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John A. Barton, P.E. is a Professor of Practice for the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives. In these roles John provides direction, guidance and advice on strategic projects for the Texas A&M University System, which notably includes the development of the new RELLIS Campus. He also provides classroom instruction to educate students through lectures and seminars focused on leadership, public administration and emerging transportation technologies.

Mr. Barton recently retired as the Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) where he provided executive control and oversight of all TxDOT operations and the state's transportation system. Mr. Barton held a variety of positions with TxDOT in two TxDOT districts as well as the agency's central administration during his 30 year career.

Mr. Barton graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1986.

A few of his most recent honors include: the Distinguished Graduate Award of the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering from his alma mater, the Governor Rick Perry Leadership in Transportation Award, the AASHTO President's Special Award of Merit and the FHWA Administrator's Public Service Award.

Mr. Barton served on the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Chairman of AASHTO's Subcommittee of Traffic Engineering, and Board of Directors of the National Operations Center of Excellence. Mr. Barton currently serves on the Safety Advisory Board for Uber and the Advisory Board for Southwest Research Institute.