

# PA Transportation Recap



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## Co-Sponsor Memos

<a href="#">HCO 592</a>	<a href="#">DeLuca, Anthony</a>	Allows municipalities to enact local ordinances banning the use of cell phones while driving.
<a href="#">HCO 626</a>	<a href="#">Regan, Mike</a>	Requires a person who has been ordered to pull his vehicle over not only to stop, but also remain in or at the vehicle.
<a href="#">HCO 646</a>	<a href="#">Kortz, Bill</a>	Establishes the Police Fuel Reimbursement Fund and provides for reimbursement surcharge.
<a href="#">HCO 659</a>	<a href="#">Brown, Rosemary</a>	Changes the definition of "emergency vehicle."
<a href="#">HCO 681</a>	<a href="#">Boyle, Kevin</a>	Designates Philadelphia Prison System prisoner transport units as emergency vehicles, which would allow them to use flashing lights and sirens.
<a href="#">HCO 716</a>	<a href="#">Farry, Frank</a>	Authorizes and protects our first responders who solicit donations upon the highways of this Commonwealth.
<a href="#">SCO 508</a>	<a href="#">Scavello, Mario</a>	Increases fines for littering.
<a href="#">SCO 525</a>	<a href="#">McGarrigle, Thomas</a>	Allows the vehicular transportation of leachate discharged from a municipal or private landfill's collection and handling system.
<a href="#">SCO 545</a>	<a href="#">Smith, Matt</a>	Authorizes PennDOT to issue license plates giving special recognition to active members of the military.
<a href="#">SCO 549</a>	<a href="#">McGarrigle, Thomas</a>	Establishes limited liability for maritime pilots licensed by the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries.

## Bill Actions

<a href="#">HB 49</a>	<a href="#">Sainato, Chris</a>	Amends the Emergency & Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act providing for the payment of death benefits to members of the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol.
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**Bill History:** 01-13-15 H Filed

<a href="#">HB 51</a>	<a href="#">Payne, John</a>	Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) & 75 (Vehicles), in other offenses, repealing provisions relating to violation of governmental rules regarding traffic; &, in rules of the road, further providing for prohibitions in specified places.
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**Bill History:** 01-13-15 H Filed

<a href="#">HB 71</a>	<a href="#">Readshaw, Harry</a>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices.
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**Bill History:** 01-14-15 H Filed

<a href="#">HB 88</a>	<a href="#">Day, Gary</a>	Act designating a portion of State Route 309 North in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, as the Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van Parys Memorial Road.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 91</a>	<a href="#">Harper, Kate</a>	Amends Title 18 (Crimes), in inchoate crimes, further providing for the offense of possessing instruments of crime.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 94</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for summary offenses.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 99</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in preliminary provisions, further providing for defs.; in rules of the road, for solid waste collection vehicles; for offense by homicide & aggravated assault; illuminated signs.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 102</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in offenses in general, further providing for depositing waste and other material on highway, property or waters.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 104</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing, for autism spectrum disorder designation on driver's license or ID card and for contributions for autism spectrum disorder awareness; & establishing Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Account.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 109</a>	<a href="#">Costa, Dom</a>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, providing for second-hand smoke protection for children; and imposing a penalty.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">HB 138</a>	<a href="#">Farry, Frank</a>	Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) providing for soliciting by first responder organizations.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-15-15 H Filed
<a href="#">SB 23</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	(PN 8) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, establishing a multiple war veteran plate for a fee of \$20 for any person who is a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. Additionally, the legislation adds veterans of all three wars to the list of those exempt from certain registration fees. Effective in 60 days.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
<a href="#">SB 24</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	(PN 9) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing eligibility for a veteran with a 75 percent or greater service connected injury for a severely disabled veteran license plate. Effective in 60 days.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

<a href="#">SB 42</a>	<a href="#">Baker, Lisa</a>	<p>(PN 23) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for issuance and content of driver's license by adding that a person who falsely represents himself as a veteran of the United States Armed Forces on a driver's license or identification card commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$300, or to imprisonment for not less than 30 nor more than 90 days, or both. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation</p>
<a href="#">SB 52</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	<p>(PN 31) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in safety and anti-pollution equipment, to require tinted windows to be tested as part of the vehicle inspection process and certain violations with regard to tinted windows to be a cause for inspection failure. Failure to disclose that an alteration or modification of the tinted windows can be cause for inspection failure constitutes unfair trade practices by the automobile seller. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation</p>
<a href="#">SB 60</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	<p>(PN 39) The Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program Act establishes a pilot program to provide safe transportation home to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood alcohol concentration. The Liquor Control Board may award grants to any county, municipality, university or nonprofit corporation, establish an application procedure for those eligible to participate in the pilot program, monitor and evaluate the program and, upon the conclusion of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, present a report of the evaluation to House and Senate committees. The program shall be funded by a \$5 surcharge levied upon conviction of 75 Pa.C.S. 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance). The act shall take effect immediately and expire on July 1, 2018.</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice</p>
<a href="#">SB 61</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	<p>(PN 40) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in operation of vehicles, adding that the section providing for drivers of emergency vehicles in no way restricts the operation of a pedalcycle used by a bike medic during the course of performing official duties. "Bike medic" is defined in the bill. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation</p>
<a href="#">SB 62</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	<p>(PN 41) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for probationary licenses by halving the credit time served before being eligible to petition for a probationary license. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 01-14-15 S Filed 01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation</p>
<a href="#">SB 66</a>	<a href="#">Greenleaf, Stewart</a>	<p>(PN 45) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) requiring seats on each bus to be equipped with retractable seat belts that passengers</p>

must wear. Effective in 90 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 79](#) [Stefano, Patrick](#)

(PN 55) Amends the act designating several roads and bridges further providing for the Officer Robb McCray Memorial Bridge in Fayette County. Effective immediately.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 93](#) [Boscola, Lisa](#)

(PN 69) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in offenses in general, to place on the driver of any motor vehicle the duty to make reasonable efforts in cleaning off snow and ice from the motor vehicle. Any person who does not is subject to being pulled over and paying a fine of \$25-\$75. If snow or ice dislodges from the motor vehicle and causes death serious bodily injury, the maximum fine is increased to \$1,500 for each violation. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 94](#) [Boscola, Lisa](#)

