

## 75 Years ATA Headquarters



Staff at the ATA headquarters on Sixteenth Street, 1936.

For its first eight years, the staff occupied space in three small buildings in downtown Washington: the Transportation Building at 17th and H Street, NW; the Investment Building at 15th and K Street, NW; and an old townhouse at 16th and K Street, NW. In the early 1940s another group wanted the 16th Street property and offered ATA cash to terminate its lease. With that unexpected bonanza in 1941, ATA was able to purchase the seven-story building at 1424 16th Street, NW.



The 1424 16th Street location.

ATA moved again in 1960. This time, ATA constructed its own building around the corner at 1616 P Street, NW, continuing to establish the precedent for ownership which has proven to be financially successful over the ensuing years.

During the late 1960s, ATA split off its legislative affairs staff to occupy space in the old Congressional Hotel located at New Jersey and D Street, SE. In the mid-1970s, ATA purchased property on First Street, SE and constructed its own Hill office building within easy walking distance of the House office buildings. In early 1990, two adjacent properties were acquired when they went on the market. One was a townhouse that was converted into a well-appointed meeting and entertainment facility to be used by industry lobbyists. The other was an historic corner market, which will become the “front door” of ATA’s Capitol Hill presence as part of the substantial renovation effort now being undertaken on these three properties.



ATA's 1616 P Street, NW location.

In 1984, ATA moved its headquarters offices out of Washington, D.C., to Alexandria, Va., occupying a 160,000-square-foot office building in which it shared space with a number of affiliates, such as the Truckload Carriers Association, the National Tank Truck Carriers Association, and the



Artist's rendition of the Capitol Hill renovation.



ATA's building on 2200 Mill Road.

Distribution & LTL Carriers Association. This property was purchased as was an adjoining three acre parcel of vacant land. Over the 20-year period ATA occupied this building, both of these parcels grew substantially in value as development burgeoned in the surrounding community, spiking upward in 2002 when the Alexandria Planning Office zoned the two properties for almost 900,000 square feet of residential and commercial office space development.

ATA sold its Alexandria properties in 2003-04 and entered into a partnership with JBG, Inc., a regional devel-

oper in the metropolitan area to construct a building at 950 North Glebe Road in Arlington, Va. In July of 2007, ATA moved into this building, occupying its second, third, fourth, fifth and twelfth floors. Holding an attractively priced 15-year lease on this space, ATA expects to continue residence at this location at least through 2022. Although the association intended to purchase this 260,000-square-foot building outright from its partner at some point after it had been fully leased, a very attractive financial offer was received even before construction started from a Morgan Stanley REIT, to whom the property was sold at a very substantial profit. ■



ATA's new headquarters at 950 N. Glebe Road.

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