

## **OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

### **Resolution Honoring the Exemplary Public Service of James A. Barna, P.E.**

WHEREAS, Ohio has been and is an increasingly important player in smart mobility technologies needed for the nation's growing autonomous and connected vehicles industry; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2018, Governor John R. Kasich signed an executive order establishing DriveOhio, within the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), as a one-stop shop for researchers, developers and manufacturers to collaborate on autonomous and connected vehicle initiatives in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, DriveOhio is a partnership between ODOT, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Administrative Services, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, the Public Utilities Commissions of Ohio, the Department of Insurance, the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Adjutant General's Department; and

WHEREAS, James A. Barna, P.E. worked at ODOT for more than twenty-two years, including previously as the chief engineer and assistant director of engineer policy for ODOT, and has a total of more than twenty-eight years as a civil engineer; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2018, Governor John R. Kasich appointed Mr. Barna to lead DriveOhio as its executive director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barna's leadership afforded the Commission with opportunities for partnership and collaboration on projects and public events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barna has announced his resignation from DriveOhio effective June 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Members view the extraordinary career in public service of Mr. Barna as an example of excellence, serving the public transportation industry for over twenty-eight years and for which formal and public recognition should be given.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby expresses its deep appreciation for the distinguished career of James A. Barna, P.E., serving the citizens of the State of Ohio, both during his tenure at ODOT as well as DriveOhio; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission also considers that the people of the State of Ohio are fortunate and having benefitted greatly from having Mr. Barna lead the State of Ohio in the transportation industry through his efforts at ODOT and DriveOhio; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary-Treasurer be, and hereby he is, directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Mr. Barna.

**(Resolution No. 30-2019 adopted June 17, 2019)**