Speakers

Dr. Jack Marchbanks, Director of ODOT

Dr. Jack Marchbanks served as assistant director for Business & Human Resources for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) from July 2017 until his appointment as director by Gov. Mike DeWine in January 2019.

In his role as assistant director, he was responsible for the overall management of the department’s 5,000 employees and the development of its $3.3 billion budget. He provided strategic direction to the statewide administrators of the agency’s finance, human resources, information technology, legal and communications divisions, as well as the opportunity, diversity and inclusion programs. His duties also included service as a voting member of the State Infrastructure Bank and fiduciary oversight of federal fund transfers from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and Federal Rail Administration.

Marchbanks also served as District 6 deputy director from June 2016 to July 2017. He previously served in the same position from May 1996 to January 2007.

During his time at the helm of District 6, he oversaw the investment of more than $1.7 billion in surface transportation infrastructure, including the widening of I-71 in Delaware County, the widening of the I-270 North Outerbelt from Gahanna to Dublin, the completion of US 35 in Fayette County and the completion of I-670 with the High Street Cap in Franklin County.

Rich Granger, Managing Director of Workforce Development, DriveOhio

Rich Granger is managing director of Workforce Development at DriveOhio, the state's one-stop shop for connected and automated mobility solutions on the ground and in the air. In this role, Granger works with partners across industry, education, government and communities to prepare Ohio’s existing and emerging workforce – from Pre-K to Ph.D. – for the future of smart mobility.

He has spent his career at the intersection of technology, innovation, education and workforce development. He grew up in northeast Ohio and lives in the Columbus area with his wife and their young daughter, who wants to own a self-driving car when she grows up.

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