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Advocacy Action

Take Action to Revive Local Use of Radar

Local use of radar legislation has been stalled in the House since spring of 2021. House Bill 606 awaits consideration in the House Appropriations Committee, where it has been sitting for a year.

The non-radar speed timing devices and technology used by local police is becoming more and more obsolete. There are only three PennDOT approved non-radar technologies available to municipal police, one being a stop watch. This is a very unsettling development and will further hinder local law enforcement operations and will negatively impact public safety.

The League, as a member of the Radar Coalition, signed onto a [letter](#) sent to the full House including the new information regarding the sharp decline in access to non-radar speed timing devices. The Coalition is also planning to hold a virtual press conference on March 23 to revive the issue of local use of radar in an effort to push to get the bills passed before the end of the legislative session.

To aid in our advocacy efforts, we ask you to please contact your House Member using these [talking points](#) to encourage their support to move these bills to the Governor's desk. Please ask if they will vote in favor of the legislation if it is brought to the Floor; and let us know their response.

Please find your House Member's contact information [here](#).

The League's Spring District Meetings and Resolutions Process

As a member driven organization, it is important we hear from you to accurately represent your municipality's needs with the General Assembly.

Each spring, League members receive the opportunity to submit policy suggestions through resolutions, shaping The League's policy agenda. Simply propose a policy resolution during our [District Meetings](#) on

April 14. Resolutions adopted at the district level will go to the Annual Municipal Leadership Summit for consideration by the Resolutions Committee and full League membership. This is a very important process because it sets the future policy priorities and positions of The League.

View The League's [2021 adopted resolutions](#) as a sample to prepare for this year's Spring District Meetings in April. Please contact Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director – Advocacy, at asturges@pml.org if you have any questions.

Executive Director's Report



Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Ongoing COVID Community Response](#).



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TOGETHER**



League's Latest

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Join Us!

Municipal Leadership Summit

PITTSBURGH  OCTOBER 6-8, 2022



Please plan to join us and [register now](#) for our [Envision 2032 Regional Forums](#) on the following dates. Topics for discussion at the first two forums are noted below:

March 31 - Northcentral - Hyatt Place, State College; Topics - (1) **Public Health and Safety** and (2) **Local Government Modernization**

April 1 - Northeast - Hilton Scranton & Conference Center; Topics - (1) **Municipal Finance** and (2) **Community Development & Infrastructure**

April 20 - Northwest - Wanango Country Club, Reno

April 21 - Southwest - RLA Regional Learning & Conference Center, Cranberry Township

April 22 - Southwest - Upper St. Clair Township Community and Recreation Center, Upper St. Clair

May 5 - Southcentral - Hilton Harrisburg

May 6 - Southeast - River Crest Golf Club, Phoenixville

Would you like to better understand fair and affordable housing definitions and concepts? The “**Fair and Affordable Housing – How to Identify and Eliminate Barriers to Support Your Community’s Growth**” course discusses how improper land use planning may contribute to fair and affordable housing issues. **Only two more sessions available on March 30 and April 20. [Register today!](#)**

[Register now](#) for **The League’s Virtual District meeting** with breakout sessions. On April 14, The League will host a virtual meeting of its six districts to update members on legislation, the Municipal Leadership Summit, discuss programs and services and conduct the business of each district.

[Announcing The League’s SMART Program](#) – Developed to assist Pennsylvania municipalities in addressing key position vacancies with short-term solutions and long-term plans; and be the leading statewide administrative resource for local government in human resources, succession planning, personnel management, and finance through a highly experienced team of professionals.

Message from [PennPRIME](#) – we are now offering Concierge Cyber. PennPRIME was introduced to Concierge Cyber through our Risk Management Consultant at Insurance Buyers’ Council. We knew that finding cyber insurance for municipalities would be a challenge in 2022, so we purchased Concierge’s service for all our members. We are encouraging all members, with or without cyber coverage, to take advantage of the two-hour pre-incident services in order to be prepared for that cyber incident before it happens. The team at Concierge Cyber has been great to work with and have gone above and beyond to get all our members registered. Stay tuned for more information.

We have compiled a list of articles for [League member actions regarding ARPA funding](#). We will continue to update this list as more information becomes available.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage.

Also be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



COVID-19

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL LEADERS

Resource Roundup

BIL and EV Charging Funding Opportunity Webinars – Topic: [Making Sense of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Opportunity](#) (March 22, 12:30 P.M.): Get updates on the new Joint Office of Energy and Transportation and the newly released guidance to states on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, charging infrastructure, and school bus funding; **Topic: [Preparing Your City for Federal Funding](#) (March 23, 12:30 P.M.):** This webinar is specifically designed for local governments. Speakers will provide an overview of the EV and charging infrastructure funding provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, highlight opportunities for municipalities, and discuss how these funds will be distributed; **Topic: [Plugging In – Considerations at the Intersection of Electricity and Transportation Planning](#) (March 24, 3:00 P.M.):** As states and communities build their plans to deploy over \$5 billion to support the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program; join the Electrification Coalition to delve further into key considerations for how electric grid and transportation network planning intersect, and avenues for scaling impact. This presentation will be especially helpful for state and local agencies and their implementation partners, as we unpack best practices for leveraging EV charging infrastructure as added community and economic benefit, be it rural or dense urban communities.

[PA Recreation and Park Society March Blog](#) – As spring gets closer, there are lots of ways to enjoy the warmer weather in your local parks! Get outdoors by trying [mountain biking](#) or [orienteering](#) this month. Check out their blog for March to learn more!

[WalkWorks Grant Round Now Open](#) – WalkWorks is pleased to announce its **sixth round of assistance** to advance policy development related to active transportation. Once, again, grants will be offered to a limited number of municipalities and other governmental bodies to assist with the development of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets Policies, and/or Vision Zero Policies.

[TREASURY.GOV Update: New Economic Relief and Recovery Program Information](#) – Treasury released [updated Compliance and Reporting Guidance \(Reporting Guidance\)](#) for the SLFRF program. This Reporting Guidance includes updates to reporting requirements to reflect the final rule that Treasury adopted on January 6. These updates take effect for the next Project and Expenditure Report that all state, local, and Tribal governments need to submit by April 30.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).

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