

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

[HCO2354](#)      [Gabler, Matt\(R\)](#)

Replaces the General Road Law with narrowly-tailored language that clarifies the procedures to be taken when a parcel of land becomes landlocked as a result of an action taken by the Commonwealth.

### Bill Actions

[HB 179](#)      [Day, Gary\(R\)](#)

(PN 142) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and, in violations and penalties, further providing for unauthorized operation by carriers and brokers. Adds any individual who provides or furnishes transportation of household property between residential dwellings for compensation as a common carrier. Establishes violations under subsection (b) as a third degree misdemeanor with a fine of \$5,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 05-10-17 H Removed from the table  
06-26-17 H Set on the House Calendar  
06-26-17 H Laid on the table  
06-26-17 H Removed from the table  
07-22-17 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 542](#)      [Thomas, Curtis\(D\)](#)

(PN 1563) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, defining remote sellers as a vendor located outside the Commonwealth. Provides for notification to the purchaser at the time of purchase, and requires notification by mail for purchases totaling \$500 or more of potential sales and use tax. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 568)

**Bill History:** 07-26-17 S Reported as amended Senate Appropriations  
07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
07-27-17 Laid out for discussion 10:04am  
07-27-17 Third consideration 10:04am  
07-27-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 26/N: 24)

[HB 831](#)      [Keller, Mark\(R\)](#)

(PN 1840) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for following too closely. The bill

allows the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle that is being driven in an organized motorcycle procession to park or stand irrespective of provisions and proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started through the intersection while the signal indicator was green, only if the lead and trailing vehicle or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession is equipped with and displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps and emergency flashers. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1178)

**Bill History:** 06-16-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation  
 06-30-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
 06-30-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
 06-30-17 S First consideration  
 07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 1187](#)

[Taylor, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 1841) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system on US Route 1 in Philadelphia from the Bucks County Line to I-76. Provides requirements for the City of Philadelphia pertaining to management of the program, and for department approval. Further provides a definition of "automated speed enforcement system" and authorizes the use of radar and lidar in the devices in the system. Also outlines rules governing violations. The addition of Title 75 3369 (e) shall take effect 60 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice under section 2. The remainder of the act is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1409)

**Bill History:** 05-24-17 H Laid on the table  
 06-29-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar  
 06-29-17 H Removed from the table  
 06-29-17 H Laid on the table  
 07-22-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HB 1576](#)

[Pickett, Tina\(R\)](#)

(PN 2064) Amends the Insurance Department Act adding an article providing for limited lines travel insurance. A limited lines travel insurance producer is required to hold a limited lines travel insurance license to sell, solicit or negotiate coverage under a policy of travel insurance. A limited lines license shall authorize a travel retailer registered under the license of the limited lines insurance producer, and each employee or authorized representative of the travel retailer, to: (1) Offer and disseminate coverage under a policy of travel insurance to a customer when the licensed limited lines travel insurance producer is physically present in the location where the travel retailer or authorized representative engages in travel insurance transactions; and (2) Receive compensation from the limited lines travel insurance producer for those activities. A fee of \$400 shall accompany an application for a limited lines travel insurance producer license and a license renewal, which may be adjusted annually by the commissioner. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2054)

**Bill History:** 06-19-17 H Rereferred to House Rules  
 06-21-17 H Set on the House Calendar  
 06-21-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Appropriations

Conference Roo, House Rules -- House Rules  
 06-21-17 H Reported as committed from House Rules  
 07-22-17 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1670](#) [Hanna, Mike\(D\)](#)

(PN 2239) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a chapter providing for registration of horse-drawn vehicles and establishing the Horse-Drawn Vehicle Fund. Each horse-drawn vehicle traveling on a public roadway in this Commonwealth must have and display a registration plate issued under the new chapter. Registration plates shall be valid for one year shall have an annual fee of \$36. The fee shall be deposited in the Horse-Drawn Vehicle Fund, to be distributed to counties to be used for the purpose of road improvements, repairs or replacements due to damage on the roadways from the wear and tear from the steel wheels used on horse-drawn buggies. The bill provides for penalties. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 07-18-17 H Filed  
 07-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1672](#) [Burns, Frank\(D\)](#)

(PN 2241) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1002, known as Friend Lea Road over U.S. Route 219, Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, as the Cyril Thomas Yeckley Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 07-18-17 H Filed  
 07-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1678](#) [Barrar, Stephen\(R\)](#)

(PN 2247) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language providing a combination consisting of a tow truck towing a combination of a truck, a truck tractor or not more than two trailers shall not exceed 150 feet when traveling in combination. Further provides the weight restrictions do not apply to a combination consisting of a tow truck towing a disabled motor vehicle or a combination consisting of a tow truck towing a combination of a truck, a truck tractor or not more than two trailers to a place of repair if the combination travels on the same route a prescribed by the permit or the tow truck operator obeys all applicable road and bridge weight restrictions. Also provides a combination consisting of a tow truck towing a combination of a truck, a truck tractor or not more than two trailers shall only tow a disabled motor vehicle to a repair shop that is within 75 miles of the point of disability. Adds language providing for failure to meet restrictions. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 07-20-17 H Filed  
 08-15-17 H Hearing set for 10:00 a.m., PA State Fire Academy, Lewistown, House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.  
 07-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1680](#) [Farry, Frank\(R\)](#)

(PN 2249) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new subsection requiring the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to provide for a sentencing enhancement for the offense of homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence. This shall apply where multiple controlled substances or alcohol and at least one controlled substance is found in the defendant's blood or breath. Effective in 60 days.

