



Public Policy Priorities – 2011  
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- Infrastructure:
  - Adequate access over the Cape Cod Canal bridges – during maintenance
  - A plan for future Cape Cod Canal bridge replacement(s) – emergency preparedness planning
  - Federal & state support during Open Cape broadband installation.
  - Army Corps of Engineers support for Open Cape implementation – including access over the Canal.
  - Transportation: RTA funding for adequate bus service (ride to work)
  - Federal & State support of waste water infrastructure development
  - Support distributed renewable energy projects on land
  - State support for roadway & bike path maintenance
  - Support for a plan to address waste water infrastructure financing
  
- Economic Development:
  - Health insurance premiums – implementation of the cooperative buying groups for small business group health.
  - Support innovative programs to stem out-migration of youth and young families from the Cape & islands, and Massachusetts.
  - Funding for Entrepreneurial Resource System for those who help entrepreneurs start & grow a business.
  - Funding to market opportunities on Cape Cod (Growth Incentive Zones, RTDC)
  - Grassroots education around issues of regionalization to stabilize property tax rates
  - Coastal property hazard insurance prices
  - Workforce education & training funds
  - Crime prevention & public safety funds
  
- Tourism:
  - Adequate State funding of state and regional tourism marketing entities (a reinvestment from rooms & meals taxes collected).
  - Encourage reinvestment at municipal level from local option taxes (meals & rooms) into local tourism marketing.
  - Funding for highway info centers (especially those subject to the Federal law-Randall Shepard Act)
  - Funding for cultural & creative economy activities
  - Oppose casino gaming – but if it passes, mitigation in the form of marketing funds will be required for regions competing with casino sites.
  
- Governance:
  - Redistricting
  - County Government reorg.