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RESOLVES FOR 2014
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Members & Staff Resolve to:

1. Complete, refine, adopt and release the Planning Commission's ten year review and overhaul of the Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress working in collaboration with the Plan for Progress Coordinating Council and numerous other public, business and civic sector partners.
 2. Organize, prepare and publish the draft and final versions of a Bistate Action Plan that encompasses the interstate Knowledge Corridor working in concert with PVPC's lead Sustainable Knowledge Corridor partner the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). Continue to work with member communities and others to successfully implement the recommendations outlined in PVPC's adopted Our Next Future Action Plan focused on the Pioneer Valley region.
 3. Using District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA), Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) and other available resources, continue to advance municipally-based shared service projects which have the potential to improve the quality and/or reduce the cost of providing local services that are currently offered only on an individual community basis.
 4. As part of an RPA agency team which includes the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the Franklin Region Council of Governments (FRCOG), initiate the development of a Statewide Strategic Food Systems Plan under the provisions of a new contractual agreement recently awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources and the Massachusetts Food Policy Council.
 5. Complete a comprehensive overhaul and updating of the PVPC's website working with professional web design firm and launch this new PVPC website early on in calendar year 2014. Supplement this website initiative with the development of a strategic communications plan for the agency and its core functions.
 6. Support and contribute to a series of statewide, legislatively mandated MassDOT activities and initiatives that will be underway in 2014 including development of a 5 year Capital Improvements Plan; a Project Selection Advisory Council; a Transportation and Asset Management Advisory Council; a Value Capture Commission; and work with MassDOT and the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to prepare Regional Transportation System Performance Measures as required by federal law.
 7. Complete technical assistance and support services being provided to the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) and its consultant to complete a Comprehensive Service Analysis of all of the PVTA's current fixed route bus services inclusive of the issuance of a final report with findings and recommendations. Correspondingly, complete work on the design for a new and more user friendly PVTA system map.
 8. Work with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute to complete the draft and final versions of a multi- year Talent/ Workforce Action Strategy for the interstate Knowledge Corridor as well as a Growth Business Study for the Connecticut portion of the Knowledge Corridor with oversight provided by the Hartford Springfield Economic Partnership.
 9. Closely monitor MBTA/MassDOT's progress on the final phase of rebuilding our region's main north-south rail corridor from Springfield northward to the Vermont border with an \$83 million investment of federal and state resources. Continue to assist with the development of rail passenger facilities in Springfield, Holyoke and Northampton which are scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2014. Correspondingly, maintain participation in and lend support to: MassDOT's Inland Route Rail Study; ConnDOT's New Haven-Hartford-Springfield commuter rail project and advocacy efforts designed to expand rail passenger runs between Springfield and Greenfield beginning in 2015.
 10. Work with both the Congressional delegation in Washington, as well as the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor, to shape and advance legislative initiatives at the federal and state levels that support and benefit the Pioneer Valley and its residents. Key 2014 emphasis areas at the state level include: Recapitalization of Brownfields Redevelopment Fund; enactment of H3658 which promotes municipal collaboration and regionalization; passage of multiyear transportation and environmental bond bills, and approval of statewide zoning reforms and water infrastructure financing legislation. At the federal level, key initiatives include reauthorization of the: "MAP-21" federal transportation law; the Economic Development Administration; the EPA Brownfields Program; plus enactment of the Federal Water Resources Development Act; among others.
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