



Transportation Recap

May 4-10, 2018

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Session Status

At 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, May 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 12:04 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

May 22, 23, 24

June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Senate

May 21, 22, 23

June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Bullet.in.Points

DCNR: TRANSFER OF STATE PARK LAND TO THE TURNPIKE COMMISSION; FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION FOR LANDS TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO BE ENCUMBERED WITH CERTAIN STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS

The Turnpike Commission has begun a Total Reconstruction and Widening project from milepost 308 to 312, located through and adjacent to Marsh Creek State Park, Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County. This project falls within the Commission's main line, I-76. By and through its authority, the Commission proposed to permanently take 4.302 acres of Marsh Creek State park land needed to reconstruct the highway. Project documents will be available for review from May 15, 2018, until June 30, 2018, at the Marsh Creek State Park Office and on the Commission's website at www.patpconstruction.com/mp298to312/. Questions or comments can be directed to John Hallas, Director, Bureau of State Parks, Attn: RMPD—Planning Section, PO Box 8551, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8551, RA-Park-Operations@pa.gov within 30 days.

DEP: AVAILABILITY OF FINAL BENEFICIARY MITIGATION PLAN RELATING TO THE VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT

The Commonwealth was certified as a Beneficiary of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries, in the case *In Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*. The Department of Environmental Protection has been designated the Lead Agency to implement the State Trust Agreement for the commonwealth. The commonwealth is currently allocated \$118.5 million of the State Mitigation Trust to fund eligible projects that reduce oxides of nitrogen, including the costs of Eligible Mitigation Action Administrative Expenditures relating to those projects for the commonwealth or the applicants. The commonwealth's final Beneficiary Mitigation Plan is available on the department's website at www.dep.pa.gov/drivePAforward or by calling (717) 787-9702.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

The State Transportation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Williamsport, 100 Pine Street, Williamsport. For more information, contact Ellen E. Sweeney, PhD, (717) 787-2913, ellsweeney@pa.gov.

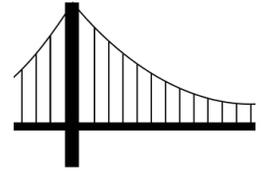
Cosponsor Memos

HCO3360	Staats, Craig(R)	Designates the section of Pennsylvania Route 563 in Bucks County from Pennsylvania Route 313 to Old Bethlehem Road as the PFC John Rivers Way
SCO1443	Yaw, Gene(R)	Adds Keystone Tree Fund as a voluntary checkoff box to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's driver's license application and the vehicle registration renewal application



Bill Actions

HB 1926	Stephens, Todd(R)	(PN 2793) Act designating a portion of State Route 2022, also known as Fort Washington Avenue, in Montgomery County as the SPC5 George W. Charters, Jr., Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2718)
<i>Bill History:</i>		04-25-18 S Signed in the Senate 04-30-18 H Signed in the House 05-01-18 G In the hands of the Governor 05-04-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 19) 07-03-18 G Earliest effective date
HB 2420	Petrarca, Joseph(D)	(PN 3516) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286, known as Washington Street, over the Kiskiminetas River, between Saltsburg Borough, Indiana County, and Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, as the First Sergeant Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.
<i>Bill History:</i>		05-08-18 H Filed 05-09-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
SB 837	Ward, Kim(R)	(PN 1528) Act designating 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. (Prior Printer Number: 1099)
<i>Bill History:</i>		04-18-18 S Signed in the Senate 04-30-18 H Signed in the House 05-01-18 G In the hands of the Governor 05-04-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 20) 07-03-18 G Earliest effective date
SB 1156	Mensch, Bob(R)	(PN 1736) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 100 over the Schuylkill River in Pottstown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Newstell Marable, Sr., Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.
<i>Bill History:</i>		05-07-18 S Filed 05-07-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
SB 1163	Killion, Thomas(R)	(PN 1740) The Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Act establishes the Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Board; provides for solicitation of public-private projects and for public-private agreements; and establishes the Public-Private Account. Effective in 60 days.
<i>Bill History:</i>		05-07-18 S Filed 05-07-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev
SB 1164	Eichelberger, John(R)	(PN 1745) Act designating the bridge on Stoughstown Road over Interstate 81 in Cumberland County (bridge number 21-3007-0020-0865) as the Private Raymond Lafayette Naugle Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.
<i>Bill History:</i>		05-10-18 S Filed 05-10-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



SB 1167 Eichelberger, John(R)

(PN 1747) Act designating the bridge on Maple Avenue over the Yellow Breeches Creek in Walnut Bottom Township, Cumberland County (bridge number 21-3009-0012-0000), as the Sergeant Kenneth Lee "Buck" Devor Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-10-18 S Filed
05-10-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Upcoming Events

Press Conference

May 14, 2018 - 10:00 AM, Main Capitol Steps, Harrisburg
Bike to Work Week Kick-off (unconfirmed)

Department of Transportation

May 14, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Victory Municipal Building, 2794 Old Route 8, Polk
Public Meeting for Fishermans Cove Road Bridge Replacement Project. For additional information: (717) 787-9880

PA Public Utility Commission ****Rescheduled from 5/15/18****

May 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Airville Volunteer Fire Department, 3576 Delta Road, Airville
Public input hearing on Transource Transmission Line applications. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission ****Rescheduled from 5/15/18****

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Public input hearing on Transource Transmission Line applications. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Turnpike Commission