(PN 70) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language requiring any driver of a motor vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 48,000 pounds that is a truck tractor or combination being operated on any street or highway of the Commonwealth to make all reasonable efforts to remove all accumulated ice or snow from the motor vehicle, including the roof of the truck trailer or a vehicle in the combination. Any person who does not is subject to being pulled over and paying a fine of \$25-\$75. If snow or ice dislodges from the motor vehicle and causes death serious bodily injury, the maximum fine is increased to \$1,500 for each violation. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 123](#) [Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 72) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law changing the name of the law to the Motor Vehicle Lemon Law and expanding the law to include personal watercraft and boats. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

[SB 124](#) [Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 73) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles by adding that the system of annual safety inspection shall provide that the certificate of inspection on a new vehicle expire at the end of the 12th month following the expiration of the initial registration of the vehicle by the consumer. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 136](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 83) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in accidents and accident reports, further establishing a duty to stop vehicles at accident scenes by creating an exemption for emergency vehicles. The driver of an emergency vehicle involved in an accident when responding to an emergency call shall comply with the following provisions: Section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury); Section 3743 (relating to accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or property); Section 3744 (relating to duty to give information and render aid); and Section 3745 (relating to accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle or property). The driver of a fire department vehicle, police department vehicle, ambulance, rescue or emergency medical services vehicle may leave the scene of the accident to respond to the initial emergency or continue to transport a victim of the initial emergency if the driver determines that it is reasonable and appropriate to do so, and the requirements of sections 3742, 3743, 3744 and 3745 can be fulfilled by a person acting on behalf of the driver or the driver's radio communication with the police, fire, rescue or similar agency which will respond to the accident. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 146](#)

[Yaw, Gene](#)

(PN 93) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in accidents and accident reports, adding penalties for failure to give information and render aid. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 01-14-15 S Filed  
01-14-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

## PA Bulletin

### IRRC: NOTICE OF COMMENTS ISSUED

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission has issued comments on the following proposed regulation:

- Department of Transportation #18-461: Authorizing Appropriately Attired Persons to Direct, Control or Regulate Traffic (1/7/15)

## Upcoming Events

### **\*\*Canceled\*\* PA Turnpike Commission**

*January 20, 2015 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Rm, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*  
Commission Meeting.

For additional information: (717) 939-9551

### **PA Public Utility Commission**

*January 22, 2015 - 1:00 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Bldg., Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*  
Telephonic public input hearing on Plumer Water Co. rate increase request.

For additional information: (717) 787-5722

### **Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board**

*January 22, 2015 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia*  
Board Meeting.

For additional information: (215) 580-7800

### **PA Turnpike Commission**

January 28, 2015 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Rm, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown  
Special Commission Meeting.

For additional information: (717) 939-9551

**PA Public Utility Commission**

January 29, 2015 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Bldg., Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg  
Public Meeting.

For additional information: (717) 783-1740

**PA Turnpike Commission**

February 3, 2015 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Rm, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown  
Commission Meeting.

For additional information: (717) 939-9551

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

February 3, 2015 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg  
Board Meeting.

For additional information: (717) 214-1891

**Session Schedule**

**Senate**

January 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

March 2, 3, 4

April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30

**House**

January 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25

March 2, 3, 4, 30, 31

April 1, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

**In the News**

01-15-2015 [DEP Study Shows There is Little Potential for Radiation Exposure from Oil...](#)  
(Press Release)

01-15-2015 [PUC Fines Transportation Companies for Failure to Pay Assessment Balances](#)  
(Press Release)

01-15-2015 [PoliticsPA: PA-Gov: Wolf Picks Richards for Transportation Secretary](#)  
(Press Release)

01-15-2015 [PHIA welcomes nomination of Leslie Richards as PennDOT secretary](#)  
(Press Release)