		<p><b>Bill History:</b> 07-21-17 H Filed 07-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1681</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Marsico, Ron(R)</a></p>	<p>(PN 2250) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act by adding that "public work," when applied to locally funded road projects, includes projects that utilize a combination of maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction on existing alignment in which non-maintenance items exceed 15 percent of the total projection cost. Further provides for a definition of "locally funded" and adds language to the definition of "maintenance work"</p>
		<p><b>Bill History:</b> 07-21-17 H Filed 07-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1684</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Brown, Rosemary(R)</a></p>	<p>(PN 2261) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, prohibiting calls on hand-held mobile telephones while operating a vehicle, except with the use of hands-free accessories. Stipulates that no one under the age of 18 years can use any hand-held telephone while operating a moving vehicle. Provides for exemptions, and schedule of penalties for violations. Effective in 180 days.</p>
		<p><b>Bill History:</b> 07-26-17 H Filed 07-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 145</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Yaw, Gene(R)</a></p>	<p>(PN 120) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in accidents and accident reports, adding penalties for failure to give information and render aid. Effective in 60 days.</p>
		<p><b>Bill History:</b> 06-14-17 S First consideration 07-09-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar 07-09-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9) 07-17-17 S Removed from the table 07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 651</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Browne, Patrick(R)</a></p>	<p>(PN 1089) The Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2017-2018 provides for the capital budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; itemizing public improvement projects in the aggregate amount of \$21,148,703,001, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance projects, redevelopment assistance, flood control projects, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund projects, Environmental Stewardship Fund projects, State forestry bridge projects, park and forest management projects, State ATV/ Snowmobile Fund projects, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects, Oil and Gas Lease Fund projects and Motor License Fund projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; authorizing the use of current revenue for</p>

the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Department of Transportation stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 737, 864, 1025)

**Bill History:** 06-27-17 H Reported as amended House Appropriations  
 06-27-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations  
 07-10-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations  
 07-10-17 H Reported as amended House Appropriations  
 07-22-17 H Set on the House Calendar

[SB 688](#)

[Browne, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 1033) Act appropriating \$3,619,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority and \$2,000,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 809)

**Bill History:** 07-09-17 S Signed in the Senate  
 07-10-17 H Signed in the House  
 07-10-17 G In the hands of the Governor  
 07-20-17 G Last day for Governor's action  
 07-21-17 G Became law without Governor's signature (Act: 10A)

[SB 753](#)

[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 958) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions relating to accidents and accident reports, further providing for accident scene clearance by establishing liability shall not attach to a police department, commonwealth agency, commission, municipality, or traffic incident professional, absent a showing of gross negligence, for damage to a vehicle, property, or person as a result of a traffic accident when performing an incident clearance function. Expands the definition of "traffic incident professional" to include a person under contract with a Commonwealth agency, commission or municipality. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 932)

**Bill History:** 06-14-17 S First consideration  
 06-19-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
 06-19-17 S Laid on the table  
 07-17-17 S Removed from the table  
 07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 781](#)

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

(PN 1068) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard by adding that upon request by a legislative district office, the department shall permit the legislative district office to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to individuals. A legislative district office shall electronically submit a copy of the completed application form with a health care provider's statement or a statement from a police officer that the individual is disabled to the department to enable the department to update its records to reflect the issuance of the temporary disability parking placard. The department shall supply the legislative district office with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. A temporary disability parking placard issued by a legislative district office is valid for a period of not more than six months.

Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 977)

**Bill History:** 07-08-17 Second consideration 3:58pm  
 07-08-17 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations  
 07-08-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee  
 Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations  
 07-08-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations  
 07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 785](#)

[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 1092) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration; and providing for operation of golf carts. Vehicles exempt from registration include any self-propelled golf cart used for the transportation of persons or equipment for sporting, maintenance or recreational purpose while crossing certain public highways; as well as vehicles used for maintenance or college, university or seminary campus maintenance when such vehicle does not travel on public roads in excess of one mile and the property on both sides of the public road is owned by said entity. The bill adds a chapter providing for the operation of golf carts and for the designation of golf-cart crossings. A person between 12 and 16 years of age may not drive a golf cart across any highway unless the person is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 980)

**Bill History:** 07-18-17 Laid out for discussion 2:02pm  
 07-18-17 S 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted  
 07-18-17 Second consideration 2:02pm  
 07-18-17 S Over in Senate  
 07-27-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SR 167](#)

[Hughes, Vincent\(D\)](#)

(PN 1084) Resolution urging Amtrak to comply with H.R. 4838 and immediately rename the 30th Street Station as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station."