May 15, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

May 16, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Exact Location TBD, PA
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Pittsburgh Port Authority

May 17, 2018 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Pittsburgh Port Authority

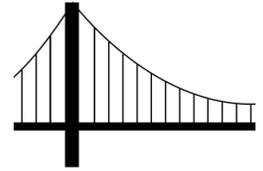
May 17, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Performance Oversight Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Public Utility Commission

May 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

May 17, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration Committee meeting immediately followed by an Operations Committee meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800



Press Conference

May 21, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., Harrisburg Hilton, 1 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg

PA Press Club Luncheon with Guest Speaker Joe Scarnati, President Pro Tempore of the Senate. RSVP to info@papressclub.org; \$30/person; \$300/table of 10

House Professional Licensure

May 22, 2018 - 11:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [SB 764](#) Gordner, John Amends Board of Vehicles re RV Law

PA Public Utility Commission

May 22, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Franklin Fire Department Social Hall, 3444 Wayne Road, Chambersburg

Public input hearing on Transource Transmission Line applications. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

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House Consumer Affairs

May 24, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Room B31, Main Capitol

Public hearing on [Act 164 of 2016](#)

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

May 24, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia

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

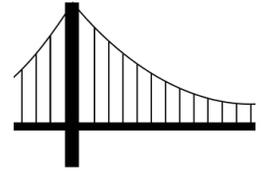
Pittsburgh Port Authority

May 25, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh

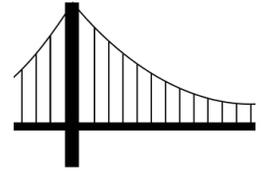
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In the News

- 05-10-2018 [PA NewsMedia Association Headlines & Deadlines - May 10, 2018](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [Clean Power PA Coalition Urges State and Local Leaders to Focus Volkswagen...](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [Wolf Administration Celebrates New Recreational Opportunities, Carbondale...](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [Gov. Wolf Announces \\$118 Million Volkswagen Settlement to Fund New Air...](#)
(Press Release)



- 05-10-2018 [**PennDOT Employees Honored with Governor's Awards for Excellence for...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [**PA Turnpike Commission and PA Council on the Arts Unveil Student Artwork at..**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [**Philadelphia's Friends of the Rail Park Selects Kevin Dow as First Executive...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [**Family boat capsized near 'drowning machine,' raising concerns again about deadly dam**](#)
Cody Binkley and Mary Bredbenner loaded their 3-year-old daughter and black Labrador retriever into their 16-foot flat-bottomed fishing boat Monday night at a boat ramp in Middletown and headed upstream on the Susquehanna River. It's unclear if Binkley knew the extent of the dangers in the darkness... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Pittsburgh councilwoman thinks North Side landslide was caused by city water leak**](#)
Charlene Haislip didn't believe water pouring from a landslide in Pittsburgh's North Side in February was coming from a natural spring, even though the neighborhood is dubbed Spring Hill, so she took samples. Tests conducted by Environmental Service Laboratories Inc. of Indiana, Pa.,... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Valerie Myers: PennDOT spokesman retires after 2 careers**](#)
Jim Carroll also wrote about transportation for the Times-News Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman Jim Carroll started his retirement with knee surgery this spring. I'm hoping that it gets better from there. Jim is an old friend and longtime colleague. Before working for PennDOT, he... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Developer files another plan for warehouse in Greenwich Township**](#)
The supervisors rejected the first Crossroads X proposal in December. - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Middletown group sees chance to save Stone Meadows Farm**](#)
The Middletown Planning Commission tabled the latest proposal to develop the 168-acre Stone Meadows Farm and sent the plans back for more revisions. A group of concerned Middletown residents trying to prevent the development of a 168-acre farm says it has the resources to save the property on Route... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**U.S. Route 322 traffic to be delayed on Seven Mountains due to road construction project**](#)
Commuters from Mifflin to Centre county can expect delays starting Thursday as work begins on the third phase of the U.S. Route 322/Potters Mills Gap project. Traffic will be restricted to a single lane in both directions on Route 322 coming down the Seven Mountains from the intersection with Sand Mountain... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Official: Gas prices affecting paving program**](#)
The price of gasoline is affecting what Indiana can spend on a paving program this year. "Asphalt is based on gasoline prices," borough Public Works Director Dave Fairman told council, as it tackled a trio of bids opened on April 23 — with all bids coming in over the maximum the borough... - [*Indiana Gazette*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**PennDOT honors Star of Excellence recipients**](#)
MONTOURSVILLE — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards has recognized 29 PennDOT employees for their outstanding performance with the Star of Excellence Award, PennDOT's highest recognition. Two employees from PennDOT's District 3, which... - [*Towanda Daily Review*](#)