01-15-2015 [Officials re-educate public on winter safety issues](#)  
Authorities probably shouldn't have to remind us to slow down in snowy weather, maintain safe following distances and stay well away from plow trucks. But some drivers have learned those lessons the hard way this winter, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and AAA held a briefing on... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 01-15-2015 [PUC seeks to subpoena Uber CEO Kalanick, raises proposed fine to \\$19 million](#)  
 « Page 1 of 11 » In an additional posting to the PUC website Tuesday, the enforcement bureau amended its original complaint against Uber, raising proposed penalties from \$95,000 plus \$1,000 per day of operation, to \$19 million plus \$1,000 per day retroactive to Oct. 3.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Gov.-elect Wolf makes slew of selections for Cabinet-level positions](#)  
 Gov.-elect Tom Wolf continued to reward experience today by selecting veterans of Pennsylvania state government to head up state agencies that oversee environmental protection, parks and forests, agriculture, budget and administration. Mr. Wolf today announced the nomination of John Quigley to be secretary of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Officials re-educate public on winter safety issues](#)  
 Authorities probably shouldn't have to remind us to slow down in snowy weather, maintain safe following distances and stay well away from plow trucks. But some drivers have learned those lessons the hard way this winter, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and AAA held a briefing on... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Roundup: Study finds high levels of toxic compounds in treated drilling waste; United Airlines returns jobs to Pittsburgh airport; more](#)  
 Toxic compounds found in treated wastewater Duke University researchers found high levels of ammonium and iodide in gas-drilling wastewater and in water discharged from three Pennsylvania treatment facilities. The compounds could endanger drinking water if they... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Google expects public in driverless cars in 2 to 5 years](#)  
 DETROIT (AP) - The head of self-driving cars for Google expects real people to be using them on public roads in two to five years... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2015 [PennDOT: FedEx hub wouldn't produce 'huge amount' of traffic](#)  
 A state Department of Transportation official spoke in support of a proposed FedEx megahub project Wednesday night during a meeting with leaders from Hanover Township, Lehigh County. Michael Rebert, a PennDOT district executive, told Township Council members... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Wolf adds Cabinet picks at PennDOT, Environmental Protection](#)  
 HARRISBURG, Pa. — Gov.-elect Tom Wolf on Wednesday rolled out his choices to lead state agencies that build and maintain highways, protect the environment, run state parks and oversee government administration... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2015 [D.C. officials cloud the details over smoke-filled Metro train](#)  
 PEOPLE WHO were trapped on a Metro train that filled with smoke Monday afternoon have complained about the dearth of information. "People were panicking," said one passenger of the incident in which a woman died and dozens were hospitalized. "We didn't know what to do, and we... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Electric-car rivals like the 'Tesla killer' are exactly what Elon Musk wants](#)  
 Tesla Motors' billionaire chief executive Elon Musk walked into the enemy territory of Detroit this week with the electric-car maker quickly losing charge. Chevrolet's all-electric Bolt, which some called a "Tesla killer," promised a mass-market rollout matching what... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Airport runaway extension is topic of hearing](#)  
 January 15, 2015 WELLSBORO — A public hearing is scheduled for Feb. more » » - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Wolf names choices for Environmental Protection, DCNR, PennDOT\*\*](#)  
On Wednesday, Gov.-elect Tom Wolf named his picks for more cabinet positions. John Quigley, former secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, was named Wolf's choice for secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection. Wolf also picked Cindy Dunn, who previously served as the deputy secretary... - [York Daily](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Plowing\*\*](#)  
January 15, 2015 Dear Editor, Re: Snow plowing by PennDOT. Would the public like to know why the high costs of snow plowing? One thing that contributes to this is first round side wing is up, second trip wing is down. more »» - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Federal transportation package could provide expressway money\*\*](#)  
The federal transportation package expired last summer, and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster said a new bill is a priority. That has sparked interest in whether Congress will act to approve a comprehensive package that would benefit the region.... - [Tarentum Valley News Dispatch](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Few problems found in tunnel test as Harrison Avenue project moves forward\*\*](#)  
Three men stood high above the darkened railroad track Wednesday, 700 feet inside the north portal of the Laurel Line Tunnel beneath Crown Avenue. Two of the men swung hammers at each inch of rock above them to check the integrity of the ground between the tunnel roof and the Central Scranton... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*LCTA officials appoint new chairman at reorganization meeting\*\*](#)  
Robert Chepalonis will replace Salvatore Licata as chairman of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority board of directors for 2015. Board members unanimously voted Chepalonis to the post at Wednesday's reorganization meeting. Anthony Baldo is the vice chairman, Arthur Bobbouine is the treasurer,... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Luzerne County's proposed junk car ban debated\*\*](#)  
Several Luzerne County Council members support the concept of cracking down on junk vehicles but said more research is needed before they will support a proposed ordinance imposing fines. Council Vice Chairman Edward Brominski has suggested a \$500 weekly fine if... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Average gas prices for January 15\*\*](#)  
AAA Mid-Atlantic provided the following figures for today's average gas prices in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and nationwide: • Wilkes-Barre area gas average at \$2.33 today, down 2 cents overnight and down 11 cents in the last week. Diesel at \$3.26 today, unchanged... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Rapid Bridge Replacement Project to fix two bridges in Luzerne County\*\*](#)  
State transportation Secretary Barry J. Schoch announced this week PennDOT has finalized terms for the department's \$899 million Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, clearing the way for construction to begin this summer on the project to replace 558 bridges across the state.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Our Opinion: Avoca's pedestrian bridge over Interstate 81 is a waste of \\$1 million\*\*](#)  
A pedestrian bridge over Interstate 81 in Avoca is a classic example of government gone wrong. The bridge, built nearly 50 years ago at the insistence of the borough, is being rebuilt and installed this week at a price tag of nearly \$1 million. It's part of a \$42 million project that will widen and rehabilitate... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*NJ Transit commuter rail line inching closer to Warren County, report says\*\*](#)  
NJ Transit has installed the first 4.25 miles of railroad track that are eventually expected to be



part of a commuter train line cutting through the northern part of Warren County with a stop in Blain Township, according to a report. An NJ Transit spokesman told New Jersey Advance... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

01-15-2015

**[Pennsylvania medical marijuana debate surfaces at farm show, report says](#)**

Fresh off a narrow defeat in the Pennsylvania Legislature of plans to create a medical marijuana program, a state lawmaker staffer manned a booth at this week's Pennsylvania Farm Show to highlight the effort, WFMZ-TV 69 reports. State Sen. Daylin Leach on Twitter thanked his director of community... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

01-15-2015

**[Wolf picks Montgomery commissioner Leslie Richards to run PennDOT](#)**

Gov.-elect Tom Wolf has picked Montgomery County Commissioner Leslie Richards as his nominee to lead PennDOT, Wolf's transition team announced - [Reading Eagle](#)

01-15-2015

**[Commissioners approve \\$2 million contract to repair crumbling Pinkerton Tunnel](#)**

When Somerset County workers enter the Pinkerton Tunnel on the Great Allegheny Passage, they stay close to the walls and avoid a missing section of the rock-cut roof on the western side. "There is a 3- to 4-inch crack along the crown," Somerset County trail coordinator Brett Hollern said. "Where the section of the liner... - [Somerset Daily](#)

01-15-2015

**[Tannersville truck terminal sold for \\$8.5M](#)**

The former Roadway Express truck terminal in Tannersville has been sold for \$8.5 million. Wal-Lehi LLC, of Gibsonia, near Pittsburgh, bought the Route 715 site from Roadway's parent company, YRC Inc. Roadway laid off more than 300 workers in 2009 and eventually closed... - [Pocono Record](#)

01-15-2015

**[Montco commissioner to be Tom Wolf's transportation secretary](#)**

NORRISTOWN >> Montgomery County commissioners' Vice Chairwoman Leslie Richards will leave her post effective Friday to serve as the secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation under Gov. Tom Wolf. "I am happy to announce Leslie Richards will run the Department of... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)

01-15-2015

**[Wolf taps Montco Commissioner Leslie Richards as PennDOT boss](#)**

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01-15-2015

**[Federal transportation package could provide expressway money](#)**

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01-15-2015

**[Editorial | Time for action on Route 56](#)**

"We don't need conversation. We need facts, and we need action." Those are the sentiments of Louis Galliker III, president of Galliker Dairy Co., and thousands more business owners, truckers, employees and motorists who travel Route 56 daily between Bedford and Somerset counties.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

01-15-2015

**[Weight No More: Liquid fuels are not beneficial](#)**

As we kick off another year of Weight No More, I can't help thinking back on the last two years where I have constantly promoted counting calories. This year's columns will be no different with the exception of one change. I am going to focus on liquid calories.... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)