**Bill History:** 07-08-17 S Filed  
 07-08-17 S Introduced and adopted  
 07-24-17 G Transmitted as directed

## Committee Stories

### Senate Appropriations Committee

7/26/17, 10:45 p.m., Senate Rules Conference Room

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 542 Thomas, Curtis](#) - (PN 1563) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, defining remote sellers as a vendor located outside the Commonwealth. Provides for notification to the purchaser at the time of purchase, and requires notification by mail for purchases totaling \$500 or more of potential sales and use tax. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 568) - The bill was **reported as amended** with Sen. Argall, Sen. Art Haywood (D-Philadelphia), Sen. Wayne Langerholc (R-Cambria), Sen. Martin, and Sen. Wagner voting in the negative.

[A03071](#) by Browne is an omnibus Tax Reform Code amendment. The amendment was **adopted** with Sen. Argall, Sen. Art Haywood (D-Philadelphia), Sen. Wayne Langerholc (R-Cambria), Sen. Martin, and Sen. Wagner voting in the negative.

Chairman Browne explained that the amendment implements various provisions in order to fund the 2017-18 budget including changes to sales and gross receipt taxes, provides for unconventional gas well fees and collection grid financial transactions, vehicle rental taxes, tax credit changes, and various changes to Tobacco Settlement securitization.

Sen. Jake Corman (R-Centre) acknowledged that increasing taxes is a difficult vote for members to make. "This isn't what any of us want to do but because we did not increase taxes in the past and cut spending over the last decade, we've avoided this day for a long time," he stated. "This is very modest and we tried to fashion this in a way that the areas we are providing increases, we are providing other relief for employers in those areas. As difficult as this is, this day has been coming unfortunately...the short term pain is this revenue package and that's just the price of governing. I think it's a modest package compared to what Pennsylvania has historically done during these difficult times but I think it's one that makes sense."

Chairman Browne noted that the package would have a \$1.796 billion positive impact on the General Fund.

Sen. Wagner spoke against the amendment and took issue with Gov. Wolf. "It's unfortunate we're in this situation tonight," he stated. "Pennsylvania needs a little turn around help and instead of Gov. Wolf and his staff doing their jobs and managing agencies. When you manage you find money. I see numerous agencies totally out of control. We have a governor who is not doing his job and we are backed into a corner tonight."

Sen. Jay Costa (D-Allegheny) took issue with Sen. Wagner's comments. "This is an appropriation meeting where we are voting on several measures not an opportunity to attack the governor," he stated.

Sen. Wagner concluded, "Bottom line I'm a negative vote. It's a shame we are backed into this corner; many of the people in this room have been here for ten, 15, 20 years and have allowed waste, fraud and abuse."

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## PA Bulletin

### **PUC: RULES AND REGULATIONS: ELECTRIC SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission adopted a final rulemaking order to amend and add electric safety regulations to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 (relating to electric service) to facilitate safety inspections of electric utilities by the PUC's Electric Safety Division, effective upon publication. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Questions should be directed to Terrence J. Buda, Assistant Counsel, Law Bureau, (717) 787-5000.

### **PUC: PROPOSED RULEMAKING: STANDARDS AND BILLING PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE; REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is soliciting comments on a proposal to amend the provisions of 52 Pa. Code Chapter 56 regarding the standards and billing practices for residential utility service, applicable to electric distribution utilities, water distribution utilities, natural gas distribution utilities, steam heat utilities, and wastewater utilities. Details and background are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments should be submitted within 45 days to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Attn: Secretary, PO Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 or through the commission's e-File system.

### **PUC: REVIEW OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS; DOC. NO. M-2017-2596907**

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission published the staff report for review of universal service and energy conservation programs outlining the statutory, regulatory and policy frameworks of existing universal service and energy conservation programs and the processes required to initiate any proposed changes. Comments should be submitted by August 8 to Louise Fink Smith, [finksmith@pa.gov](mailto:finksmith@pa.gov) and Tiffany Tran, [tiftran@pa.gov](mailto:tiftran@pa.gov), in the Law Bureau, and Joseph Magee, [imagee@pa.gov](mailto:imagee@pa.gov), and Sarah Dewey, [sdewey@pa.gov](mailto:sdewey@pa.gov), in the BCS. A stakeholder meeting is also scheduled for September 13 and 14 in Harrisburg.

### **PPA: PROPOSED RULEMAKING: REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING; REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

The Philadelphia Parking Authority Taxicab and Limousine Division is seeking information and comment regarding suggestions as to the language and requirements of proposed Transportation Network Companies regulations.

Comments should include specific section references to 53 Pa.C.S. Chapter 57A, delineate the rationale for the proposed regulations and specific proposed language for the regulations, and must be consistent with Act 164. A public comment hearing will be held on Thursday, August 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the IATSE Ballroom, Philadelphia. Comments should be submitted by September 27 to Christine A. Kirlin, Esq., TLD Director, Philadelphia Parking Authority, Taxicab and Limousine Division, 2415 South Swanson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148-4113, [ckirlin@philapark.org](mailto:ckirlin@philapark.org).

