

Members & Staff Resolve to:

- #1. Assist the Commonwealth and its partners to begin the \$72.8 million effort to rebuild our region's north-south Knowledge Corridor rail line from Springfield to the Vermont line beginning in 2011. Correspondingly, help MassDOT to launch a comprehensive feasibility study aimed at revitalizing the east-west "Inland Route" to allow intercity rail services connecting Boston, Worcester and Springfield.
 - #2. Co-chair and contribute to a special Innovation District Task Force responsible for developing a comprehensive, action focused strategy that allows Holyoke and the region to leverage the economic development and job creation potential created by Holyoke's Green High Performance Computing Center to be developed by a higher education consortium comprised of MIT, Harvard, University of Massachusetts, Northeastern and Boston University.
 - #3. In collaboration with the Capitol Region Council of Governments based in Hartford, plus numerous other partners, launch the first phase of a three year long, bi-state project focusing on the Knowledge Corridor and integrating this interstate region's combined assets to achieve sustainable development policies and practices for its over 1.7 million residents. Begin development of a new online product to communicate achievements.
 - #4. Complete and secure final approval of a comprehensive overhaul and updating of the 2007 version of the Pioneer Valley's federally mandated Regional Transportation Plan consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations including new greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2020. Pursue in concert with member cities and towns alternative local transportation options that reduce single occupant vehicle trips and boost public transit modes and ridership.
 - #5. Begin the first of a multi-year effort designed to receive, compile, and report on the results of the 2010 Federal Census as these data sets apply to the Pioneer Valley region and its 43 member cities and towns. Disseminate the results of the 2010 U.S. Census data through various means including data digests, informational forums, media releases, website postings, etc.
 - #6. Under the auspices of the Plan for Progress, launch the "Leadership Pioneer Valley" initiative in 2011 as a region wide leadership development program intended to develop and connect an expanding supply of leaders from throughout the Pioneer Valley and which fosters the skills, collaborative mind-set and deep commitment that are essential to maintain a vibrant and healthy Pioneer Valley community.
 - #7. Continue the PVPC's concerted efforts to provide technical assistance to member cities and towns which choose to pursue and achieve formal designation by the Commonwealth as "Green Communities" during the 2011 calendar year with at least 8 to 10 PVPC communities targeted for this PVPC support and assistance.
 - #8. Document the protection and management of green space in the Pioneer Valley Region through the updating of the *Valley Vision 2* regional land use plan. Provide information to member communities on land conservation funding options and available land use techniques that can help achieve established goals for the region.
 - #9. Work in concert with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) and affected PVPC member cities and towns on a three year effort designed to plan, develop and deploy affordable high-speed, and reliable internet services in 123 Massachusetts communities which are either not-served, or significantly under-served, by high speed broadband service using a middle mile network approach.
 - #10. Work with both the Congressional delegation in Washington, as well as the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Patrick, to shape and advance legislative initiatives at the federal or state level that support and/or benefit the Pioneer Valley and its member communities and people. Key areas of emphasis in 2011 include transportation funding, economic development/job creation, climate change, renewal energy, shared regional services and zoning reform, among many others.
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