- 01-15-2015 [\*\*With prices at the pump plunging, is it time for Washington abolish the gas tax?: Question of the Day\*\*](#)  
So a little context: According to The National Journal, funding for the nation's surface transportation system expires in May, and Congressional lawmakers are running out of stopgap solutions to pay for infrastructure. And, like it or not, a consensus is emerging around a potential hike to the federal gas... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Wolf touts PennDOT nominee's experience, bipartisanship\*\*](#)  
Gov.-elect Tom Wolf has chosen Leslie Richards, a Montgomery County commissioner, to serve as secretary of transportation. She will replace Barry Schoch, who will become a senior adviser to the governor on transportation and infrastructure. In the announcement, Mr. Wolf touted Ms. Richards' experience in the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*NJ Official Wants 'Master Plan' Ready For State's Transportation Infrastructure\*\*](#)  
TRENTON, N.J. (CBS) – What can be done to fix and improve New Jersey's transportation infrastructure? That issue will be studied by a pair of experts in the field, with the answers provided to the state senate president, who hopes to develop a "master plan" addressing needs a... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Montco Commissioner Leslie Richards choice for PennDOT secretary\*\*](#)  
Montgomery County Commissioner Leslie Stern Richards is on her way to becoming Pennsylvania's first woman state transportation secretary. The Wolf administration Wednesday announced it has tapped Richards, a 41-year-old Whitmarsh Democrat who grew up in Upper Southampton, to serve... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*SEPTA: Fatality halts inbound Trenton Line\*\*](#)  
A SEPTA spokesman has confirmed that a person was killed after being struck by an Amtrak Acela train along the Northeast Corridor this morning. The accident occurred near the Bensalem-Bristol Township border. It was shortly after 10 a.m. when SEPTA announced that it had halted... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Turnpike tolls taken to prop up other roads\*\*](#)  
The cost to travel the Pennsylvania Turnpike from Lancaster to Harrisburg or Lancaster to Philadelphia has more than doubled over the past seven years and has... Story Tags: cent Tom Corbett Philadelphia HARRISBURG Lancaster Governor Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Turnpike... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*5 Franklin County bridges slated for replacement\*\*](#)  
FRANKLIN COUNTY >> Construction is to begin this summer to replace 558 structurally deficient bridges across Pennsylvania. The first of five Franklin County bridges on the list is scheduled to be replaced next year. PennDOT finalized its agreement with Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners for... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*DOT finalizes \\$899M bridge project pact\*\*](#)  
HARRISBURG — Eleven bridges in Butler County will be replaced under a new state bridge program. The state Department of Transportation has finalized its \$899 million Rapid Bridge Replacement Project contract that will replace 558 bridges across the state, including the 11 in the county.... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 01-15-2015 [\*\*Route 228 expansion will drive businesses to Butler\*\*](#)  
It may be years, even decades more in the making, but it's coming. PennDOT has announced plans to widen and straighten state Route 228 eastward from the Adams Township line to Route 8. Beginning in 2019, PennDOT intends to make this stretch of 228 a five-lane highway while... - [Butler Eagle](#)

- 01-15-2015 [Gov.-elect Wolf names Maryland's top police official to head Pa. State Police](#)  
HARRISBURG -- Gov.-elect Tom Wolf will nominate the head of the state police in Maryland to serve as the next commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. Wolf's transition team announced the selection of Maryland State Police Col. Marcus L. Brown this afternoon. In a statement, Mr. Wolf noted that... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2015 [Sympathetic advice for a parent who lost a child to a distracted driver: PennLive letters](#)  
I am writing in response to Anne Reeve's heartbreaking article, "Death brings awareness to distracted driving. Karen Brezitski, we did not know your son, Owen, but I have known and admired your parents for years, and my husband has known them even longer. We went to the viewing for Owen especially in support of your parents and I... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-14-2015 [Associated PA Constructors welcomes nomination of Leslie Richards as PennDOT...](#)  
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Crews at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity put their air show parking plan into effect

during the Christmas holiday with the influx of passengers to new Florida destinations. At the Westmoreland County Airport Authority meeting Tuesday, Executive Director Gabe Monzo said with flights to Tampa and Fort Myers, Fla.,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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**[County tax on vehicle registration a nonstarter](#)**

BELLEFONTE — A proposal to discuss an increase in vehicle registration fees was not warmly received by a majority of the county commissioners Tuesday. Centre County Commissioner Michael Pipe raised the idea of increasing vehicle registrations by \$5 as part of the Act 89 transportation bill of... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)

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**[Connecticut bill would allow Tesla to bypass using dealers](#)**

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut is the latest state to consider allowing Tesla Motors to sell its electric cars directly to consumers, rather than using independent franchise dealerships that are often family-owned businesses... - [AP](#)

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**[Rail authority powers ahead](#)**

The regional rail authority's 2014 traffic rate expanded by three times the national growth average, affirming its importance to industrial and commercial stability. The Northeast Regional Rail Authority's Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad experienced a 13.6 percent increase in carloads. Nationally, the carload... - [Scranton Times](#)

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**[Obama Is Said to Be Planning New Rules on Oil and Gas Industry's Methane Emissions](#)**

WASHINGTON — In President Obama's latest move using executive authority to tackle climate change, administration officials will announce plans this week to impose new regulations on the oil and gas industry's emissions of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, according to a person... - [New York Times](#)

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**[A day after deadly Metro incident, few details on emergency response](#)**

For scores of choking passengers caught in a smoke-filled Metro train Monday and waiting to be rescued from a tunnel, the ordeal seemed interminable. By some accounts, 40 minutes or more went by before firefighters showed up and forced open the doors. A lot of riders said they... - [Washington Post](#)

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**[Another disaster for Metro](#)**

JUST LAST week Richard Sarles, Metro's general manager since 2010, told the transit system's board of directors in his valedictory remarks that "safety is top of mind for all employees" and "the state of operations — both customer operations and internal operations — has... - [Washington Post](#)

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**[Carmakers keep investing in apps that tell you not to drive. Here's why that's a shrewd move.](#)**

How city-dwellers get from point A to point B keeps getting more attention, and car ownership is getting left in the rear-view mirror. Moovit, a public transportation app that uses crowdsourcing to help commuters pick the fastest route, announced Wednesday that it has raised... - [Washington Post](#)

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**[PUC seeks to subpoena Uber CEO Kalanick, raises proposed fine to \\$19 million](#)**

The enforcement arm of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is seeking to subpoena Uber CEO Travis Kalanick to appear at its Feb. 18 meeting in Pittsburgh, to answer questions from a complaint it filed on June 5. The PUC Bureau of Investigation is trying to determine how many trips the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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**[Woman to head PennDOT, sources close to Gov.-elect Tom Wolf say](#)**