### **SRBC: RULES AND REGULATIONS: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission published rules that would amend regulations to clarify application requirements and standards for review of projects, add a subpart to provide for registration of grandfathered projects, and revise requirements dealing with hearings and enforcement actions. The rules are designed to enhance the commission's existing authorities to manage the water resources of the basin and add regulatory clarity, effective July 1, 2017. For further information, contact Jason E. Oyler, Esq., General Counsel, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788, 717-238-0423, [joyler@srbc.net](mailto:joyler@srbc.net), or visit [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **PA Turnpike Commission**

*August 1, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. **\*\*Cancelled\*\***, 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**

*August 1, 2017 - 1:00 p.m., King's College, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, 133 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre*

Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PA American Water Company. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

### **PA Public Utility Commission**

*August 1, 2017 - 6:00 p.m., East Stroudsburg University, The Innovation Center Rm 336, 562 Independence Road, East Stroudsburg*

Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PA American Water Company. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

### **PA Public Utility Commission**

*August 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*

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

### **PA Public Utility Commission**

*August 3, 2017 - 1:00 p.m., East Fallowfield Township Building, 2264 Strasburg Road, East Fallowfield*

Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PA American Water Company. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

### **PA Public Utility Commission**

*August 3, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. The Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Road, Wyomissing*

Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PA American Water Company. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

### **State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons**

*August 8, 2017 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg*

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

## **Session Schedule**

### **Senate**

September 18, 19, 20

October 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

November 13, 14, 15



December 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

**House**

September 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27  
 October 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25  
 November 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22  
 December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

**In the News**

- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Boscola, Brown Hail Senate Approval of Northampton County P3\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Car-free Schuylkill bridges connect happy trails havens\*\*](#)  
Linda McGrane, 55, who has been riding area bike trails since the 1980s, remembers years of pre-2015 Schuylkill crossings between Manayunk and Lower Merion as nerve-racking nightmares in heavy traffic. "If I wanted to lead a ride from Philly to Bala Cynwyd, we'd have... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Broad Street median parking: Do-Gooders, Old-Timers, and a hot potato\*\*](#)  
If it concerns South Philadelphia and parking, it's going to be ugly. Earlier in the week, Jake Liefer, co-founder of the 5th Square political action committee, brought suit in Common Pleas Court against the Philadelphia Parking Authority and the Philadelphia Police Department.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*PennDOT's Laurel Valley Transportation plan draws mixed reviews in Norvelt\*\*](#)  
A call to redirect traffic on the Route 981 corridor between Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Mt. Pleasant along a portion of parallel Route 2023 drew mixed reviews Wednesday. More than 240 people came to Norvelt's Roosevelt Hall to view and comment on PennDOT's latest plan for the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Tuktuk Lancaster gets support from Mayor Gray, other city officials, in PUC appeal\*\*](#)  
Lancaster officials are rallying behind a local family's efforts to offer tuk-tuk sightseeing rides in the city. A letter backing Tuktuk Lancaster will be sent to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in a few days, Mayor Rick Gray told City Council on Tuesday.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Wilkes-Barre controller discusses 'bizarre' parking-ticket case\*\*](#)  
WILKES-BARRE — It's easy to find Darren Snyder at City Hall. His controller's office is on the second floor, one flight up from the tax office where parking tickets are paid. That's where Snyder would have gone to pay for a meter violation if only he was told about it last... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Cashless tolling coming to Northeastern Extension of PA Turnpike\*\*](#)  
WILKES-BARRE — Toll rates at the Keyser Avenue and Clarks Summit toll plazas on the Northeastern Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike will not increase until April 2018 — a three-month reprieve — as those sites ready to convert to cashless tolling. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission made the announcement at its bimonthly... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Keystone College announces major development project on College Ave.\*\*](#)  
LA PLUME — Keystone College announced a major development plan, which will affect the college community and residents of Factoryville, La Plume, and other surrounding municipalities. The college will develop a new commercial building complex on two parcels of land along College Ave., which currently serves as a parking lot. The... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*New Howertown Road intersection in works for massive Allen Township warehouse plan\*\*](#)  
Looking to alleviate traffic from a proposed 2.5 million-square-foot warehouse complex, Allen Township supervisors will require a new signalized intersection on Howertown Road. In a joint venture, the Jaiind Land Company and Watson Land Company want to build six warehouses on 294 acres along Howertown and Seemsville roads in a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [\*\*Water authority approves increased cost in design for city street project\*\*](#)  
A cost overage of \$36,200 for design engineering costs on a water line system on the West Fourth Street reconstruction and resurfacing project was approved Wednesday by Williamsport Municipal Water

Authority. The change order was for work done by Larson Design Group on the project,... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

- 07-27-2017 [Victory Gardens and Warrington representatives meeting about truck traffic 'productive'](#)  
Victory Gardens representatives met with engineers and staff from Warrington for about an hour in a private meeting Wednesday to discuss options for truck access to the mulching business. Victory Gardens leases 8 acres on the 200-acre Winding Brook Farms in Warrington and its trucks have been using Folly and Pickertown roads to get... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [State's paving in city hits some obstacles](#)  
Traffic has been at a standstill, at times, the past couple of days along East Central Avenue, as PennDOT contractor Sharon Paving and Construction has been working to finish up its local paving projects. The company was paving the state route, Wednesday, from the county line to... - [Titusville Herald](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [Bridge study in the works](#)  
Columbia County officials have begun the process of determining the best option to provide a safe bridge for emergency vehicles in southern Columbia County... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
  
