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John M. Mason, Jr., PhD, PE, FITE, joined Auburn University on September 1, 2008. As vice president he serves on the President's cabinet and provides leadership for strategic planning for the university's research enterprise and economic development initiatives. He is a permanent member on the Provost's Council of Deans, the University Academic Program Review Committee, and the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. He has served as a President's appointee to the University Senate. Dr. Mason is also the President of the Auburn Research and Technology Foundation-ARTF (501c3).

He is responsible for economic and research program development, public and private externally sponsored programs, technology transfer, commercialization efforts, the Auburn University Cyber-Initiative, and the Auburn University Huntsville Research Center. His duties include budget planning and allocations, personnel, compliance, economic development relations, and research related legislative (federal and state) initiatives. As the ARTF President, he provides leadership for the Auburn University Research Park, home to the Auburn MRI facility, NIST funded Center for Advanced Science Innovation and Commerce, the Auburn Business Incubator, and the Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM).

Prior to joining Auburn University, Dr. Mason was the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach in the College of Engineering at Penn State University. He was a tenured Professor of Civil Engineering and had served as the Director of the Thomas D. Larson, Pennsylvania Transportation Institute and the Executive Director for the Mid-Atlantic University Transportation Center.

Dr. Mason is past Chair of the Alabama Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ALEPSCoR) Steering Committee, member of the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) Board of Directors, the university delegate to the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) and member of the Executive Committee, Council on Research (CoR) of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU).

In his professional service activities, Dr. Mason has been the chair of: the Engineering Research Council of the American Society for Engineering Education; the Geometric Design Committee of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies; the executive committee, Highway Division, American Society of Civil Engineers; the Education and Training Committee of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America; several technical committees of the international Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). He has also been the president of the national Council of University Transportation Centers, and the Educational Division of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association.

Dr. Mason holds a BS degree in Transportation from Penn State University, an MS in Transportation Engineering from Villanova University, and a PhD in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M University. He is a Fellow of the ITE and a registered professional engineer licensed in Pennsylvania.