Gov.-elect Tom Wolf apparently is sifting through the resumes of the more than 250 people serving on his transition team to identify Cabinet nominees and sources close to Wolf say that is

where he looked to find his choice for transportation secretary. richards.jpgMontgomery County Commissioner Leslie Richards is expected to... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 01-14-2015 [Report: Leslie Richards tapped as Tom Wolf's transportation secretary](#)  
Montgomery County Commissioner Leslie Richards is Governor-elect Tom Wolf's choice for transportation secretary, PennLive.com is reporting. Neither the Wolf transition team nor Richards has confirmed the report, but PennLive.com has reported that Wolf's camp hopes to announce more... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
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Lower pottsgrove >> Pennsylvania transportation officials began working on safety improvements Tuesday on Route 422 near Armand Hammer Boulevard to address the recent spate of accidents in the construction zone. Lower Pottsgrove Police met with PennDOT officials on Monday to discuss the... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
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PORT CARBON — Since the Flood of 2006, which caused more than \$500,000 to borough property, local officials have been discussing ways to prevent future flooding at Mill Creek. On Tuesday, the borough council received word that the state has provided the funds for a proper engineering study.... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
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PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch announced Monday that PennDOT has finalized all terms for the department's \$899 million Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, clearing the way for construction to begin this summer on the project to replace 558 bridges across the state.... - [Lehigh Valley Times News](#)
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As gas prices are going down around the country, Pennsylvania's prices are holding steady or rising due to Gov. Tom Corbett's transportation bill. Before this bill was passed, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation put weight restrictions on several local bridges. Now that the... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
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Some vehicle owners understandably are unhappy about the Blair County commissioners' plan to levy a \$5 fee on most vehicles owned by county residents to raise money for road and bridge repairs. - [Altoona Mirror](#)
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For years now, Pennsylvania has had the worst bridges and highways in the U.S. - [Altoona](#)

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 Congratulations, Pennsylvania. We have received the dubious honor of now having the second highest state gas tax in the Lower 48 states. Maybe if we tried a little harder we could become No. 1. All facetiousness aside, without any fancy formulas or higher math, we... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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 It's good to see that Gov.-Elect Tom Wolf has set politics aside to keep John Wetzel as corrections secretary. While a number Wolf's appointees so far also served under former Gov. Ed Rendell, Wolf broke from the tradition of gathering fellow Democrats as his... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
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 FRANKLIN COUNTY >> Construction is to begin this summer to replace 558 structurally deficient bridges across Pennsylvania. The first of five Franklin County bridges on the list is scheduled to be replaced next year. PennDOT finalized its agreement with Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners for... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
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 TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - New Jersey's Senate president is calling for a "master plan" to address aging bridges, roads and tunnels in the state... - [AP](#)
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 Montgomery County Commissioner Leslie S. Richards was tapped by the Wolf administration Wednesday to serve as Transportation Secretary. In a statement Wednesday, Gov.-elect Tom Wolf touted Richards' bipartisan work on the county board and said she "has built a reputation... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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 Montgomery County Commissioner Leslie Richards has been tapped by Gov.-elect Tom Wolf to serve as secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Barry Schoch, who currently serves as secretary of PennDOT, will serve as a senior advisor to the governor on issues related to transportation and... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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 Fourteen structurally deficient bridges in Allegheny County are scheduled to be replaced this year by a private consortium that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation hired to replace 558 bridges across the state over the next three years. PennDOT Secretary Barry Schoch announced Monday that the department has... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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- 01-13-2015 [\*\*\\$899M deal inked to fix bridge across state, including many in Western Pa.\*\*](#)  
 A partnership involving four firms will oversee PennDOT's Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, a \$899 million public-private endeavor that includes projected work on 20 bridges in Westmoreland County. The PennDOT and the Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners team reached an... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 The superintendent of Bethlehem-Center School District is scheduled to appear next month for a preliminary hearing on driving under the influence of alcohol and other charges filed last month by police in Allegheny County. Linda Marcolini, 55, of McDonald, who has been Beth-Center's... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
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 A broad-based increase in economic activity produced a record year for the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad under the Northeast Regional Railroad Authority. The railroad contractor handled 8,048 carloads, either shipped or received from Northeast Pennsylvania businesses or industries, according to a report... - [Scranton Times](#)
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 Luzerne County residents with junk vehicles and car parts on their property could face \$500 weekly fines under a proposed ordinance on county council's work session agenda Tuesday night. Council Vice Chairman Edward Brominski had pledged to propose the ordinance... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
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 Yes, 2015 is shaping up to be a challenging winter indeed from a transportation standpoint. Yesterday's 32-degree freezing rain and sleet kept all but the most intrepid drivers off the road, pushed pedestrians off ice-rink-slick sidewalks onto treated streets and kept kids home from school.... - [Pocono Record](#)
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 PARIS — Sharply falling oil prices are a welcome boon to airlines, saving billions of dollars in monthly fuel bills for a highly competitive industry that last year eked out an average profit of just \$6 per passenger. But what is good news for the airlines raises questions for the world's... - [New York Times](#)
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 DETROIT — While sales of new cars and trucks are soaring, demand for electric vehicles is still sputtering along in the slow lane. But that's not stopping automakers from continuing to make huge investments in green vehicles, introducing one model after another.... - [New York Times](#)
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 It was a commuter's worst nightmare: a Metro train abruptly stops, goes dark and fills with smoke in a tunnel in downtown Washington. Before it was over, one woman was killed and more than 80 passengers were suffering from respiratory problems and other health issues.... - [Washington Post](#)
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 If current trends continue, half the states in the nation could be home to an average gas price of

less than \$2 by next week, according to a new report. The number of states with average regular gas prices below \$2 rose from seven to 18 over the past week, according to a post Monday on AAA's... - [Washington Post](#)

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**[Uber offers cities an olive branch: your valuable trip data](#)**

Every time Uber gives a ride, it collects several notable pieces of data: the location where a car picked you up, the time of day, the location of your destination, and the time it took you to get there. Add up thousands of trips, and contained in that data are some even more interesting... - [Washington Post](#)

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**[Opinion: Imposing sales tax on gasoline is very bad public policy](#)**

By Sal Risalvato I lead an association that represents hundreds of small-business owners who operate gas stations. I have been involved in the debate over the gas tax for 30 years and have always been a strident opponent of any increase in our state's gas tax. It is a position that has been shared not only by... - [Trenton Times](#)

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**[Editorial: Cutting overnight PATH service would take public transportation in wrong direction](#)**