- 07-27-2017 [PennDOT moving to comply with REAL ID](#)  
A U.S. Department of Homeland Security extension for Pennsylvania to comply with the federal REAL ID law expires in October, even as the Department of Transportation estimates it will take two years for the state to have new licenses available for drivers. At the time, Gov. Tom Wolf signed the state's REAL ID bill into law this... - [New Castle News](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Stateline Daily: Reluctant States Raise Gas Taxes to Repair Roads](#)  
(Press Release)
  
- 07-26-2017 [PEIA: Pipelines Are the Most Cost-Effective Mode of Energy Transportation](#)  
(Press Release)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Report: Pittsburgh's city-owned buildings need \\$60M in repairs](#)  
Pittsburgh needs to put about \$60 million into repairs for buildings and other structures it owns, including fire houses, police stations, senior centers and public-works facilities. That's the conclusion of a detailed analysis by O'Hara-based Massaro Construction Management Services, Mayor Bill Peduto's office... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Judge rules New Jersey isn't liable in Bridgegate lawsuit](#)  
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A federal judge has ruled New Jersey can't be sued for the actions of some of its employees in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing scandal... - [AP](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [A ban on hand-held devices for drivers? The concept is catching](#)  
A new Washington state law is breaking new ground in the fight against distracted driving: It would make any holding of a personal electronic device while driving against the law and subject to a fine. The new rule extends to cars stopped in traffic, and it even closes... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Residents urge county to replace demolished Division Street Bridge](#)  
WILKES-BARRE — The demolished Division Street Bridge over Solomon Creek in Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township must be replaced, a group of township residents told Luzerne County Council members Tuesday. The span was torn down in 2014 after it partially collapsed into the creek,... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Wilkes-Barre mayor still unsatisfied with official's response to high water](#)  
WILKES-BARRE — It wasn't water under the bridge for Mayor Tony George, who kept up his dispute with a county official Tuesday over the response to the threat of flash flooding. George continued to assert Chris Belleman, executive director of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority, ignored a call Monday to help... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [WBS Airport terminal demolition should wrap up by Air Show debut](#)  
PITTSTON TWP. — Demolition of the old terminal at the Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton International Airport is under way, and officials believe it will be leveled in time for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Air Show

that's expected to draw big crowds next month. Crews are now working inside the building, removing and separating metal so... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

- 07-26-2017 [Council talks bridge, county's financial future](#)  
WILKES-BARRE — County council was set to discuss capital plan projects, but before they did, Jay Sweetra's request illustrated the difficulty of budgeting that money. "We really need the Division Street bridge," he said, referring to a now-closed span on the border of Hanover Twp. and Wilkes-Barre that... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Cashless turnpike tolls coming to region](#)  
Drivers who travel the Pennsylvania Turnpike through Lackawanna County and northern Luzerne County should have a quicker ride starting next spring. The turnpike commission plans to unveil cashless tolling at the toll plazas just south of the Keyser Avenue interchange in Taylor and just south of the... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [State Rep. Warren to PennDOT: Say 'no way' to weighty trucks on Lower Makefield, Yardley roads](#)  
Large trucks don't cause accidents on the streets of Lower Makefield and Yardley all that often, but when they do, they leave more than just a dent. An 18-wheeler sideswiped the Starbucks on the borough's North Main Street in March 2016, destroying a building wall. A pickup truck careened into the... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Airport modernization gets big boost with early grant approval](#)  
The modernization of the Williamsport Regional Airport got a big boost last week with earlier-than-expected approval of a \$3.3 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. The money will go toward the airport's new terminal, which is sorely needed. It will pay for milling and overlay of a runway, updating runway... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [County commissioners green light in-prison treatment program](#)  
The Lycoming County commissioners unanimously approved an agreement with West Branch Drug and Alcohol to continue a substance abuse treatment program in the county prison, not to exceed \$50,000, for the remainder of the year. The program began in April using fees collected from offenders with... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Planning commission members reappointed](#)  
The Loyalsock Township supervisors approved another planning commission term for two current members Tuesday. Paul Roman and Rich Trowbridge were unanimously approved for another four years. The supervisors also approved five lifeguards. The township has had difficulty finding people to serve as lifeguards for... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Centre County Commissioners aim to create jobs, Centre County infrastructure spending could create 100 jobs](#)  
The Centre County board of commissioners is considering implementing a five-year transportation infrastructure funding plan that could create jobs and address backlogged construction projects. In May, the board voted to enact a \$5 nonexempt vehicle registration fee as... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Lawsuit against Elk Township focuses on Wingard Road](#)  
Elk Township supervisors tried to end the matter last year, but a dispute over ownership of a township road has returned. Wingard Road, listed as Township Road 420, is less than 1,000 feet long and it leads to a private lane to Paul and Beth Wingard's residence.... - [Clarion News](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Court strikes down law limiting cities' use of red-light cameras](#)  
The Ohio Supreme Court today ruled 5-2 that the state's restrictions on how cities use red-light cameras are unconstitutional. The law, SB342, required, among other things, that cities, townships and counties that want to utilize red-light cameras must have an... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
  
- 07-26-2017 [Penn's Landing Redevelopment Leads To Crew Cutting Out 'Scissor Ramps'](#)  
Wednesday, crews at Penn's Landing will begin demolishing the "scissor ramps" at the end of Market and Chestnut Streets, to make way for the "cap" over I-95. Demolition crews are blocking-off the 1970s-era "scissor ramps" connecting Market and Chestnut Streets with Columbus Boulevard below.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

