

News from the States (July-August)

Connecticut

- Governor Malloy [Announces TransitAmerica Services and Alternate Concepts Selected as Service Provider for the Hartford Line.](#)
- The Council on Environmental Quality provides a [Midyear Update to its Annual Environmental Quality in Connecticut](#), the state's annual report on the condition of the environment.
- Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) commissioners [re-elect chair and vice-chair](#).
- Governor Malloy releases [cybersecurity strategy for Connecticut](#).
- Governor Malloy [applauds efforts of CTDOT's State Farm Safety Patrol](#) to assist stranded motorists, improve highway safety and alleviate congestion.
- Governor Malloy and CTDOT Commissioner Redecker announce that as a result of innovative construction techniques the [I-95 bridge replacement project connecting New Haven and West Haven](#) is three months ahead of schedule.
- Governor Malloy [applauds Federal Railroad Administration's decision on Northeast Corridor](#), urges Congress to increase funding for rail.
- The CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has prepared an update to [the Comprehensive Energy Strategy](#) to advance the State's goal to create a cheaper, cleaner, more reliable energy future.

Massachusetts

- Governor Baker [Proclaims September to be "Emergency Preparedness Month"](#)
- [Governor Baker Testifies Before Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Health Care Reform](#)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Issues Regulations to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reach Global Warming Solutions Act Goals](#).
- Baker-Polito Administration, Federal and Local Officials [Celebrate Groundbreaking for \\$38.5 Million Ruggles Station Improvement Project](#).
- Governor Baker [Signs Fiscal Year 2018 Budget](#).
- Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito celebrate [75 roadway and bridge projects impacting 77 communities](#) across Central Massachusetts.
- Governor Baker [announces breakup as his chief of staff steps down](#). (*Boston Globe*)
- Baker-Polito Administration sets [200 megawatt-hour energy storage target to be achieved by January 1, 2020](#).
- [Electronic Tolling: Improving the Environment \(MassDOT Blog\)](#)

New Hampshire

- Governor Sununu announces that [more people are working in New Hampshire today than at any other point in history](#).
- [Four Bills Become Law Without Signature](#).
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will receive nearly \$1.4 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) [Coastal Resilience Grants Program](#) to protect and strengthen New Hampshire and the region's coastal communities.

New York

- Governor Cuomo announces nearly [\\$37 million to upgrade drinking water and wastewater systems across New York State](#).
- The NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance announces funding available to help [homeowners have their heating equipment cleaned and inspected](#) before colder temperatures arrive in the fall.
- The Department of Environmental Conservation plans public outreach events to describe projects eligible for [funding from the multi-state settlement with Volkswagen](#).
- U.S. DOT announces \$537.1 Million Loan for [New York City's Moynihan Train Hall Redevelopment Project](#)

Rhode Island

- [AG Kilmartin to EPA: Retract Administrator Pruitt's Erroneous and Inappropriate Clean Power Plan Guidance](#)
- [Governor Raimondo signs \\$9.2 billion FY2018 budget bill](#).
- [RIDOT completes Pawtucket Avenue Bridge replacement](#) approximately five weeks ahead of schedule.
- Governor Raimondo [chats with Tesla and SpaceEx Founder, Elon Musk, about clean energy and electric vehicles. \(Providence Journal\)](#)

Vermont

- Governor Phil Scott: [A Foundation for Growth](#)
- Governor Scott creates [climate commission to re-affirm Vermont's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors of the economy](#).
- Vermont Public Utility Commission opens [proceeding to evaluate existing forms of utility regulation](#) in light of emerging trends in the energy and utility sectors.
- Governor Scott launched the new [Vermont Environmental Stewardship Program \(VESP\)](#), which will use soil-based analysis to identify and recognize Vermont's most environmentally friendly farmers.
- As of July 1, 2017, the Vermont Public Service Board's name has changed to the Vermont [Public Utility Commission](#) in order to more clearly reflect the organization's statutory responsibilities and reduce confusion with the similarly-named state Public Service Department.
- NSK Steering Systems America [awarded \\$208k grant for Bennington manufacturing center](#).