Part of the plan for an overhaul in the way the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey does business is a reduction in PATH service, the rapid transit system that's the primary link between North Jersey communities and Manhattan. That recommendation comes from the panel appointed by Govs. Chris Christie... - [Trenton Times](#)

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**[PennDOT aims to reduce crashes on Route 422 in Lower Pottsgrove](#)**

Following several recent crashes, a guide rail will be installed Tuesday on westbound Route 422, continuing from the edge of the construction zone around the Armand Hammer Boulevard exit, PennDOT said Monday. Several large trucks have lost control and slid down the embankment behind... - [Reading Eagle](#)

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**[Make sure gas tax spent appropriately](#)**

To the Editor: For years now, Pennsylvania has had the worst bridges and highways in the United States. When it comes to those two things, we have been the laughingstock of this country. Now that the second gas and diesel tax increase took effect Jan. 1, let's hope that a strict law is in place that holds people accountable... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

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**[With bridge issues resolved, second leg of Hazleton trail may soon open](#)**

The issue over additional expenses due to a second concrete pour on the new 120-foot pedestrian bridge that spans the Norfolk Southern Railroad along the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails hiking and biking path has been resolved. But Bob Skulsky, executive director of the Greater Hazleton Area Civic... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)

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People can't stop raving about how beautiful the Stone Bridge looks at night. Several years ago, a refurbishing of the historic span over the Conemaugh River included the addition of color LED lights on the facade. A lot of planning, fundraising and effort went into that project. Grants... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

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The lowest price for gas in the midstate is down to \$2.02 a gallon, according to GasBuddy.com. Gas for that price is selling at Pioneer on the Harrisburg Pike at Interstate-81 near Carlisle. The average price for gas in the area is \$2.27 a gallon, 2 cents lower than... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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The city public works department called in overnight crews early to prepare for a forecast of freezing rain and icy conditions Sunday night and Monday morning. Public Works Director Mike Gable said in a release that 40 street treatment vehicles will be working from 6 p.m. - 6 a.m., instead of the usual night... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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A combination of snow, sleet and ice was expected to hit early Monday in the Harrisburg area, leading to a winter weather advisory, the National Weather Service reported. Less than an inch of snow and sleet is in the forecast. Meanwhile, ice accumulation could be around a tenth of an inch, the weather service said.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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A funny thing happened on the way into 2015. Just as gas prices were hitting new lows, the new year brought with it a price hike at the pump. Why? Take a look around as you're driving. See those ravaged roads and dilapidated — in some cases just plain dangerous — bridges? They... - [York Daily](#)
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About \$263 million. That's what has been budgeted for the Pennsylvania General Assembly this fiscal year. That's a lot of money — especially when you consider the state is looking at some serious structural deficits in the coming years. Think about it: More than a quarter of a billion dollars just to make laws.... - [York Daily](#)
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The Fayette County commissioners are accepting letters of interest from residents wanting to serve on the county housing authority, planning commission, health center authority, hotel tax grant board and the Fayette County Area Transportation executive committee.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
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HARRISBURG — With Pennsylvania experiencing winter weather and freezing temperatures, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is marking the state's Winter Driving Awareness Week by encouraging drivers to be sure they're ready this season. Winter Driving Awareness Week, Jan. 11 to 17, highlights the need for... - [Meadville Tribune](#)

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CAMDEN, NJ (CBS) — The Delaware River Port Authority is preparing to get rid of its RiverLink ferry that links Penn's Landing and the Camden waterfront, but keep the service in operation when it cranks up again in the spring. It's the latest step by the DRPA to rid itself of anything that is not... - [\*KYW News Radio 1060\*](#)
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Removing and relocating the 92-year-old iron pedestrian bridge from the redevelopment project near Clipper Magazine Stadium would sever a link to Lancaster's industrial past, according to people who would like to see the bridge kept in place. "For me, it's hard not to recognize the historical and cultural... - [\*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal\*](#)
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As frigid weather continues to hang around, AAA Mid-Atlantic says the below-freezing temperatures have left thousands of car batteries dead. As of 9:45 a.m. Thursday, AAA Mid-Atlantic received more than 1,500 calls for battery service alone in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington, D.C., New... - [\*Levittown Intelligencer\*](#)
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GOOD news! Oil prices have dropped through the floor. Or is it bad news? That depends entirely on whose news you're talking about. For most of us, the most immediate impact of the price of a barrel of crude dipping below \$50 is lower prices at the fuel pump. It wasn't long ago... - [\*New York Times\*](#)