- 07-26-2017 [Turnpike pushes cashless tolling for all](#)  
 Drivers who travel the Pennsylvania Turnpike through Lackawanna County and northern Luzerne County should have a quicker ride starting next spring. The turnpike commission plans to unveil cashless tolling at the toll plazas just south of the Keyser Avenue interchange in Taylor and just south of the... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 07-26-2017 [White Haven council seeks funds to upgrade streetscape](#)  
 White Haven Borough Council will apply for a grant that could improve the look of one of the borough's major roads. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant would provide upgrades to the streetscape on Main... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 07-26-2017 [Centre looks at \\$7M of road improvements](#)  
 Over the next five years in Centre County, at least \$7 million could be invested into local infrastructure projects and at least 105 additional jobs could be created and/or retained. Yesterday, county transportation planner Mike Bloom presented the first draft of proposal for the funding of local transportation-related programs.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 07-26-2017 [Median parking on South Broad Street is dangerous and must end](#)  
 Over the last year 5th Square, has called for the enforcement of the existing laws that prohibit median parking on South Broad Street. To those not familiar with this practice, drivers park their cars in the middle of busy Broad Street in South Philadelphia, sometimes to avoid metered spots... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-25-2017 [East Coast rail future laid out, but is far from paid for](#)  
 A final plan to modernize and revamp Amtrak's rails on the East Coast came out last week, but without funding, it may not get beyond a drafting table. The Federal Railroad Administration's Northeast Corridor Futures plan would bring faster service from Philadelphia to Washington and New York... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-25-2017 [Philadelphia transit agency inundated with spiders at stations](#)  
 PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia area's transit agency is dealing with a spider problem at one station in the city. KYW-TV reports the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority has hired an exterminator to battle the bugs that keep dropping down onto waiting... - [AP](#)
- 07-25-2017 [Parking Lawsuit Has Residents Concerned In South Philadelphia](#)  
 Roughly 200 coveted and talked about parking spots may soon be going away, and some neighbors are not happy about it. Jake Liefer chairs Philadelphia-based political action committee 5th Square. The group takes on inner city live-ability issues like transportation,... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-25-2017 [Senator pushes to end emissions testing in Cambria County](#)  
 Cambria County is among the minority of Pennsylvania's counties that require vehicles to pass an emissions test as part of an annual safety inspection. Freshman state Sen. Wayne Langerholc Jr., R-Richland, wants to examine whether the policy is still necessary.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 07-25-2017 [Uber adding more perks for drivers](#)  
 Uber's ongoing effort to improve relations with its drivers entered a new phase Tuesday, as the company announced additional support for the men and women behind the wheel. This is the second wave of changes the San Francisco-based company introduced this summer to make driving for Uber more attractive. The first,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-24-2017 [Diana Nelson Jones' Walkabout: City wants input about best use for refurbishing steps system](#)  
 Roadblocks in the city's most enchanting transportation system are tree branches that slap you in the face, trash and debris, missing railings and knotweed poking through where steps used to be. The city's 712 sets of public steps are all in various stages of good... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-24-2017 [David Bruce: Hyundai attorney offers help in Erie fatal crash probe](#)  
 Erie police are still trying to determine what caused a 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe sport utility vehicle to slam into a tractor-trailer July 7 at West 12th and Cherry streets, killing all three men in the SUV. Erie police Sgt. Jeff Annunziata, a crash investigator, has said that, in... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-24-2017 [Pittsburgh doesn't intend to repeat mistakes of Penn Avenue rehab](#)

Heather Anderson is worried that a second phase of construction on Penn Avenue through Garfield in 2019 will mirror a first phase that dragged on for nearly three years and obstructed access to businesses, homes and parking. Pittsburgh City Council has authorized the Mayor's Office and the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-24-2017

**[Warren visits White House](#)**

Last week, the Warren County Commissioners went to Washington. At the request of the White House, county commissioners from across the state attended what the administration dubbed the Keystone County Commissioners Convention. "Our day began with an unguided tour of the East Wing of the White... - [Warren Times Observer](#)

07-24-2017

**[To save his climate change program, Jerry Brown sacrificed his bullet train](#)**

When he was cajoling lawmakers to extend the centerpiece of California's ambitious climate change program, Gov. Jerry Brown talked a lot about hard choices and the compromises necessary to get politically controversial legislation passed. Turns out that to get a deal, Brown may... - [Los Angeles Times](#)

07-24-2017

**[Average U.S. gas prices rise a penny, reversing 11-week trend](#)**

The average price of a gallon of regular-grade gasoline rose about a penny nationally over the past two weeks, to \$2.32... - [AP](#)

07-24-2017

**[Officials hope Cambria trails mapping will better serve present, future users](#)**

Mapping out existing and prospective trails using GIS technology has been the task taken on by Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority intern Nic Apel. During a meeting on Friday, authority officials said they hope to use Apel's maps of its existing trails on the authority's website to... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

07-24-2017

**[Christie Signs Law For Stricter Punishment For DUI Drivers](#)**

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has signed a new law requiring that anyone convicted of killing someone while driving drunk serve at least three years in prison... - [AP](#)

