



2015 Top Accomplishments

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

- Significantly influenced major MBTA reform legislation that would allow for a focused examination of its governance, operations and finances while preserving a unified Department of Transportation and maintaining both essential transportation funding and best-practice fare policy.
- Successfully managed the completion of a new \$1,000,000 Sustainable Transportation Plan for the South Boston Waterfront, working in partnership with the MCCA, Massport, MassDOT, the BRA and the BTDA. A Better City will continue to work with the business community and the public sector on implementation of the plan's recommendations and is managing the interagency implementation committee led by MassDOT.
- Developed a plan for replacing the existing I-90 viaduct in Allston with an at-grade option, presented the proposal, and advocated for its incorporation into on the I-90 Allston Interchange at meetings of the Interchange Task Force and special workshops established to discuss project options.
- Continued work on an \$80,000 project to explore innovative parking policies that could be implemented in the City of Boston. Recommendations of the study have been adopted by the Boston Transportation Department and were announced as part of a major address by Mayor Walsh. This work augments the Boston Mobility Action Plan.
- Hosted the first in a series of panel events "Transit and Economic Imperatives for the Region". This event featured insights from economists, business leaders and legislators on the importance of public transportation to the region's economy.
- Chaired the Advisory Committee for the Boston Mobility Action Plan (Go Boston 2030) which will envision the transportation future of the city by proposing transformative policies and projects to inform programs and investment decisions. Helped to lead a successful public engagement strategy that included a question campaign, a visioning lab, and final Vision report Go Boston 2030.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Evaluated proposed elements and engaged in a dialogue to share information and offer advice in three meetings with representatives of the Boston 2024 Olympics Partnership. Presented an analysis of the impacts on the economy, transportation facilities and service, and land development.
- Land Development Committee focused on development opportunities that intersect with transportation investment. This committee met with Mayor Curtatone and Mayor Maher to review development and growth issues in both Somerville and Cambridge.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

- Convened a group of Challenge for Sustainability and ABC member organizations to issue a formal Request for Proposals for a procurement of renewable energy on their behalf. As a culmination of the RFP effort, ABC responded to the Boston Green Ribbon Commission's \$100,000 Renewable Energy Leadership Prize solicitation.
- Completed the Single Transportation Fare Medium study that explores the opportunity, benefits, and costs of developing a new single fare payment transportation system for Massachusetts. The MBTA has agreed to help fund a more comprehensive feasibility study with additional funding from the Barr Foundation.
- Hosted a CEO Climate Resiliency Summit at the end of October, which brought together leaders from Boston's real estate sector, major employers, and large institutions to discuss the private sector's role in preparing the City of Boston for future sea level rise and severe weather events.
- Convened the second panel event of the year: "Protecting Critical Infrastructure." The event highlighted public sector and utility leaders who have begun the important task of identifying risks and developing strategies for investment in resilient infrastructure.
- ABC TMA was recognized by the Association for Commuter Transportation as the 2015 Outstanding TMA of the Year at the ACT International Conference in Baltimore, MD. ABC TMA member Esther Maycock-Thorne of MGH won the ETC Champion Award.
- The Allston Brighton TMA secured \$50,000/year in MassDOT/FHWA funding for the next three years.