



2010 Mid-year Accomplishments

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

- Appointed to MassDOT's task forces on the **Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation** and **Traffic Management** in the Charles River Basin during planned work on most of the bridges between Boston and Cambridge.
- Advocated in a letter to the Secretary of Transportation for measures to mitigate the impact of bridge reconstruction within the **Charles River Basin**, including alternative construction and traffic staging for the Craigie and Boston University bridges and development of a temporary bridge concept for Longfellow Bridge as well as shifting modes of travel to maintain mobility during construction.
- Continued to advance design and construction for parts of the **Urban Ring**, co-chairing the Citizens Advisory Committee for the project and working in collaboration with MassDOT and the communities through which the service would run.
- Drafted and presented to the ABC Transportation Finance and Policy Committee a white paper on potential **new revenue sources for the MBTA** and the state's Regional Transit Authorities.
- Maintained its alliance with the Regional Plan Association and the Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility advocating for **high-speed rail in the Northeast Corridor**. ABC attended a Business Alliance event in Philadelphia and the RPA's 2010 Assembly in New York City, and signed onto a letter to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation in support of full funding for Amtrak. The House increased Amtrak's funding \$200 million over the previous year.
- Established the ABC **Project Development Committee** to inform ABC board members about future transit projects, including the MBTA Green Line Extension and the Red Line/Blue Line Connector.
- The ABC **Transportation Management Association (ABC TMA)** worked to realize the prevention of over 76,192 vehicle miles traveled and 6,436 car-free days, resulting in the reduction of over 83,000 pounds of carbon during the first half of 2010.
- Led planning for the 2010 **MassCommuter Challenge**, in which 3,741 Massachusetts residents, employees and students rode their bikes to work as part of 238 Massachusetts workplace and campus teams. Twenty-four ABC TMA and ABC member companies registered, with 1,086 of member employees participating.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Actively participated in and commented on the **Greenway District Planning Study** which will define ways of activating and enhancing the Greenway in relation to adjacent development projects.

- Began a study of **financing sources for the Rose Kennedy Greenway** that will define a range of options, evaluate their effectiveness and desirability, and recommend options for further exploration to the ABC Executive Committee and Greenway Abutters Committee.
- The newly-formed **ABC Young Leaders Committee** commenced work on a white paper examining plans for a permanent, year-round public market in Boston.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

- Launched a one-year pilot of its new **Challenge for Sustainability** with 15 participating companies. Participants have completed scorecard evaluations and prepared individual action plans to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Received a grant in the amount of \$105,000 from the Barr Foundation to support the **Sustainability and Climate Change Initiative**.
- ABC President and CEO Rick Dimino served on Mayor Menino's **Climate Action Leadership Committee**, which offered recommendations to reduce Boston's greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2010.