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John Barna is executive director of the California Transportation Commission, an independent state commission that is responsible for programming and funding several billion dollars annually for transportation projects in California in partnership with regional transportation agencies and the California Department of Transportation. The Commission is also responsible for advising the California Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the California Legislature on key transportation policy matters.

Most recently, Barna was deputy secretary for transportation at the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. He was responsible for transportation policy development and implementation for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Administration in Sacramento. He oversaw such areas as state and federal transportation funding and transportation project delivery. He was integrally involved in the *GoCalifornia* policy effort, the state's Goods Movement Action Plan, and the development of the transportation elements of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan. This was his second tour of duty with the Agency.

Prior to re-joining the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Barna was president of his own transportation consulting firm, Anrab Associates. The firm assisted businesses, coalitions, associations, and governmental agencies to plan, program, fund, and implement major transportation infrastructure projects. Clients included Catellus Corporation, DMB Realty, City of El Segundo, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Hearst Corporation, Lewis Operating Company, Long Beach City College, Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Metro, and the Walt Disney Company.

Before starting his own firm, Barna was an associate with Planning Company Associates, where he provided multi-modal transportation planning and programming services for Planning Company Associates.

Prior to joining Planning Company, he was deputy director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. At the California High-Speed Rail Authority, Barna managed the engineering design and environmental analyses of the Authority's proposed corridors between Bakersfield-Los Angeles and Los Angeles-Inland Empire-San Diego. In addition, he was responsible for system integration, financial modeling and public affairs.

Prior to joining the Authority, Barna was deputy secretary for transportation at the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, where he was responsible for the Agency's involvement in resolving the toll bridge funding stalemate, adopting and implementing transportation funding reform, and preparing the 1998 State Transportation Investment Plan (STIP).

Before joining the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Barna was director of college relations for Harvey Mudd College, a leading undergraduate college of engineering and science that is part of the Claremont Colleges. Prior to that he was vice president with Braun/Ketchum Public Relations in Los Angeles, where he led the marketing effort for the launch of the Metrolink commuter rail service in Southern California.

He is a graduate of Northwestern University.