- 05-10-2018 [**Kasich executive order aimed at promoting, regulating tests of self-driving cars in Ohio**](#)
Gov. John Kasich wants Ohio to lead the development of autonomous cars, just as it did with airplanes. “Kitty Hawk, North Carolina — that was just some sand and a bunch of wind,” Kasich said during a speech Wednesday, referring to the days of the Wright Brothers. “All of the development of the airplane... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Route 39 traffic headaches, troubled intersections targeted for improvements in new study**](#)
Anyone who has ever traveled on Route 39 probably experienced one thing. Traffic. Lots of it. Long waits to turn at intersections and bumper-to-bumper traffic plague the route - also known as Linglestown Road - through Susquehanna and Lower Paxton townships. Where things are more wide open in West and South Hanover... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Fish & Boat Commission to resume search for missing girl**](#)
STEELTON, Pa. (WHTM)-- - Local fire crews searching for a missing 3-year-old girl called along the Susquehanna River have called off their search but the Fish & Boat Commission is expected back on scene on Thursday. A firefighter said crews used all their resources including cadaver dogs to... - [WHTM](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**In Washington, a Brighter Spotlight on Technology**](#)
What are your most important tools for covering technology policy? Tech has become a big focus in Washington these days, which means I’m spending much of my time on the go, hopping around various agencies and congressional offices to cover news and to meet with sources.... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Automakers Sought Looser Rules. Now They Hope to Stop Trump From Going Too Far.**](#)
President Trump on Friday is expected to meet with the chief executives of the world’s major automakers to deliver a pointed message: Get on board with the administration’s plan to dramatically roll back fuel economy requirements, according to interviews with four people close to the... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Pothole-fighting street artist Wanksy is the hero Philly needs right now**](#)
Old Gulph Road in Lower Merion Township, near the intersection with the Blue Route; Park Avenue in New Britain Township, just a quarter mile north of the township building; and the westbound Schuylkill Expressway at the Route 1 overpass. Each is a pothole war zone that has recently wreaked havoc on my car. Old... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**There's no getting around the clumsy design of SEPTA's new fare gates | Inga Saffron**](#)
It’s now been two years since SEPTA rolled out its electronic Key card, almost long enough to forget the payment system’s lengthy and problem-plagued gestation. Who cares that the fare card’s debut was four years late or that the accompanying website was a clunker (and remains... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Gov. Wolf to use \\$118 million settlement from Volkswagen on clean air programs**](#)
Pennsylvania's governor said Thursday the state will use a \$118 million settlement with Volkswagen over the company's cheating on emissions tests to cut air pollution in the state... - [AP](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Greenfield in line for \\$41 million flood control plan, low-speed transportation system**](#)
After getting an earful from residents of the Junction Hollow area of Greenfield about 2½ years ago, Pittsburgh officials are ready to move ahead with the largest stormwater mitigation project in the city’s history to address chronic flooding problems in the area known as “The Run.”... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



