



2009 Accomplishments

- Completed the study “Shoring up Massachusetts’ Economy through Transportation Investment: A Review of Potential New Funding Sources for Transportation” which was presented at a panel discussion titled, “Moving the Economy Forward through Transportation Investment” in partnership with the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University.
- Through the leadership of ABC’s Executive Committee, ABC developed a transportation finance position paper calling for increased investment in transportation and new revenues. ABC also partnered with a statewide business coalition to develop a business community white paper on transportation finance and investment.
- Played an influential role in shaping the recently enacted Transportation Reform Legislation which led to the November 2009 launch of a new Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).
- Successfully collaborated in advocating for additional state funding for transportation with money set aside for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) and the former Massachusetts Turnpike Authority from new tax revenue.
- Secured support from MassDOT and Congressman Michael Capuano for inclusion of the Urban Ring and the design of Silver Line Phase III as High Priority Projects in the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization. In addition, the organization led the effort to ensure that both the Urban Ring and Silver Line Phase III were added to the “illustrative list” of projects within the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Regional Transportation Plan.
- Received \$50,000 from The Boston Foundation for second year funding of the Sustainability Leadership Initiative. Funding will go towards the development of the Challenge for Sustainability website and provision of technical assistance for program participants.
- Launched the Challenge for Sustainability pilot program. Eighteen member facilities agreed to participate in the one-year pilot which will challenge and recognize businesses, institutions and buildings to commit to meet established sustainability standards and practices that increase efficiencies, reduce resource consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions.
- Established the Charles River Basin working group to actively participate in the planning, design and implementation of over a dozen roadway and bridge reconstruction projects located in the Charles River Basin. The group conducted frequent, detailed review sessions with officials from MassDOT’s Accelerated Bridge Program to recommend construction modifications and traffic management approaches for the Craigie Bridges and the Boston University Bridge.
- ABC’s Executive Committee unanimously voted to institute a Young Leaders group for ABC member employees under the age of 35. This group will address a set of specific policy issues that relate to ABC’s larger mission.
- ABC President & CEO Rick Dimino was invited to represent the business and institutional community on the newly established Mayor’s Climate Task Force, which will lead the development of the City of Boston’s new Climate Action Plan.
- ABC Transportation Management Association (ABC TMA) worked to realize the prevention of over 194,000 vehicles miles traveled, 22,560 car free days; resulting in the reduction of over 176,818 pounds of carbon during 2009.