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Gasoline prices have fallen more than 40 percent since the end of June thanks to the collapse of global oil prices. That makes this the perfect time for Congress to overcome its longstanding terror of offending the nation's motorists and raise the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. The... - [\*New York Times\*](#)
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A Cincinnati developer will be the latest to contribute to the growth spurt taking place in the Pittsburgh International Airport corridor. AI. Neyer LLC plans to build two single-story warehouses on 40 acres of land in Clinton Commerce Park under an agreement with the Allegheny County... - [\*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette\*](#)
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A half-century ago, East Liberty boasted more than 500 businesses and 14,000 residents, making it the third-largest commercial enclave in Pennsylvania. The flight of Pittsburghers to car-friendly suburbs and the decision of urban planners to bulldoze East Liberty to construct an automobile loop and... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
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Community leaders say they're certain the now-unrestricted commute between the Alle-Kiski Valley and Pittsburgh on Route 28 will benefit the area. They're just waiting to see how. Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald said the completion of the five-year construction project near Pittsburgh has the potential to... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
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From behind the counter in his Donora pizza shop, Anthony DiDonato has seen the toughest of the tough days play out in his gritty little town perched high above a sharp bend in the Monongahela River. In almost 40 years of rolling pizza dough and stuffing calzones in his... - [\*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)
- 01-11-2015 [\*\*Wheels of Diplomacy\*\*](#)  
Fifteen years ago, two Philadelphians with a shared affinity for classic cars, world affairs, and Cuba formed a quirky nonprofit that some now say was prescient. Their group, TailLight Diplomacy, sprung from the notion that the estimated 50,000, pre-1960, Detroit-built "Yanktanks" - the vintage cars still... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
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A 22-mile stretch of the Northeast Extension (Interstate 476) of the Pennsylvania Turnpike will close southbound today from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. between the Pocono (Exit 95) and Mahoning Valley (Exit 74) interchanges. Steel girders will be removed from the bridge that carries the turnpike... - [Scranton Times](#)
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Editor: As you read the whole article about the city's negotiations with the police union, you find that it is a new deal, as the Times-Tribune headline said on Thursday. It is not a concession by the police or the union, but a new deal for them. The deal includes a contract extension to 2021. They will boost their... - [Scranton Times](#)
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DUNBAR TWP. — The Fayette County Airport Authority will utilize the services of a local engineering firm to advance its \$2 million hangar project. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-11-2015 [Edward Ciarimboli: Death of area man in fracking truck accident shows need for greater traffic safety measures](#)  
A fiery crash in Susquehanna County last week took the life of a 27-year-old Marine and father of two young boys. The SUV in which Staff Sgt. Andrew Stevens was driving reportedly was stopped behind two fracking trucks when a water truck smashed into the back of him.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
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(Press Release)
- 01-09-2015 [Taylor Named Chairman of House Transportation Committee](#)  
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- 01-09-2015 [Investigators trying to determine cause of fatal pileup on I-80](#)  
A team of state police investigators will rely on an array of evidence and witness accounts in determining the cause of an 18-vehicle chain-reaction crash that killed two people on Interstate 80 in Clarion County on Wednesday afternoon. "We have a team of investigators that converged on that scene,"... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-09-2015 [Drunken drivers are on any road, selfishly denying life to others](#)  
Since the DUI killing of my husband James Posey on Dec. 22, 2013, there have been an estimated 9,800 more individuals killed in the United States by a drunken driver. Almost 10,000 more families now know the grief of burying a loved one. The burdensome question to us as a nation is why the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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Council members in Monroeville heard more than two hours' testimony Thursday night about five proposed billboards along the Parkway East that would be more than four times the current municipal size limit. Interstate Outdoor Advertising of Cherry Hill, N.J. and Right Angle Media... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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A note to air travelers: Machetes are not allowed in carry-on bags. What may seem obvious to some apparently remains confusing to thousands of travelers going through security at Pittsburgh International Airport. The Transportation Security Administration said Thursday it confiscated nearly... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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For years now, Pennsylvania has had the worst bridges and highways in the United States. When it comes to those two things, we have been the laughingstock of this country. With the new gasoline and diesel tax in place as of Jan. 1, let's hope that a strict law also is in place that holds people accountable for making... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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At its first meeting of 2015, the Delaware River Port Authority's Finance Committee voted to recommend the sale of the RiverLink Ferry to a joint venture between the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation and the Cooper's Ferry Partnership for \$300,000. The sale is contingent on the DRPA Board of Commissioners' approval at the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-09-2015 [More subpoenas issued over N.J. bridge lane closures](#)  
The U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark has issued a subpoena to the New Jersey legislative committee investigating the George Washington Bridge lane-closure scandal, seeking records related to the testimony of former Port Authority official Bill Baroni, a lawmaker said Thursday.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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Middletown borough manager Tim Konek still hasn't signed a council-approved winter municipal agreement that would have paid the borough \$7,215 to plow state roads, according to the borough's mayor. What's more, with the delay in action, the Pennsylvania Department of... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
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Adding a third lane for traffic to merge onto Interstate 78 from Hamilton Boulevard. Adding a signaled intersection at Route 222 and a connector road near the Beiber Bus terminal. Those were among the suggestions Wednesday at a joint meeting of officials from Upper and Lower Macungie townships on traffic issues facing the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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Upper Macungie Township has filed suit against its Zoning Hearing Board in a dispute over a proposed trucking company facility — a case that largely hinges on the definition of the term "tractor-trailer." IRelated Crystal ball: Computer predicts traffic woes in Lower, Upper... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

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As legislators and other officials in Pennsylvania push for a Scranton to New York City passenger rail line, New Jersey environmental officials are reviewing an application for a permit to resume construction on a section of the line in that state. The New Jersey Herald recently reported that Sussex County Freeholder Gail... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
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Plows take care of most of the snow, but to get rid of the hard-pack and ice on the roads, salt is the best weapon. - [Warren Times Observer](#)
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MONTOURSVILLE - During what was truly a "season of giving," PennDOT employees in the nine-county District 3 region reached deep into their pockets in 2014 to help those in need. Employees in Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties pledged nearly \$43,000 to the State... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 01-09-2015 [New bus schedule means service at more locations in Monroe County](#)  
A new Monroe County Transit Authority bus schedule will increase service to more locations beginning Monday, Richard Schlameuss, MCTA assistant executive director, announced. "Coupled with our MoGo transit card which has the convenience of tap and go boarding, our routes are strategically timed to key employment... - [Pocono Record](#)
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MONTOURSVILLE - PennDOT employees in the nine-county District 3 region were in the giving spirit again this holiday season. Employees in Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties pledged nearly \$43,000 to the State... - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
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The state government is planning to invest \$500,000 in a safety study of Route 56. The study is the precursor for roadwork designed to improve travel and commerce for businesses and residents in surrounding communities. Politicians, business leaders and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 01-09-2015 [I-80 crash victims identified; scene described as 'carnage'](#)  
CLARION - A motorist from Beaver Falls and a Kentucky truck driver have been identified as the two men who died in an 18-vehicle pileup Wednesday afternoon in a blinding snowstorm on Interstate 80 in Clarion County. Timothy Floravit, 35, of Beaver Falls, died of chest and stomach injuries... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
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Recovery teams were having a difficult time this week locating the "black boxes" from the wreck

of AirAsia Flight 8501, but at least they had found the crash site in the Java Sea. As that search continued, the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization proposed a new standard in response to a deeper aviation... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

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**[UPDATED: 'This is about safety': State to fund Route 56 improvements study](#)**

ALUM BANK - The mostly mountainous stretch of Route 56 that winds from West St. Clair Township to Paint Township has a reputation for being treacherous and inconvenient. And that is in the best of conditions. During wintertime, driving on the 16-mile, east-west section is often a... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

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**[Honda Fined for Violations of Safety Law](#)**

In a sharp escalation of penalties against automakers that skirt safety laws, the nation's top auto safety agency has fined Honda Motor a record \$70 million for grossly underreporting fatal accidents and injuries to the government, regulators said on Thursday.... - [New York Times](#)

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**[Auto Leasing Gains Popularity Among American Consumers \](#)**