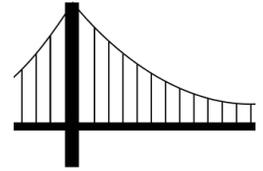
- 05-10-2018 [**'We knew that something extraordinary had happened': Southwest pilots describe emergency landing in Philadelphia**](#)
The Southwest Airlines pilots who brought down a plane in Philadelphia last month after its engine exploded, killing a passenger, said in their first public interview that they heard a loud bang and quickly learned something “extraordinary” had happened to the aircraft.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Route 39 traffic headaches, troubled intersections targeted for improvements in new study**](#)
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- 05-10-2018 [**PennDOT: Guys Run Road in Harmar could reopen 'very soon'**](#)
Drivers and residents affected by the Guys Run Road closure in Harmar may see some relief soon. PennDOT spokesman Steve Cowan said the road could be open as soon as the next few days, barring any unforeseen weather or delays. “No date has been (set),” Cowan said. “It could be very... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Governor Wolf Honors 47 State Employees for Excellence in Public Service**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-09-2018 [**Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: Details on the Port Authority's Extremely...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-09-2018 [**DA's office seeking witnesses of fatal boat accident on Susquehanna River near Harrisburg**](#)
Anyone who may have witnessed a fatal boat accident on the Susquehanna River late Monday night is being asked to contact detectives with the Dauphin County district attorney's office. The boat capsized near the Dock Street Dam at about 10 p.m., throwing the occupants into the river, officials said.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Pittsburgh wins \\$1.4M state grant for street safety improvements**](#)
Pennsylvania officials on Tuesday approved a \$1.4 million grant for sidewalk and street safety improvements. Mayor Bill Peduto's office said \$980,000 would be used to build sidewalks where none exist along streets connecting neighborhoods to schools, transit... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Delmont officials may take out loan to expand summer paving program**](#)
Delmont officials may take advantage of an unusual dip in raw-material prices to beef up their summer road-paving program. Originally budgeted at \$199,000, borough officials may consider taking out an \$80,000 loan to get more road work done this summer. “If this is really a good time to do it and the prices are good, I... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Pittsburgh sidewalks getting a boost from state money**](#)
Pittsburgh sidewalks getting a boost from state money More than \$1.4 million in state transportation money will help Pittsburgh improve sidewalks and develop bicycling opportunities for city students, Mayor Bill Peduto's office said Tuesday. Nearly \$1 million will go toward building sidewalks “within critical... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**NLRB rejects union complaint at GE**](#)
An appeal filed by the union at GE Transportation was subsequently dismissed by the NLRB on April 26. The National Labor Relations Board has rejected a claim by union workers at GE Transportation who argued that the company acted improperly when it announced plans to move work from the Erie plant to Fort Worth, Texas.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Antis trail awarded PennDOT funding**](#)
Construction of a new trail in the Bellwood-Antis region will be totally funded by a state grant, the governor's office announced Tuesday. Antis Township was awarded \$875,780 in PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects funds. The PennDOT grant was awarded for construction of a 2-mile trail that will... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Brick road blowback irks Portage council**](#)
PORTAGE — The fate of century-old bricks that comprise the surface of Lee Street has not been decided, but a local historian pleaded Monday with Portage Borough officials, asking that they remain unchanged. Portage Area Historical Society members made their position known in the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Op-ed: Parking authority committed to Philadelphia schools**](#)
When it comes to criticizing the Philadelphia Parking Authority's annual \$50 million payment to the city and School District of Philadelphia, it's important to look for the facts?—?and not at a decade-old myth. The original law "promising \$45 million" to Philadelphia schools... - [Philadelphia Northeast Times](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Wolf releases money for Lackawanna River trail, landscape projects**](#)
The more than two-decade push to build a 40-mile walking and riding trail along the Lackawanna River got another boost from state government Tuesday. State officials announced the release of \$1.2 million in grants to help close some of the remaining gaps in the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**County council approves \\$5 vehicle registration fee**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — Luzerne County residents will soon pay \$5 more per year to register a vehicle with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation — as long as PennDOT kicks in promised matching funds. County council approved a \$5 registration fee surcharge on Tuesday on... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Wilkes University, Pittston City win million-dollar sidewalk grants**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — Gov. Tom Wolf and PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards on Tuesday announced the approval of funding for 82 projects — including two in Luzerne County — to improve transportation alternatives and enhance mobility and public accessibility. Wilkes University received \$1,156,616 for pedestrian safety enhancements on... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Cambria airport authority considers service proposals**](#)
Members of the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority weighed the pros and cons of two proposals for commuter air service during a special meeting Tuesday, and likely won't vote on the matter until a regular meeting next week or another special meeting in the future.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**Funding approved for 82 projects in Cambria, Somerset counties**](#)
Infrastructure projects in Cambria and Somerset counties are among the 82 such projects for which state funding has recently been approved, Gov. Tom Wolf and PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards announced Tuesday. The Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County will get \$1.2 million for... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Speeding in Unionville down, but at least one resident still not satisfied**](#)
East Marlborough >> Only rarely does East Marlborough conduct its official business outside the bounds of old-world politeness, but Monday night was one of those times. An evidently long-simmering squabble boiled over into awkward public view at the supervisors' regular monthly meeting Monday as Unionville... - [*West Chester Daily Local News*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**House Votes to Dismantle Bias Rule in Auto Lending**](#)
The Republican regulatory rollback took a step forward on Tuesday as the House voted to scrap an Obama-era rule intended to prevent discrimination by auto lenders and as lawmakers inched closer to a bipartisan agreement to alter portions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act.... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Safe Harbor railroad trestle rehab gets funding needed to link all parts of Low Grade Rail Trail**](#)
Conversion of the towering and closed 113-year-old Safe Harbor railroad trestle into a pedestrian footpath seems to be at hand, providing the last missing link for the popular Enola Low Grade Rail Trail. The state announced a \$3 million grant for the project Tuesday, ending... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**The U.S. now has a record 6.6 million job openings**](#)
The United States now has a job opening for every unemployed person in the country, a sign of just how far the nation has turned around from the recession that cost so many Americans their jobs nearly a decade ago. The Labor Department reported Tuesday there were 6.6 million job openings... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Cash for growing network of trails coming**](#)
More than \$5 million is going to be put into bicycle trails and other connections between designated rivertowns, state officials announced Tuesday. The funds are meant to promote healthy living and the connecting of communities along rivers. Projects in Lycoming, Clinton, Tioga and Union... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Court reverses ruling over rail pact**](#)
HARRISBURG — The SEDA-Council of Governments' Joint Rail Authority has a new operating agreement for five of its shortline routes, thanks to a state court ruling last week. A three-judge panel of the Commonwealth Court vacated the ruling of the Clinton County Court of Common Pleas and said, under the Municipal... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Luzerne County OKs \\$5 vehicle surcharge**](#)
Luzerne County Council has approved a \$5 registration fee surcharge on vehicles registered to county addresses, to raise funds to repair county-owned roads and bridges. Council voted 7-4 to adopt an ordinance that authorizes the fee, following a public hearing at which six county residents railed against it.... - [*Hazleton Standard-Speaker*](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**Gina Haspel will face a tough Senate confirmation hearing to run the CIA**](#)
After a life in the shadows, Gina Haspel, President Trump's nominee to run the CIA, will face the bright lights of a Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday that is expected to hinge on questions about her role in post-Sept. 11 interrogations with waterboarding and other abuses.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Official: Gas prices affecting paving program**](#)
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- 05-09-2018 [**St. Marys council reimagines downtown parking during public forum**](#)
ST. MARYS — More questions than answers remain following a public forum held by the St. Marys City Council Monday night regarding parking. A hot button topic since about six years ago when the city's parking authority was disbanded, two actions were agreed upon Monday.... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Delmont officials may take out loan to expand summer paving program**](#)
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- 05-09-2018 [**Gov. Kasich orders all Ohio roads open to smart vehicle testing**](#)
Republican Gov. John Kasich is opening all of Ohio's public roads to smart vehicle testing... - [AP](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Trail project will connect borough to major 9/11 memorials**](#)
The tiny Somerset County borough of Berlin has received a \$1.2 million grant from PennDOT to help it tie into the multi-state September 11th National Memorial Trail . The trail will use existing trails and new construction to connect the three main 9/11 memorials — the Flight 93 National Memorial near... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Westmoreland Heritage Trail board will meet Thursday in Export**](#)
Those interested in the future of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail can find out the latest when the trail board meets on Thursday, May 10, at the Italian American Club in Export. The fourth phase of the Heritage Trail will be a 3.4-mile stretch skirting around the back of Cleveland Brothers on Route 22 in Murrysville before... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**I-70 project brings highway noise to South Huntingdon family's front door**](#)
A South Huntingdon couple's dream of peace and quiet in their retirement years may have been shattered by updates to a section of Interstate 70 that overlooks their home. As PennDOT prepares to widen I-70 to upsize the median and berms, a project contractor recently stripped trees from a narrow embankment that separates... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Pittsburgh council looks for ways to combat climate change**](#)
Pittsburgh City Council heard testimony from experts on the city's ambitious, thrice-redrafted Climate Action Plan Tuesday. Currently the plan includes reducing Pittsburgh's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050, cutting transportation emissions in half... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**ChamberPAC Endorses Jim Struzzi for State House of Reps.**](#)
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- 05-08-2018 [**DEP: Wolf Administration to Announce Plans for \\$118 Million Volkswagen...**](#)
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- 05-08-2018 [**Governor Wolf: 82 Improvement Projects to Bolster Public Transit, Communities...**](#)
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- 05-08-2018 [**Rail authority considering three options in wake of shortline court decision**](#)
LEWISBURG - The SEDA Joint Rail Authority is reviewing three options following the decision last week by a Commonwealth Court panel to give an Oakmont railroad company the contract to operate five shortlines. Following a lengthy executive session Monday with its solicitors, the... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Squirrel Hill faces a challenge: Can residents afford to live there?**](#)
It's a neighborhood with so many distinctions that University of Pittsburgh population researcher Christopher Briem even has a phrase for it — "Squirrel Hill Exceptionalism." Squirrel Hill has long been among the Pittsburgh's largest, most densely populated and highest educated neighborhoods. Many streets are... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**City officials drop plans to sell parking garage**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — Mayor Tony George's administration has abandoned plans to sell the Park & Lock East garage, at least for now. City Administrator Ted Wampole said Monday that a resolution to sell the 453-space facility to Washington & Market Street Properties LLC for \$2... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Scranton street sweeping swings into summer season**](#)
Here's the dirt on Scranton's annual street sweeping program: It began last week and will run through Aug. 24, but likely won't get to every road as scheduled, officials said. The city is too large for its lone street sweeper truck, said Councilman Bill Gaughan, who raised the issue during recent council meetings.... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Nazareth council concerned about electronic billboard**](#)
Safety concerns over an electronic billboard soon to go up on a state highway in Nazareth have not been addressed by PennDOT to the satisfaction of local officials. Borough Council renewed discussions Monday over the potential for vehicle accidents along Route 248 after hearing a report from their engineering... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Dan Kelly: Mayor takes aim at Reading contracts**](#)
He's particularly interested in contracts between the Reading Parking Authority and Our City Reading - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Delaware Riverkeeper presents proposal to preserve Headquarters Road Bridge**](#)
The Delaware Riverkeeper Network presented Monday a preservation plan for the Headquarters Road Bridge in Tinicum. Representatives from an environmental preservation organization said Monday that they have a plan that could save the Headquarters Road Bridge in... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**State secretaries address Act 47, pensions costs, other local issues**](#)
Local leaders had the opportunity to pose questions to several state secretaries Monday morning, including those from the departments of aging, transportation, labor and industry, community and economic development and drug and alcohol programs. The "Cabinet In Your Community" session saw state officials address... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**Borough Council OKs Speed Limit Reduction on Atherton Street**](#)
Drivers will need to slow down starting next month on a stretch of Atherton Street in State College. Borough Council on Monday night unanimously approved an ordinance amendment that reduces the speed limit to 25 miles per hour from the current 35 miles per hour from the intersection of South Atherton Street and West Prospect... - [*State College News*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Court ruling names new rail line operator**](#)
A state court recently ruled in favor of a company's bid to take over operation of SEDA-Council of Governments Joint Rail Authority's five shortline routes. A three-member Commonwealth Court appellate panel last week overturned an earlier decision upholding the JRA board's contention that it did not... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**On-time Thruway work a dual piece of positive news**](#)
Spring may have been slow in coming to the region, but the protracted raw, dreary weather did not have much of an impact on construction of the much anticipated Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project. The thruway is a new, 13-mile, four-lane, limited-access highway that will... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**U.S. Oil Prices Hit \\$70 a Barrel for First Time Since '14**](#)
A cutback in world oil output, engineered by some of the biggest producers, has more than doubled prices from their ebb two years ago. Now, a looming decision by President Trump on the Iran nuclear agreement is pushing them even higher. Benchmark prices for American crude oil closed above \$70 a barrel on Monday... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**After Fatal Uber Crash, a Self-Driving Start-Up Moves Forward**](#)
On Monday, an orange and blue car with the words "Self-Driving Vehicle" prominently displayed on both sides drove itself through the streets of this rapidly growing city north of Dallas, navigating across four lanes of traffic and around a traffic circle. The car, operated by the Silicon Valley start-up Drive.ai, will eventually... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**What Will New York Do About Its Uber Problem?**](#)
New Yorkers who can afford to avoid their dysfunctional subway system are spoiled for choice these days. In addition to long-established taxis, livery cabs, black cars and limousines, they can summon rides through Uber, Lyft, Via, Juno and other app-based ride-hailing and ride-sharing services.... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Why fuel-efficiency standards won't minimize gas consumption**](#)
In the course of providing benefits for individuals, such as making a car go, gasoline consumption also imposes costs on society, such as traffic congestion and air pollution. Economists call these "negative externalities." In Europe, governments address them by imposing a stiff tax on fuel; Germany charges... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Pedestrian deaths soar 46 percent, insurance group finds**](#)
Pedestrian deaths have reached the highest level in 28 years, largely because of the nation's appetite for fast arterial roads in urban-suburban areas and the ubiquitous SUVs that rule them, an insurance research group has found. Nearly 6,000 pedestrians were killed in 2016, up 46 percent from 2009, when... - [*Washington Post*](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**Federal regulators: 'Do Not Drive' Ford and Mazda pickups with defective air bags aren't being repaired fast enough**](#)
Three months ago a pair of automakers issued "Do Not Drive" warnings for pickup trucks equipped with air bags that can explode and spray metal shrapnel that has killed 22 people and maimed hundreds more. The air bags on 2006 Ford Rangers and Mazda B-Series trucks should be... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Texas becomes the latest state to get a self-driving car service**](#)
Texas will become the latest state to host a self-driving car service on public roads when Drive.ai — a Mountain View, Calif.-based start-up — launches a six-month pilot program in Frisco, Tex. this summer. Unlike Waymo or Uber, whose self-driving programs typically cover vast... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Sen. Josh Newman in fight for his political life over vote to raise California's gas tax**](#)
A week after voting with fellow Democrats to raise California's gas tax, state Sen. Josh Newman was vacationing with his wife on a Caribbean island when he saw a news alert on his phone that said Republicans were targeting a lawmaker for recall over the action.... - [*Los Angeles Times*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Urban farm coming to former Sparrows Point steel mill site in Baltimore County**](#)
A former Baltimore County steel mill is going green, as a Chicago-based urban farming operation looks to transform a portion of the former Sparrows Point site into a large greenhouse. Gotham Greens is opening a 100,000-square-foot hydroponic greenhouse at Tradepoint Atlantic, the massive redevelopment project planned for Sparrows... - [*Baltimore Sun*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**A truck project may have saved Pittsburgh's self-driving car future**](#)
Two massive haul trucks, each with a 240-ton payload capacity, might have saved the self-driving car ecosystem in Pittsburgh during the recession. That's because when one segment of an industry is experiencing a hiccup, another typically sees an upturn, according to Bryan Salesky, CEO... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Philly's most dangerous road needs speed cameras**](#)
No family should have to endure what LaTanya Byrd has. On a quiet summer evening in 2013, her niece Samara Banks and Banks' four sons took advantage of the warm weather in Northeast Philadelphia and chose to walk home. While crossing Roosevelt Boulevard, in a crosswalk and with the... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Water service resumes at Philly airport after 24-inch main burst**](#)
A massive water main broke open Monday underneath the economy parking lot at Philadelphia International Airport, shutting down water pressure to all terminals for hours — making conditions and just about everyone inside the airport miserable — before service was restored in the evening,... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Authority OKs \\$47K lighting cost for wider Arnold Palmer runway**](#)
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport recently repaved its runway and now is gearing up to widen it, to make it easier for aircraft to land when winds aren't favorable. The Westmoreland County Airport Authority that operates the Unity airport Tuesday set aside \$47,410.88 to cover costs the Federal Aviation... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
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- 05-07-2018 [**Insurance Commissioner Applauds U.S. House Passage of FAA Re-Authorization...**](#)
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- 05-07-2018 [**Community Members Join Wolf Administration in Johnstown for Cabinet in Your...**](#)
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- 05-07-2018 [**No escape for CEOs: Volkswagen's former leader can't evade justice**](#)
No escape for CEOs: Volkswagen's former leader can't evade justice Companies should recognize the need to keep their customers' trust if they're to survive in the dog-eat-dog business world. However, whenever enlightened self-interest and professional ethics aren't enough to keep... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Reading Regional Airport Authority advances land development plans**](#)
The two parcels under discussion are along Route 183. - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Vote on county vehicle fee could come Tuesday**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — Members of the public will get a chance to tell Luzerne County Council members what they think of a proposed county-wide \$5 vehicle registration fee on Tuesday. Council will hold a public hearing prior to Tuesday's voting session, to take comment on an ordinance that would authorize the fee for about... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Airport travelers like Uber, Lyft**](#)
Uber bested Lyft, but the local airport won big. More than 850 people called on the two ride-hailing services in March, the first month of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport's first contract with both. Under the contract, the airport earns \$2 each time either Lyft or Uber... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**How can Lehigh Valley International Airport get better? The airport wants your help**](#)
Lehigh Valley International Airport is in the home stretch of updating its master plan for the next 25 years and is asking the public to weigh in again. The process began in 2016 and is set to finish this summer. A public open house on the draft plan is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**L.A., are you sure you want Amazon's HQ2?**](#)
Twenty American cities, including Los Angeles, have been busy in recent weeks wooing visiting executives from Amazon, hoping to become the location for the company's second headquarters. Amazon has promised that up to 50,000 jobs and \$5 billion in investment will flow to the new HQ2 city.... - [*Los Angeles Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Black drivers in Ohio more likely to face drug dogs at trooper stop**](#)
Records show the Ohio State Highway Patrol uses drug-sniffing dogs on stops involving black drivers at a higher rate than stops involving whites... - [*AP*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Franklin County seeks to consolidate \\$9.8 million transportation contract**](#)
Even after her right leg was amputated below the knee because of circulation issues, Shirley McElwain had her freedom. She could put on her prosthetic leg, use her walker to get to her car and drive wherever she wanted. After her other leg was amputated above the knee last fall, that freedom... - [*Columbus Dispatch*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Delays expected due to lane closure on Harrisburg Pike near The Crossings at Conestoga Creek construction**](#)
A daytime lane restriction on a Manheim Township roadway could significantly slow travel in the area next week, according to police. Part of Harrisburg Pike near construction of The Crossings at Conestoga Creek across from Long's Park will be reduced to one lane May 7 through May... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)



