

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

Submitted to the Kansas Senate Committee on Transportation
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Chair Sen. Mike Petersen, Vice Chair Sen. Rick Kloos, Ranking Minority Member Sen. Ethan Corson, and esteemed members of the Kansas Senate Committee on Transportation,

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. 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 has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to public service throughout the state. 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 in his honor is not just a symbolic gesture but a meaningful recognition of his legacy. 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 to honoring individuals who have made a difference in Kansas.

Sincerely,

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