

Transportation Trailblazer

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Then & Now

“My WTS colleagues have been a tremendously important force in my career advancement and professional development, particularly at key decision points. Every time I have reached out for advice they have responded with generosity and wisdom.”

Ms. Aylward is a leader in the transportation industry with 40 years of experience in transportation planning, policy, operations and research management. She is a nationally recognized expert in freight and intermodal transportation planning and policy analysis. As the Deputy Director for Research and Technology at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Volpe National Transportation Systems Center in Kendall Square, Ms. Aylward oversees intermodal and disciplinary transportation applied research and planning services for USDOT and other federal, state, local, international organizations.

Career Highlights

- Progressively more senior leadership responsibility at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center
- Built transportation practice at EG&G and URS Engineering
- Executive Director of the National Commission on Intermodal Transportation and primary author of the Commission’s 1994 Report to Congress
- American Association of Port Authorities representing western hemispheric ports (1991-1992)
- First woman to serve as Director of the Port of Boston (1983-1993)
- As one of the first professional women at the Massachusetts Port Authority, helped build a port planning capability and developed the Port of Boston’s first strategic plan.

WTS Contributions

- WTS-Boston Board of Directors (1995-1996)
- WTS-Boston Professional Development Committee Co-Chair
- WTS International Advisory Board
- Organizer and contributor to WTS Senior Executive Roundtables at the national and local level.

Awards and Leadership

- WTS Boston and National Woman of the Year Award (1993)
- Transportation Research Board, member and co-chair of freight and intermodal committees (1994 to present)
- US Merchant Marine Academy Advisory board member (1994-1998)
- National Academy of Sciences Marine Board member (1990-1996)
- Francis W. Sargent Award from the Boston Harbor Association for long term commitment on behalf of Boston Harbor (1996)
- Founder and chair, Massachusetts Freight Council (1988-1993)
- Boston Shipping Association board member (1983-1993)
- National Maritime Day Award for distinguished promotion of the Port of Boston (1988)
- Boston Harbor Association board member
- Founder and co-chair, Boston Port Operators’ Group
- I-95 Corridor Coalition’s Intermodal Committee member