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Advocacy Action

Take Action: Now is the Time for the House to Pass Local Use of Radar

With just weeks left in the legislative session and with a new momentum within the General Assembly, now is the time to keep the pressure on the PA House to pass local use of radar.

The League joined the PA Radar Coalition for a Local Use of Radar Rally at the Capitol on the morning of June 9, where many League members were in attendance. Additionally, there was a substantial law enforcement presence, including the State Police, in support of bringing the House Bill 606 to the Floor for a final vote before summer recess. View highlights from the rally [here](#) and a video recap below.

With both the increase of speed-related fatalities in Pennsylvania and the dwindling number of non-radar speed timing devices, the “perfect storm” public safety crisis looms over the Commonwealth. In 2022, it is time we trust our municipal police with radar. The General Assembly must act to authorize the local use of radar.

House Bill 606 has been stalled in the House Appropriations Committee for over a year. Support our advocacy efforts by sending a letter to your Representative today requesting that they ask House Leadership to move House Bill 606 to the Floor for a final vote.

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Rally in Support of Local Use of Radar

June 9, 2022



PennDOT Automated Vehicles Survey

At the direction of the Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Committee, PennDOT just kicked off the development of an AV Municipal Guidebook. The goal of the guidebook is to educate municipalities, direct them to additional resources, and make recommendations about explicit actions they can take to develop a better institutional understanding of and preparedness for AVs.

The Guidebook will cover:

- Pennsylvania's Automated Future
- Why You Should Care
- Considerations for Municipalities (e.g., Public/Community Concerns, Safety and Security, Risk Mitigation, Operations, Policy, Planning, Infrastructure Investments, and Workforce/Staffing)
- Opportunities (e.g., Education and Engagement, Partnerships, and Programs and Funding)
- Recommended Actions Table
- Next Steps

The first step of the project is to issue a survey to all municipalities, county governments, and MPOs/RPOs to assess what topics/items should be included in the Guidebook.

The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, June 24.

[Take Survey](#)

Executive Director's Report



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



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TOGETHER**



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Municipal Leadership Summit

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Please welcome our newest members to The League — [Limerick Township](#), Montgomery County and [South Middleton Township](#), Cumberland County. Welcome aboard!

[Listen to League Executive Director John Brenner on the Amazing Cities and Towns Podcast with Jim Hunt](#)

[Fiscal Management Strategies For Local Government Officials](#) — Join us on June 22-24 for this virtual conference which will help you manage the fiscal affairs of a municipality regardless of whether you are new to the game or have been at it for years.

[Bookkeeping and Accounting Basics](#) — Join us on June 27-28 for this virtual conference designed to provide municipal officials including: auditors, municipal secretaries, treasurers, clerks, administrators and elected officials with relevant information regarding the basic concepts of bookkeeping and accounting principles.

A foundational approach for building communities that thrive — The League and Sustainable Pittsburgh are pleased to announce the official reopening of the [Sustainable Pennsylvania](#) program, with new and enhanced features for a more user-friendly, strategic, and impactful experience. Sustainable Pennsylvania is an online, voluntary recognition program for municipalities to assess their performance on topics critical to good governance. To date, 120 municipalities throughout Pennsylvania have earned certification, and they are home to more than 3.4 million residents across the state. Incorporating sustainability policies and practices benefits government operations, fosters community economic development, and leads to a resilient, attractive community. Participating municipalities will explore questions such as:

- Does the community have an updated comprehensive plan that includes energy efficiency, transportation access, or stormwater quality recommendations?
- Has the community completed an energy audit or greenhouse gas inventory?
- Does the municipality have a policy to ensure underrepresented groups are recruited for employment?

Municipalities earn points based on their responses to questions, and can earn Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum certification. The League and Sustainable Pittsburgh have built numerous tools and resources that municipalities can access through participation in this free program. Municipalities that earn certification are recognized on the Sustainable PA website and participation in the program is considered by the DCED in its municipal funding applications. Sustainable Pennsylvania's municipal certification provides communities clear and recognizable objectives to share. Learn more and create an account to begin the certification process at [SustainablePA.org](#).

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.

Resource Roundup

Join the [National Association of Counties](#) and the [National League of Cities](#), Tuesday, July 12, at 9:30 a.m. to learn more about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as a means to support water infrastructure. Through the sharing of jurisdiction-specific plans and local initiatives using this resource, this 2-hour webinar will address your questions about the IJA and how it can support local projects that address your long standing water infrastructure needs. [Register here](#).

[Celebrate Safely PA – Social Media Toolkit](#) – With the Fourth of July right around the corner, it is important to raise awareness about firework safety and to reduce firework-related injuries this holiday season and beyond.

[Two SCOTUS Webinars](#) – Source: [State and Local Legal Center](#); Register now for the upcoming webinars on July 14 and 19.

[ARPA Treasury Updates](#) – Source: [National League of Cities](#); See the Treasury's updated reporting guidance from their website.

[Watch PEL's Spring Issues Forum: Tackling Blight in Pennsylvania](#) – Hear about out-of-the box techniques that were successful for other municipalities.

[Save \\$300 on Registration Today! – NLC City Summit](#) – Lock in the lowest rates by registering now – Early Bird ends June 30!

[FEMA Publishes the Fiscal Year 2022 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Notice of Funding Opportunity, \\$154 Million for 68 Projects](#) – These projects were congressionally authorized through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022. The funding for these projects will be available through FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program, in addition to funds provided through other FEMA [Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs](#).

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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