- 05-07-2018 [**Gas prices are the highest they've been in years; Here's where to find the cheapest gas in Lancaster County**](#)
Crude oil prices are at the highest level in more than three years and expected to climb higher, pushing up gasoline prices along the way. The U.S. daily national average for regular gasoline is now \$2.81 per gallon. That's up from about \$2.39 per gallon a year ago, according to Oil... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Lost keys? Laptop? Car? It could be at the Pittsburgh airport**](#)
Travel is said to increase our creativity, make us less fearful, more patient and more open-minded. But travel seems to affect some of our brains before we even get out of the airport. Why else would we leave expensive jewelry, nice coats, strollers, canes, packed suitcases and laptops behind?... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Trump action on Iran nuclear deal could hit drivers at the pump, analyst says**](#)
The rise in gas prices has slowed in the last week in some places, with 15 states seeing prices going down, according to GasBuddy. Average retail gas prices in Pittsburgh rose just 0.9 cents were gallon in the past week, to an average of \$3.07 on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
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A squirrel tail dark as coal whipped about on the antenna as the purple pickup truck hauled pizza up a mountain around dinner time. Paved road gave way to gravel. To the left, a creek rushed downhill and homes appeared, sparingly, between the bare trees. Someone up here was hungry, waiting for... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Person struck, killed by Amtrak train in Northeast Philadelphia**](#)
A person was struck and killed by an Amtrak train Monday morning in Northeast Philadelphia. The incident happened near the Bridesburg Station and disrupted SEPTA Regional Rail Service to Trenton. That service, which had been suspended, has resumed, though trains into Philadelphia from Trenton were operating... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**If you're heading out, plan ahead: Traffic crawling ahead of Pittsburgh Marathon**](#)
Traffic into the city of Pittsburgh on Sunday morning, an hour before the start of the annual Pittsburgh Marathon, is at a near standstill coming from the north. Cars are at a complete stop at the exit from southbound interstate 279 on to the north shore where a portion of the race will be run.... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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Voting safe: Top minds are at work on Pa. election security Pennsylvania's new commission on election cybersecurity has the potential to put Pennsylvanians' minds at rest and help other states make sure their voting systems are safe and sound. While Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign has galvanized interest in... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**High-powered Pa. lobbyist for SugarHouse, Sixers tells us how the sausage gets made - and why Sixers even need a lobbyist**](#)
Steve Crawford grew up not far from Bloomsburg in rural Columbia County, where he cleaned pig pens, castrated pigs, and literally made sausage — all of which, he says, was good prep for a career in government, politics, and lobbying. Dad built jet engine blades at a TRW factory in Danville and was a hog and... - [*Philadelphia Daily News*](#)