07-24-2017

**[New Pennsylvania driver's license design coming in two weeks](#)**

Pennsylvania's new driver's license design is on track to be available in about two weeks. The updated design offers enhanced security features for the state's driver license and identification card products. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has been working those improvements for two years.... - [New Castle News](#)

07-24-2017

**[For the first time in 3 months, Pittsburgh gasoline see average price increase](#)**

The average price of gasoline in the Pittsburgh region increased two cents a gallon in the last week to \$2.56 on Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of more than 700 stations in southwestern Pennsylvania. It was the first weekly rise in regional gasoline prices since April 24,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-23-2017

**[PA Turnpike shifts to 4-year financing plan](#)**

Instead of continuing to fight an uphill battle to reduce its annual \$450 million obligation to PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is shifting its financial priorities and will do its best to get by until that contribution decreases to \$50 million in 2023.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-23-2017

**[The region already has a beltway to be promoted](#)**

It is often stated that the lack of a beltway system in southwestern Pennsylvania places our region at an economic development disadvantage in attracting development. Most major metro regions in the U.S. have beltway systems and some regions, such as Houston, have multiple beltways.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-23-2017

**[U.S. aviation is falling behind](#)**

The world of air travel has dramatically changed over the past several decades. More people than ever are flying as our world becomes increasingly interconnected. But our country's aviation system has not kept pace — either from an air traffic control standpoint or in terms of infrastructure. The system... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-23-2017

**[Sunday pops](#)**

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is becoming a landing spot for another well-connected Democrat

leaving a prominent statewide office. In February, Sean Logan, a former state senator from Plum, left his \$28,500-a-year post as Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission chairman to join... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-23-2017

**[As Uber grows, SEPTA to rethink bus service](#)**

When her workday ends, Jenni Yan has choices about how to get to her South Philadelphia home. "If I get out on time, I take the bus," she said. "If I'm late, I'll take Uber or Lyft." Before ride-share services came to Philadelphia in 2014, the 27-year-old Center City nurse didn't have alternatives. If she missed a 4:15 p.m.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

07-23-2017

**[WBS Airport sets another passenger record](#)**

For the second straight month, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport has set an all-time record for passenger travel. At the June meeting of the airport board, Executive Director Carl Beardsley Jr. reported that May was the best month in history for passenger travel... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

07-23-2017

**[Capitol Roundup: Pa. attorney general announces new consumer protection unit](#)**

— Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced this week he is creating a Consumer Financial Protection Unit to better protect consumers from financial scams, and is appointing an experienced consumer protection attorney to lead the initiative. Shapiro announced the appointment of Nicholas Smyth, who helped create the... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

07-23-2017

**[PennDOT bayfront parkway study in sync with Erie Refocused](#)**

Both plans aim to reconnect Erie's downtown with the waterfront. Erie Refocused, the city's multiyear, multimillion-dollar comprehensive plan, strongly recommends creating better connections between downtown Erie and the city's waterfront. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation — in a recently released... - [Erie Times-News](#)

07-23-2017

**[Editorial: Ongoing turnpike toll hikes not sustainable](#)**

As turnpike use becomes unaffordable, troubles are bound to develop on alternate routes. - [Reading Eagle](#)

07-23-2017

**[Pick up slow-speed chase on N.J. opioid highways | Editorial](#)**

The scourge of physicians who prescribe bulk amounts of legal-but-addictive painkillers should be relatively easy for law enforcement to wipe out. There's a paper trail that runs from the medical office to the local drugstore where these prescriptions are "cashed in."... - [Trenton Times](#)

07-22-2017

**[Officials: China-to-Pittsburgh nonstop charter flights grounded -- for now](#)**

A plan to start nonstop charter flights from China to Pittsburgh International Airport this fall has been grounded until next summer. Christina Cassotis, CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority, told board members Friday that the flights are being postponed to give the tour... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-22-2017

**[Lyft enters the autonomous vehicles arms race, but where does the pink moustache fit?](#)**

The cars with the pink mustache stickers may no longer have drivers behind the wheel in the not-too-distant future. On Friday, San Francisco, Calif.-based ride-hailing company, Lyft, announced it will open its own autonomous vehicles development department, entering the self-driving arms race already hot in Pittsburgh between Ford,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-22-2017

**[Pa. Turnpike making progress on erosion controls near McDonald flooding](#)**

Additional erosion controls the Pennsylvania Turnpike has completed in the past 10 days near a flood site in McDonald could get a serious test this weekend. The National Weather Service is forecasting heavy rain Saturday and Sunday in that area, where flooding near an excavation site for the Southern... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-22-2017

**[China to Pittsburgh flights delayed until next summer](#)**

Pittsburgh International Airport officials on Friday said charter flights to and from China that were slated to start this year will be postponed until next summer. The delay will give Chinese tourism company Caissa Touristic more time to promote and sell tickets for the flight, said Bob Kerlik, an airport... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-22-2017

