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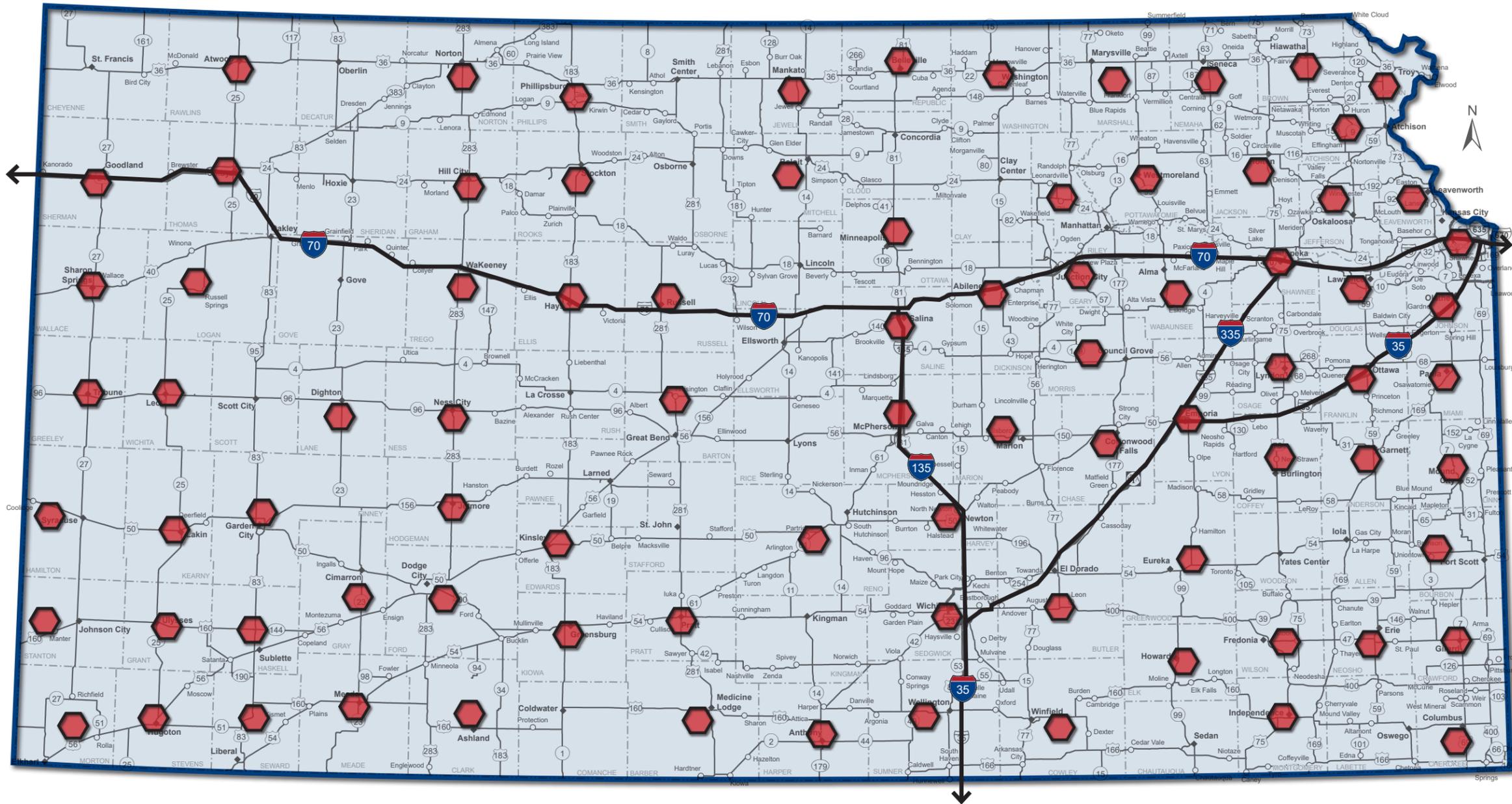
**TESTIMONY REGARDING A FUTURE INTERCHANGE FOR
KRIS NORTON AS PROPOSED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 2263**