JIMMY ZAID says he is always looking for a deal. As he stood in the lobby of a Houston-area Infiniti dealership on the last day of December, he took satisfaction at the one he had just secured on his new sport sedan. Mr. Zaid, a cigar distributor in Friendswood, Tex., had just jumped on a... - [New York Times](#)

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**[Uber Tests a Cargo Delivery Service in Hong Kong](#)**

Uber has made millions offering quick, convenient rides to customers. Its ambitions are much larger. To that end, the company started testing UberCargo on Thursday, a new service that allows customers to transport goods locally by cargo van. It is most likely an appeal to urban dwellers who do not own cars or trucks... - [New York Times](#)

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**[Gun-Running in the Jet Age](#)**

Anyone who has spent time waiting shoeless on an airport check-in line — in fact, anyone who flies — should pay serious attention to the recent revelation that an airline baggage handler was allegedly able to smuggle 153 firearms in an accomplice's carry-on bag on 17 Delta... - [New York Times](#)

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**[Raise the gas tax. A lot.](#)**

For 32 years I've been advocating a major tax on petroleum. I've got as much chance this time around as did Don Quixote with windmills. But I shall tilt my lance once more. The only time you can even think of proposing a gas tax increase is when oil prices are at rock bottom. When I last suggested the idea six years... - [Washington Post](#)

01-09-2015

**[Crashes close Interstate 80 again; speed limit reduced](#)**

Multiple crashes in snowstorms closed sections of eastbound and westbound Interstate 80, PennDOT said this morning. Eastbound I-80 was closed from the Ohio line to the exit for New Castle and Interstate 376 because of a multi-vehicle crash. It was expected to reopen... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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**[New PA Turnpike interchange coming to Norristown area](#)**

Another piece in Montgomery County's efforts to revitalize the downtrodden central business district in the county seat fell into place this week. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced Wednesday it has earmarked \$45 million for the construction of a full electronic



interchange between... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

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**[Bike-friendly roads a burden on taxpayers](#)**

I'm at a loss to understand why LNP's editorial ("We hope bicycling is city's next revolution," Dec. 27) would be on board with municipal and bicycle advocacy groups wanting to rededicate our county roads. You state bicycle-friendly roads hold the promise of "contributing... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

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**[Weapons spending kills infrastructure](#)**

Walt Kelly's Pogo said it best: " We have met the enemy and he is us!" Our enemies most to be feared are not in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Russia, but rather in our own country. This is because of misallocation of funds, money poured down the rat hole of destructive warfare.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)

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**[State to spend \\$500K for Route 56 study](#)**

January 9, 2015 The state is set to spend \$500,000 for a study intended to improve the mountainous Route 56 corridor that runs from the Johnstown area to Bedford County, officials said Thursday. more »» - [Altoona Mirror](#)

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**[Lehigh County townships partner to simulate, find funding for transportation improvements](#)**

The townships of Lower Macungie and Upper Macungie have teamed up to identify — and find funding to fix — problematic intersections along the Routes 100 and 222 corridors. Using simulation software, Keystone Consulting Engineers modeled how traffic flows through the townships now and what it will look like in five... - [Easton Express-Times](#)

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**[Stretch of Interstate 90 remains closed in Erie County](#)**

A stretch of Interstate 90 remains closed in Erie County this morning due to weather conditions on the New York State Thruway, officials said. Eastbound and westbound lanes were closed at 11:55 p.m. Thursday on I-90 between exit 37 (the Interstate 86 interchange) and exit 45 (the New York/... - [Erie Times-News](#)

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**[Will gas tax be used properly?](#)**

For years now, Pennsylvania has had the worst bridges and highways in the U.S. When it comes to those two things, we have been the laughing stock of this... strict law Greenfield Township Harrisburg John Hollenback Pennsylvania - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)

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**[County OKs contract to replace Zelig bridge](#)**

The Butler County commissioners Wednesday approved a contract for a bridge replacement project in Zelig. The commissioners awarded a \$59,950 contract to Laminated Concepts of Big Flats, N.Y., to install a new deck on the Iron City Bridge on Market Street.... - [Butler Eagle](#)

01-09-2015

**[Whiteout caused 'carnage'](#)**

CLARION TWP, Clarion County — Two people died and several others were injured in an 18-vehicle crash Wednesday during a snow squall that left drivers with little visibility. Authorities said the chain reaction pileup happened in whiteout conditions on Interstate 80.... - [Butler Eagle](#)

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**[Harrisburg mayor plans to fight parking policies](#)**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (WHTM) — Harrisburg Mayor Eric Papenfuss says he's had enough with complaints about Standard Parking's strict enforcement and he plans to fight for reasonable policy changes. When Jamie Tomalyanov makes the trek from Mechanicsburg to visit her... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)

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**[Whiteouts snarl traffic in Western Pennsylvania](#)**

Intermittent whiteout conditions have caused numerous accidents and snarled traffic in Western

Pennsylvania... - [AP](#)

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**[Cincinnati developer to build warehouses in Pittsburgh airport corridor](#)**

A Cincinnati developer is the latest to jump into the booming Pittsburgh International Airport corridor. Al Neyer LLC plans to build two single-story warehouses in Clinton Commerce Park under an agreement with the Allegheny County Airport Authority, whose board approved the deal today.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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**[Port Authority deputy executive director to step down](#)**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Gov. Chris Christie's top hire at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said Friday she is stepping down after just over a year at the embattled agency, where sweeping reforms are underway that will eventually eliminate her position... - [AP](#)

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**[Area's lowest gas price approaching \\$2 a gallon](#)**

The lowest gas price in the Harrisburg area has gone under \$2.10 a gallon. According to GasBuddy.com, gas is selling for \$2.07 at Turkey Hill and Highland Mart in Highspire. That price is 3 cents lower than yesterday. The average price in the Harrisburg area is \$2.35 a gallon, 8 cents lower... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

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**[Report: Christie met with federal investigators in bridge probe](#)**

Federal investigators interviewed Gov. Christie last month in connection with the George Washington Bridge probe, ABC News reported today. Christie met voluntarily with federal prosecutors and FBI agents during a meeting at the governor's mansion in Princeton that was scheduled to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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**[Got a delinquent parking ticket from Harrisburg? Better pay up!](#)**

If you have an unpaid parking ticket from the City of Harrisburg, prepare to pay. Starting Monday, Park Harrisburg, which is operated by Standard Parking and oversees parking in the city, will begin processing as many as 4,000 outstanding parking violations. The company got the clearance in November to proceed when the Harrisburg... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)