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 Redeker 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, 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 shakeup 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.