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

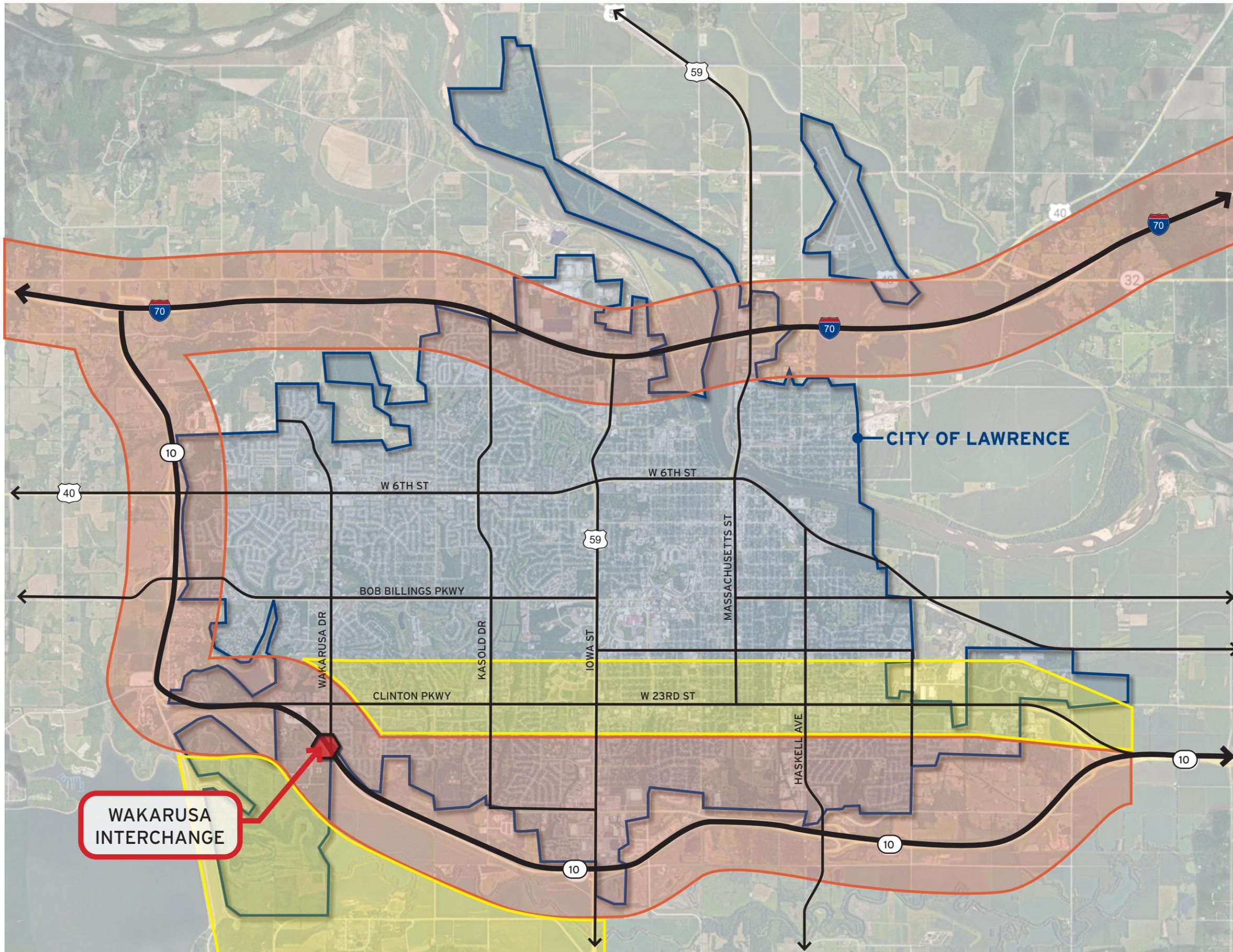
In Kris's 33 years with KDOT, he led and/or participated in over 270 projects across the state, touching 86 out of 105 counties.

Kris's reach was far in terms of projects, helping shape Kansas infrastructure and address needed improvements. He took seriously his responsibility in serving the public and promoting a KDOT that listened to the needs of communities.

Not only were his projects far reaching, but Kris considered mentoring others essential to his role. Kris taught a generation of engineers and technicians the KDOT way in serving communities.



KRIS NORTON MEMORIAL - STATE OF KANSAS IMPACT



Orange shaded areas points to safety, operations, and improvements along the SLT that leads to better operations on the KTA, and future growth opportunities in the immediate vicinity of the SLT.

Additionally, the SLT improvements relieve congestion and operational issues along 23rd Street, the main E-W route in Lawrence. This provides a better quality of life and travel times along local routes.

And the SLT has allowed for the possibility to reconnect with areas of the county south of the SLT to promote connectivity between recreational areas, better access emergency services, etc.

While SLT is likely the most significant project impact to the Lawrence community of Kris's career, he also led the 23rd Street bridge replacement project near Haskell Indian Nations University.

Kris was tied to the Lawrence community beyond projects as he was instrumental in promoting KU's Innovation Campus, helping KDOT become a founding tenant. He also served seniors through Meals on Wheels helping support some of Lawrence's most vulnerable citizens.

KRIS NORTON MEMORIAL - SOUTH LAWRENCE TRAFFICWAY'S IMPACT ON LAWRENCE

