

**Testimonial in Support of Naming a future interchange after Kris Norton as proposed in House Bill No. 2263**

Submitted to the Kansas House Transportation Committee  
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Chairperson Rep. Francis, Vice Chair Rep. Neelly, Ranking Minority Member Rep. Ballard,  
and esteemed members of the Kansas House Transportation Committee,

I am honored to submit this testimony in support of naming the interchange that will be constructed at K-10 highway and Wakarusa drive in Douglas County after Kris Norton. As a Kansas resident and former resident of Douglas County, this existing intersection (future interchange) was one I used frequently. This designation would serve as a fitting tribute to an individual whose contributions to our transportation industry, the community and state have left a lasting impact.

Kris Norton was my first ever boss in the transportation engineering industry. He was a wonderful person who demonstrated an extraordinary care about others and providing the greatest roads he could for travelers all across the state. His example and mentorship were instrumental in my career development. His dedication to advocating for transportation safety and supporting local infrastructure has profoundly shaped our region, making life better for countless Kansans.

Naming this interchange after him is the most appropriate way for our industry to honor his impact on us all and provide an awareness for the community of all he contributed. It will serve as a permanent reminder of his efforts and inspire future generations to uphold the values of service, dedication, and excellence that Kris exemplified.

I respectfully urge the committee to approve this request. Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome any questions and appreciate your commitment.

Sincerely,

Allison Bruner  
Kansas Resident