2017 [Apple Maps vehicles gathering data around region](#)
The latest vehicles topped by camera equipment and sensors to cruise around the Pittsburgh region are helping to build up Apple's competitor to Google Maps and may also have a role in future autonomous cars. White vans branded with "Apple Maps," carrying camera equipment on... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-28-2017 [Erie to lose GE locomotive manufacturing, almost 600 jobs](#)
By the end of 2018, General Electric's transportation division will end most of the locomotive manufacturing performed at a plant outside Erie that has been operating for more than 100 years, according to Bloomberg . The Lawrence Park plant will lose about 575 jobs, and the locomotive... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-28-2017 [County engineer responds to complaints about Hanover Twp. bridge](#)
The Oxford Street Bridge in Hanover Township isn't in danger of collapse or in need of replacement, a Luzerne County engineer said Thursday. Township residents had attended this week's county council meeting to express dire concerns about the bridge's safety and to urge officials... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

- 07-28-2017 [**Planners seek transit help for struggling**](#)
 LaTida Smith wanted to show what happens if someone looking for a job or trying to keep one struggles with transportation. She handed out index cards, then led outside the 40 people gathered for a meeting of the Equitable Transit Planning Council inside the Greater... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**Monaca officials seek funding for \\$17 million revitalization project**](#)
 MONACA -- With a multibillion-dollar industrial development just miles down the river, borough officials are planning to upgrade Monaca's main business corridor to help prepare for an influx of traffic and workers. Council agreed Tuesday to apply for a \$2.6 million grant through the... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**Former transportation director sues school district**](#)
 The former transportation supervisor for McGuffey School District filed suit against the district, seven board members and the superintendent of schools, claiming he was furloughed from his job due to an alleged "substantial" enrollment decrease while the superintendent's... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**Riverkeeper sues PennDOT over environmental exclusion for Headquarters Road bridge**](#)
 The Delaware Riverkeeper Network filed a lawsuit Thursday that could delay PennDOT's plan to demolish and replace Headquarters Road Bridge in Tinicum. The environmental group claims Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation overlooked evidence in order to receive an environmental impact evaluation... - [*Levittown Intelligencer*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**Perkasie, Sellersville press East Penn rail company about last month's derailment, condition of line**](#)
 Officials in Perkasie and Sellersville are questioning the safety of a freight railroad line that runs through their boroughs, after a train derailed within about 100 feet of homes in Sellersville last month. No one was harmed in the incident, but an estimated 750 gallons of diesel fuel... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**Why did the mayor back out of HCA paving deal?**](#)
 HAZLETON — Some Hazleton City Authority officials are questioning why Mayor Jeff Cusat backed out of a proposal to have city streets department workers restore streets in Hazleton that were disturbed by distribution system upgrades. The project, which has been discussed since last February, would've... - [*Hazleton Standard-Speaker*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**What's the longest line in Pittsburgh? And what's worth waiting for?**](#)
 We can all agree that the "Gilmore Girls" revival was terrible. But, amid the mess of Rory realizing that maybe she isn't a particularly talented journalist, she is assigned a really interesting pitch about the group psychology of people waiting in lines (which she... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**As Norwegian Air invades the U.S., Pittsburgh sees its chance for flights to London**](#)
 The end of Pittsburgh's long drought without a nonstop flight to London could rest with a budget Norwegian airline that is rapidly growing in the United States. Norwegian Air Shuttle definitely is looking at Pittsburgh as "a potential viable destination to launch flights from Europe" over the... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 07-28-2017 [**Karthus Twp. discusses, road conditions, blighted properties**](#)
 KARTHAUS — Karthus Township Supervisors discussed roads and problem areas, including blighted properties, as its recent municipal meeting. Chairman Tom Longe provided an update on his meeting with the state Department of Transportation. He stated they looked over several roads and... - [*Clearfield Progress*](#)

- 07-28-2017 [Repeal and replace? Not for historic N.J. home](#)
The gavel can be mightier than the bulldozer, but only when the gavel pounds before the bulldozer, uh, dozes. Timing is everything when running to court to save a structure from an inevitable fate with a wrecking ball. Unfortunately, the timing was off for the Revolutionary War-era Hugg-Harrison-Glover House. It was converted to... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 07-28-2017 [Metro's dithering is costing millions](#)
EMPLOYING THE same sense of urgency with which the region has addressed Metro's daunting financial and governance problems — which is to say, not much urgency at all — state and local officials are plodding their way toward establishing a new safety oversight commission for the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 07-28-2017 [Penn Grad Students Keep A Smart Eye On Philly Bridges](#)
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Philadelphia has a dubious distinction: it's home to the 15 most-traveled structurally-deficient bridges in Pennsylvania. Some Penn grad students may just have the answer for keeping us safe, and for directing maintenance dollars where they're needed most.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-28-2017 [Port Authority of Allegheny County to open new Downtown customer service center](#)
Port Authority of Allegheny County plans to open a new Downtown customer service center next year. The center will be across the street from the current one, on the first floor of the Heinz 57 Center building, in a vacant space next to Rite Aid on Sixth Avenue, said Jim Ritchie, an authority spokesman.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-28-2017 [Port Authority OKs \\$106K settlement with woman injured on bus](#)
Port Authority of Allegheny County will pay a \$106,000 settlement to a woman who hit her head when a bus stopped abruptly in 2014. Martha Lawson, 86, was riding a Port Authority bus in February 2014 traveling on Penn Avenue when a fire truck with its lights and sirens on... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)