- 05-06-2018 [**Letters to the Editor 5/5/2018**](#)
Editor: For most of us, our first experience in this world occurred in a hospital — when a doctor’s hands gently placed us into our mother’s arms for the first time. Throughout our lives, hospitals and the compassionate people who staff them are available day and night, every day of the year, to care for us during... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Pat Howard: Lawsuit over viaduct doesn't add up**](#)
Reading the federal civil rights lawsuit filed last week by last-ditch defenders of the McBride Viaduct brought to mind something syndicated columnist George Will said years ago. I don’t remember the issue or the exact phrasing. But Will characterized one side of some debate as a pyromaniac loose in a field of... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Landlord, marketer fight Reading Parking Authority lawsuit**](#)
Our City Reading and GoggleWorks Shops are fighting back against the Reading Parking Authority. The two entities filed a petition Monday asking Berks County Court to strike down or delay a lawsuit filed by the authority to evict them from the parking garage at Second and Washington streets, giving the parties... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
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- 05-06-2018 [**Officials from 4 municipalities seek public input on transportation, land-use plans for Bridgeport**](#)
Municipal leaders are seeking the public’s input on an ambitious plan to re-envision Bridgeport. Officials from Lancaster city and East Lampeter, West Lampeter and Lancaster townships are asking for suggestions to remake the 3.2-square-mile region surrounding the intersection of routes 340 and 462.... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**America needs a comprehensive economic development strategy**](#)
President Donald Trump recently proposed a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure program. This is a good idea with bipartisan support, assuming we can finance it. But infrastructure alone will not produce the long-term inclusive growth we yearn for. To achieve that, America instead needs a... - [*Baltimore Sun*](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**PennEnvironment: New study shows pollution risk from school, transit buses**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**Clearing Kensington heroin encampments is a good first step; what comes next matters more**](#)
You could smell it before you saw it. For weeks, pedestrians walking along the 700 block of Market Street — an area supposedly being revitalized to reconnect East Market with more vibrant areas of Center City — were greeted by the stench of two mattresses, left overnight by homeless people.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)



