

**OPPONENT TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING HB 2575
CONCERNING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES**

February 16, 2026

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I am Calvin Reed, Secretary for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). I am here today to provide testimony in opposition to House Bill 2575. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and to provide comments.

The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) purpose is to "Deliver transportation that keeps Kansas moving forward." The agency works every day to operate a state highway system and supports the locally owned roadway network that provides safe and efficient transportation for all Kansans. KDOT relies on both state and federal funding for preservation, modernization, and expansion of the vast Kansas roadway network.

HB 2575 would discontinue yearly registration and registration fees for personal use motor vehicles or passenger vehicles. The bill would also discontinue sales tax on transfers and personal property tax on such vehicles. If HB 2575 is passed, revenues to the State Highway Fund (SHF) would decrease by an estimated \$117.9 million annually. Over the remaining four years of IKE, that total would be over \$470 million. Unless a new revenue source were identified to replace these funds, the bill would require KDOT to reduce expenditures for the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program by an amount equal to the loss in revenue. KDOT would be required to cancel critical IKE highway preservation projects, or modernization and expansion projects that we have committed to the construction pipeline.

KDOT District	Project	Construction Status	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
1 Northeast	US-40/K-10 expansion to freeway and new KTA interchange in Douglas County - <i>KA-3634-02</i>	Scheduled FY27	\$106



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1 Northeast	I-35 highway reconstruction and addition of auxiliary lanes in Johnson County - <i>KA-6540-05</i>	Scheduled FY27	\$88
1 Northeast	Replace Centennial Bridge and expand to four lanes in Leavenworth County - <i>KA-6016-01</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$157
1 Northeast	I-35/Santa Fe interchange reconstruction in Johnson County - <i>KA-6364-02</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$90
1 Northeast	Reconstruct K-33 and widen shoulders in Douglas County - <i>KA-6550-03</i>	Scheduled FY30	\$15
1 Northeast	Interchange construction at K-10 and Lone Elm Road in Johnson County - <i>KA-6549-03</i>	Scheduled FY30	\$43
2 North Central	K-15/K-18 shoulder widening and improving sight distance in Dickinson County - <i>KA-6561-01</i>	Scheduled FY27	\$10
2 North Central	Reconstruct K-4 and Bethany Drive in Lindsborg - <i>KA-7406-02</i>	Scheduled FY29	\$11
3 Northwest	K-383 roadway reconstruction and shoulder construction in Norton and Phillips counties (Final phase of delayed T-WORKS project) - <i>KA-2371-03 and KA-2372-02</i>	Scheduled FY27	\$53
3 Northwest	Reconstruct U.S. 281 in Russell and Osborne counties - <i>KA-6562-01, KA-6563-01</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$17
4 Southeast	K-68 expansion to 4-lane expressway in Miami County - <i>KA-2373-04</i>	Scheduled FY26	\$48
4 Southeast	K-33 roadway reconstruction and interchange improvements in Franklin County - <i>KA-6472-01</i>	Scheduled FY26	\$17
4 Southeast	K-7 roadway rehabilitation and adding shoulders in Crawford County - <i>KA-5803-03</i>	Scheduled FY27	\$15
4 Southeast	Add passing lanes to US-169 in Anderson and Allen counties - <i>KA-6560-02, KA6560-03</i>	Scheduled FY29	\$35
4 Southeast	Reconstruct K-33 and widen shoulders in Franklin County - <i>KA-6550-02</i>	Scheduled FY30	\$11
5 South Central	US-160 roadway rehabilitation and add shoulders in Sumner County - <i>KA-5805-01</i>	Scheduled FY27	\$22
5 South Central	K-42 roadway rehabilitation and add shoulders in Sumner County - <i>KA-5806-01</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$15



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5 South Central	K-42 roadway rehabilitation and add shoulders in Sedgwick County - <i>KA-5807-01</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$20
5 South Central	US-56 add shoulders in Rice County - <i>KA-6537-01</i>	Scheduled FY29	\$15
5 South Central	Reconstruct K-96 to 6-lane expressway and interchange improvements at Rock and Woodlawn in Sedgwick County - <i>KA-6099-03</i>	Scheduled FY29	\$120
6 Southwest	US-50 reconstruction to 4-lane expressway in Finney County - <i>KA-6023-01</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$44
6 Southwest	US-50 reconstruction to 4-lane expressway in Gray County - <i>KA-6024-01</i>	Scheduled FY28	\$53
6 Southwest	Add passing lanes to US-83 in Scott and Finney counties. - <i>KA-6105-02, KA-6105-03</i>	Scheduled FY29	\$33

The agency respectfully requests that this bill not be passed due to its fiscal consequences for transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2575. I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.