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Testimonial in support of naming a future interchange after Kris Norton as proposed in HB2263

Submitted to Kansas Senate Committee on Transportation Committee by Bonnie Lowe, CEO of the Chamber of Lawrence and DG County EDC

Chairperson Petersen, Vice Chair Kloos, Ranking Minority Member Corson and members of the Kansas Senate Committee on Transportation

Kris Norton was a longtime employee of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and a strong advocate for improvements to the K-10/South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) to benefit our local residents and the travelers. Kris would seek out and balance the ideas and concerns of the local community with the broader needs of the public transportation system and KDOT. Kris was a proud resident of Lawrence who was committed to making Lawrence vibrant and, through his work at KDOT, was able to make a significant impact on his community.

It is very fitting that the planned interchange at K-10 and Wakarusa, near Kris' residence, be designated as the Kris Norton Memorial Interchange. This recognizes his service and commitment to the community he called home and will benefit greatly from the improved safety and travel efficiency of a re-imagined K-10/SLT.

We strongly support the proposed designation of the K-10/Wakarusa interchange as the Kris Norton Memorial Interchange.

Thank you for your service to our state.

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