- 05-04-2018 [**Ford retreats: Ditching cars is a bold move that may backfire**](#)
Ford retreats: Ditching cars is a bold move that may backfire To put it in stark terms: Ford is going to stop selling cars. It's a shocking moment in American industrial history, even if the logic of the market has dictated the decision. Ford announced last month that by 2020, it will discontinue all... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**PennDOT paints Sinking Spring into a parking change**](#)
Sinking Spring will soon have a few new parking spaces thanks to a PennDOT mishap. Council voted 5-1 on Thursday to remove the no-parking signs along the northern side of Penn Avenue between the 4200 and 4400 blocks. H. David Miller voted no, and Brian Hoffa was absent.... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**GE workers in Erie leave old lives behind with graduation**](#)
For two former GE Transportation employees, graduation means something more than an end to their studies. Hundreds of students will collect diplomas and degrees from area colleges and universities over the next two weeks. For at least two of those students, graduation means something more than an... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**City officials mull parking garage sale**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — The city's parking consultant has endorsed the sale of the Park & Lock East garage for \$2 million, but Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority officials suggest it would be a bad deal for the city in the long run. City council members last week pulled from their agenda a resolution... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Train cars derail, commuters stranded; SEPTA offers updates on Wilmington line service**](#)
RIDLEY PARK >> It started as a couple of cars of a freight train derailing just before midnight Wednesday night. It ended as a commuter nightmare for thousands of rail riders left stranded without their morning rides. And it's not over yet. The last two hopper cars of an 88-car Norfolk Southern freight toppled off... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
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WOBURN, Mass. — The obstacle course was a series of speed bumps in a parking lot at the headquarters of ClearMotion, a supplier of high-tech chassis parts for production cars. The challengers were a late-model Mercedes-Benz and a 2016 BMW 535i equipped with the company's... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Elon Musk Rejects 'Boring, Bonehead Questions,' and Tesla's Stock Slides**](#)
Investors seemed to take another big quarterly loss from Tesla in stride. At least until the company's chief executive, Elon Musk, started talking. Mr. Musk's contentious conference call with analysts after Tesla's earnings announcement on Wednesday sent shares of the electric-car maker... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Philly Councilman Wants To Ban On-Street Parking In Parts Of City**](#)
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — If you've spent time in Center City, you know traffic is an issue. "Well, it's slow," said Robin Marshall of Philadelphia. "Congested and hectic," added fellow Philly resident Barbara Erwins-Romm. So, it stands to reason, something should be done.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**As Ridership Surges, Ferries to Get \\$300 Million to Expand Service**](#)
Admitting that his administration vastly underestimated the appeal of heavily subsidized boat rides, Mayor Bill de Blasio is doubling down on his big investment in a commuter ferry service for New York City. Standing on a dock in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, on Thursday morning, Mr. de... - [New York Times](#)



