

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shannon Francis at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in room 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Meg Atwood, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Walter Schmidt, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Francis Averkamp, District # 61
Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison, The League of Kansas Municipalities
Calvin Reed, Professional engineer
Jordan Herbert, Professional engineer
Dan Scherschligt, Executive Director, Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association
Deanna Sheppard, Vehicles Services Senior Manager, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others in attendance:

No list available

Hearing on: HB2220 — Permitting local authorities with jurisdiction over city residence districts to reduce the maximum speed limit to 25 miles per hour without an engineering and traffic investigation.

The chair opened the hearing on **HB2220**.

Chris Waggoner, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, provided a briefing to the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Representative Francis Averkamp, District # 61, gave proponent testimony supporting **HB2220** as the bill allows for flexibility in adjusting minor speed limits on city streets in residential areas without incurring the additional cost of an engineering study and the lengthy process that comes with it. ([Attachment 2](#))

Wendi Stark of the League of Kansas Municipalities gave proponent testimony in support of **HB2220** that would reduce the maximum speed limit to 25 miles per hour in some respective residential districts which would promote safety on city streets and promote a savings in cost. ([Attachment 3](#))

Sherri Grogan gave supporting written only testimony to the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

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There were no neutral testimonies and no opponent testimonies.

The chair closed the hearing on **HB2220**.

Hearing on: HB2263 — Designating a future interchange on K-10 highway as the Kris Norton memorial interchange.

The chair opened the hearing on **HB2263**.

Chris Waggoner provided the committee with a briefing on the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Calvin Reed gave proponent testimony to **HB2263** designating the interchange of Wakarusa Drive, 27th Street and US-40/K-10 Highway (also known as the South Lawrence Trafficway) as the Kris Norton Memorial interchange. Mr. Reed introduced family members of Kris Norton who were in attendance at the hearing remembering his life and legacy. ([Attachment 6](#))

Jordan Herbert provided proponent testimony of the bill having worked closely with Kris Norton on the South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) project honoring his work at the Kansas Department of Transportation and his contribution to over 270 projects across the state. ([Attachment 7](#))

Dan Scherschligt gave to the committee supporting testimony to **HB2263** remembering Kris Norton as the design leader in the South Lawrence Trafficway construction of Douglas County. ([Attachment 8](#))

Written only proponent testimony for **HB2263** was provided to the committee by:

Scott Heidner, American Council of Engineering Companies ([Attachment 9](#))

David Kocour, Vice President partner HG consult inc ([Attachment 10](#)).

Bonnie Lowe, President, CEO, of Lawrence and Douglas County EDC ([Attachment 11](#))

Jonathan Marburger, P.E. Senior Project Manager, JEO Consulting Group ([Attachment 12](#))

Aaron Gaspers, P.E. CFC Engineers ([Attachment 13](#))

James Dietzel, P.E., IMEG senior civil engineer ([Attachment 14](#))

Lucas Smith, P.E., Kansas Department of Transportation ([Attachment 15](#))

Brogan Andrews, P.E., Kansas Department of Transportation ([Attachment 16](#))

Michael Debacker, P.E., Burns & McDonnell ([Attachment 17](#))

Aaron Frits, P.E., FASCE ([Attachment 18](#))

Ben Ware, professional engineer (P.E.) ([Attachment 19](#))

Michael Hess, professional engineer (P.E.) ([Attachment 20](#))

Jordan Herbert, P.E. ([Attachment 21](#))

Cheryl Bornheimer Kelley, P.E. ([Attachment 22](#))

Charles L. Goodman, P.E. ([Attachment 23](#))

Wayne Gudmonson, P.E. ([Attachment 24](#))

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Todd LaTorella, P.E. ([Attachment 25](#))
David Cronin, P.E. ([Attachment 26](#))
Paul Bertrand, P.E. ([Attachment 27](#))
Lars Leon, private citizen ([Attachment 28](#))
Kyle Branham, private citizen ([Attachment 29](#))
Howard Lubliner, private citizen ([Attachment 30](#))
Agnes Otto, private citizen ([Attachment 31](#))
Lynn Hancock, private citizen ([Attachment 32](#))
Allison Bruner, private citizen ([Attachment 33](#))
Tom Rhoads, private citizen ([Attachment 34](#))
Ronald Hall, private citizen ([Attachment 35](#))

The chair closed the hearing on **HB2263**.

Hearing on: HB2289 — Modifying certain requirements for the production and issuance of license plates.

The chair opened the hearing on **HB2289**.

Chris Waggoner, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, gave a briefing of the bill for the committee. ([Attachment 36](#))

Deanna Sheppard of the Kansas Department of Revenue provided proponent testimony to the committee for **HB2289** that removes the requirement for registration decals carrying county designation for vehicle registration. The bill amends statute to reflect Division of Vehicles (DOV) policy. ([Attachment 37](#))

There was no opponent testimony and no neutral testimony.

The chair closed the hearing on **HB2289**.

Final action on bills previously heard

*Representative Proctor made a motion seconded by Representative Hoheisel to suspend the rules to work **HB2263**. Motion carried.*

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Representative Essex moved, seconded by Representative Anderson to pass **HB2263** favorably out of committee. Motion carried.

All members requested that their "yes" vote be recorded.

Representative Francis made a motion seconded by Representative Helgersen to suspend the rules to work **HB2289**. Motion carried.

There were no amendments and no discussion to the bill.

Representative Essex moved, seconded by Representative Helgersen to pass **HB2289** favorably out of committee. Motion carried.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.