**[Increased passengers at Pittsburgh International Airport break 10-year record](#)**

The Pittsburgh International Airport had its busiest June in a decade with 832,781 travelers, with total

passengers up 6.6 percent for the month, according to the Allegheny County Airport Authority. More passengers are expected this month as the airport hosts flights with 1... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 07-21-2017 [Historical society sues NJDOT for razing 1700s Hugg-Harrison house](#)  
The fix was in, the die was cast, the deck was stacked — and thus, a piece of American history that survived the Revolutionary War was lost to a highway construction project. That’s the thrust of a lawsuit the Camden County Historical Society filed in U.S. District Court in Camden on Wednesday, seeking some sort of... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Elon Musk promises NY-Philly-DC hyperloop; but Philly knows of no such thing](#)  
Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk lit up the Twitterverse Thursday with a series of tweets indicating that he received the go-ahead for an ultrafast underground hyperloop transit system that would connect New York City to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington D. C. in under 30 minutes.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Luxury condos proposed at site of Downtown parking garage](#)  
A worn-out parking garage built the same year the Hula Hoop was introduced could usher in the latest wave of redevelopment in Downtown Pittsburgh. The Davis Companies of Boston is proposing a \$175 million mixed-use development at the site at Ninth Street and Penn Avenue that would include... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Port Authority losing less money than expected after fare change](#)  
Port Authority’s change to a flat fare system didn’t cost the agency as much money as expected in the first six months of 2017. In a report Thursday to the authority’s Performance Oversight Committee, chief financial officer Pete Schenk said the agency expected to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Lower Pottsgrove commissioners grant preliminary approval to Sanatoga Green project](#)  
After a staff meeting earlier this week that both sides called productive, the Lower Pottsgrove Township commissioners voted Thursday to grant preliminary approval to a major residential and commercial development. Sanatoga Green plans call for 347 apartments, 147 town homes, a... - [Reading Eagle](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Turnpike, contractor cited after inspection near flooding site](#)  
Environmental regulators faulted the state Turnpike Commission and its contractor, Joseph B. Fay, over a litany of deficiencies in erosion and sedimentation controls found during an inspection conducted last week at a Southern Beltway construction site after flooding was reported in and near... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [In South Whitehall, oversized vehicles banned from parking on residential streets](#)  
SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP — Oversized vehicles parking on residential streets have long been a source of complaints in South Whitehall Township, but officials hope they finally have a solution. Township commissioners, in a 5-0 vote, adopted an ordinance Wednesday... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Project manager: Finished Route 219 a year away](#)  
At this time next year, motorists will be able to take a long-awaited ride on four-lane Route 219 from Somerset to Meyersdale. The project has remained on time and close to budget, according to project manager Tom Helsel. - [Somerset Daily](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Parking authority office estimate higher than expected](#)  
A few members of the Williamsport Parking Authority expressed “sticker shock” Wednesday at a \$600,000 estimated cost to build a new office inside the Trade and Transit Centre I building. The authority has been mulling over how River Valley Transit plans to spend... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Roundabouts on the rise around region](#)  
Pennsylvanian drivers are increasingly finding themselves facing a new kind of intersection out on the roads; and, despite some possible initial confusion, PennDOT believes they will prove a much safer way to drive. For around a decade, PennDOT has been trying to fit in as many roundabouts... - [Titusville Herald](#)
  
- 07-21-2017 [Bradford County: Investigation continues into fatal plane crash -- NTSB seeking witnesses to incident](#)  
TOWANDA -- The National Transportation Safety Board is continuing its investigation into Wednesday’s

fatal plane crash in Bradford County and is asking for any witnesses to the incident to contact local law enforcement or officials from the NTSB. In a press conference held Thursday at the Bradford County Airport, NTSB... - [Sayre Morning](#)

07-21-2017

**[Why here? Lower Swatara Township residents question proposal for UPS hub facility](#)**

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP--With the area prone to sinkholes and already burdened by heavy truck traffic, Lower Swatara Township residents are asking UPS officials, "Why here?" The company wants to build a 935,000-square-foot hub that would service the entire northeastern U.S. and bring 1,250 jobs and an estimated annual... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

07-21-2017

**[U.S. Reopens Harley Settlement, Cutting Funds for Pollution Reduction Plan](#)**

Last year the United States government fined Harley-Davidson \$15 million for selling devices that shut down its motorcycles' emissions controls — and said part of that money would go toward a project to reduce pollution from wood-fired stoves. On Thursday, the Trump administration said Harley-Davidson was no longer... - [New York Times](#)

07-21-2017

**[Trump DOJ gives Harley-Davidson \\$3 million discount on Obama-era pollution fine](#)**

The Department of Justice announced Thursday that it had dropped a requirement that Harley-Davidson spend \$3 million to fight air pollution as part of a settlement reached with the Obama administration. The Milwaukee-based company will remain responsible for \$12 million in... - [Washington Post](#)

07-21-2017

**[Elon Musk Receives 'Verbal Approval' To Build Hyperloop](#)**

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Elon Musk, the entrepreneur who heads Tesla, SpaceX, and now The Boring Company, says he has received verbal approval to build the Hyperloop. The Hyperloop is a high-speed, underground transportation system that could shuttle commuters between Washington D.C. and New York in less than a half... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

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**[Officials: China-to-Pittsburgh nonstop charter flights grounded -- for now](#)**

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07-21-2017

**[State Department: U.S. to block Americans from traveling to North Korea](#)**

The Trump administration plans to prohibit Americans from traveling to North Korea, the State Department announced Friday, citing serious risks of arrest and imprisonment in the isolated totalitarian state. The ban, first disclosed by tour groups that specialize in travel to North... - [Washington Post](#)