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The Volkswagen emissions scandal reached the highest echelons of the company on Thursday after its former chief executive was charged with conspiracy in the company's rigging of diesel vehicles to feign compliance with federal pollution standards. The indictment of the former executive, Martin Winterkorn, who resigned... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**There's one depressing thing about the FAA reauthorization bill**](#)
THE HOUSE of Representatives passed a bill reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration for another five years last Friday — alas. Our lament has nothing to do with what's in the bill, which will keep this vital and generally effective agency funded on a stable basis, a welcome... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Caltrans workers protest having to clean human waste, needles from homeless camps**](#)
Arguing that picking up used hypodermic needles and cleaning up human waste is not in their job description, Caltrans workers have filed a grievance with the state over the conditions they face when clearing homeless camps. "After we met with several groups of them, they said, 'You know, we didn't...' - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Road Warrior: Realization of light rail dreams a long way off**](#)
I swung by and took notes Wednesday during the first of two public forums on the proposed Lehigh Valley Transportation Improvement Plan, a four-year list of \$534 million worth of public transit, infrastructure and transportation improvements. I was pretty surprised when no one asked... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**TRAFFIC: Road closures begin today for Pittsburgh Marathon weekend**](#)
If you're planning to be out and about this weekend in the 'Burgh, you should be aware of the big event in town — the Pittsburgh Marathon. Road closures for Sunday's Pittsburgh Marathon and Saturday's marathon-related races begin at noon on Friday on the North Shore and in... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Pothole work on Old William Penn Highway causing traffic delays**](#)
Monroeville's department of public works is filling potholes on Old William Penn Highway and warned motorists of delays on that road Friday. The work is being done around the Speedway gas station at Center Road. There are workers directing traffic and DPW expects the work to be done by... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Tarentum exit to close to northbound motorists on Route 28**](#)
Route 28's northbound off-ramp at the Tarentum interchange will be closed this weekend as work continues on a \$34 million highway project. PennDOT said the ramp closure at the Route 366 Tarentum/New Kensington exit will be in place from 8 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**PA Turnpike westbound to close Sunday between Irwin and Pittsburgh**](#)
The westbound Pennsylvania Turnpike will be closed for five hours Sunday between the Irwin and Pittsburgh interchanges. The turnpike commission said in an alert that the closure between midnight Saturday and 5 a.m. Sunday is needed for the erection of concrete bridge... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



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[Westbound turnpike from Irwin-to-Monroeville to close 5 hours early Sunday for bridge work](#)

The westbound lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between the Monroeville and Irwin interchanges will be closed for about five hours early Sunday while construction crews erect beams for a replacement bridge that will carry the Murrysville-Trafford Road over the turnpike in Penn Township.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



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