



Transportation Trailblazer

Barbara J. Boylan, AIA



Then & Now

“WTS- Boston is an invaluable network of lifelong colleagues and friends, whom I know I can count on. Being a part of WTS for 25 years has been the best and a vital part of my career.”

As an Architect and with a passion for public art, Barbara J. Boylan's 12 years as Director of Design at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) left a legacy of creating multi-modal transportation stations which improve the experience of those who use them and maximize economic potential for businesses in the communities around them. With 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors, Barbara's imprint can be found around the Commonwealth in buildings we all take for granted every day. Barbara Boylan creatively led design teams and public process on highly visible, politically charged projects, involving major public transportation and development projects with significant civic urban presence that have transformed the neighborhoods of Boston. Whether championing preservation, solving accessibility challenges, or promoting public art, Barbara's leadership role in public service has been committed to elevating the profession of architecture, while promoting women in design, real estate, and transportation in both the private and public sectors.

Career Highlights

- The Druker Company, Ltd., Vice President
- Skanska USA, Boston, Vice President
- Boston Global Investors, Inc. , Vice President
- Director of Design for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)

WTS Contributions

- WTS-Boston Advisory Board (2006-2008, 2012-2014)
- WTS-Board of Directors (2001-2002, 2009-2010)
- WTS-Boston Public Art Committee

Awards and Leadership

- WTS-Boston Woman of the Year (2006)
- Boston Society of Architects Nominating Committee (2014-present)
- National Advisory Board for the Institute for Human Centered Design (2002- present)
- Urban Land Institute (ULI) (2007- present)
 - ULI Infrastructure District Council
 - ULI Real Estate Advisory Committee
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts **Designer Selection Board** (2002-2006, Vice Chair, 2011-2013)
- Banker and Tradesman **Women of F. I. R. E.** (Finance, Insurance, Real Estate) (2011)
- Boston Society of Architects Ethics Committee (2009-2011)
- American Public Transportation Association (1995-2007), Leadership Class (2002)
- Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce **Pinnacle Award** for Government Achievement (2005)
- Community Revitalization Award: Washington Gateway Main Streets (2003)
- Boston Society of Architects **Women in Design Award of Excellence** (2002)