James A. Barna, P.E. Executive Director, DriveOhio

Mr. Barna was recently appointed to serve at the Executive Director of DriveOhio, where he oversees the state's strategic planning on the implementation of smart mobility technologies. As Executive Director, Jim is working to advance smart mobility in Ohio by developing partnerships and creating a one-stop shop for those looking to develop, test and deploy advanced mobility solutions in Ohio.

Prior to his appointment to DriveOhio, Mr. Barna served for seven years as Assistant Director & Chief Engineer for the Ohio Department of Transportation where he oversaw all highway divisions including Planning, Engineering, Construction, Legislative Affairs and Innovative Delivery, including Public Private Partnership Procurement. He also oversaw ODOT's policy, research and deployment of connected vehicle technologies.



He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1990 from The Ohio State University.