

## **Craig Della Penna's Top Ten List for Governor Patrick.**

10. Send a member of your staff to attend and take notes at both the Mass Highway Trails and Greenways Task Force and the Mass State Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board—on a regular basis.
9. Tell the other agencies who are supposed to be there—to get there, regularly.
8. Direct the Mass. Office of Travel and Tourism to set up and take a major role in the development of a yearly cross state bike tour—with an eventual focus on a ride that follows the route of the critically important Mass Central Rail Trail.
7. Make the efforts to build better biking in the state have a higher role. In a very recent reorganization at EOT and MassHwy, the Bike Ped Coordinator, has had another 3 or 4 new layers of supervisors put above him. This is not something you'd see in a program if was supported from the Governor's Office and something not seen in other states.
6. Take the lead and begin an investigation into the program the deficiencies that I've laid out. Or, have the State Senate's Post Audit and Oversight Committee take the lead.
5. Have me come into Boston to present a tight and concise program for an 'all senior hands on deck' presentation about what kind of network can be built in the state and what happens to communities when the path is built out.
4. Set up a task force with the AG and the Conservation Law Foundation to coordinate on efforts to better defend former railroad corridors in the state and propose legislation giving their current owners to the right to sell or change the use [as a non-motorized trail for example].
3. Make a bold new initiative that clearly says that bikes are transportation and thus give all bike initiatives to the transportation agencies—and not the recreation agencies.
2. Attend and speak at the next "Moving Together" conference.
1. Plan on attending the next ribbon cutting of a rail trail, and go for a bike ride like Governors in other states do. The opening of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail should be a fine place. It'll be ready for a ribbon-cutting sometime in late 2009 and it is already a pretty notable project--22 years in the making. This is the longest gestation period for a rail trail in the U.S. This is another example of transportation delivery broken in Massachusetts, but this is also a place where you can say that these projects won't ever be taking 22 years to build—ever again.