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## **Arkansas River Bridge project to begin March 2**

WICHITA, Kan.—A two-year project to widen and re-deck the Arkansas River Bridges located at mile marker 44 on I-35/Turnpike, in south Wichita, will begin March 2. The project includes removal of current decking, sub-structure work to widen the bridges and then re-decking the new bridges.

In 2016, construction will take place on the southbound bridge. In late March, all traffic will begin using the northbound bridge, where there will be a single, 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction between mile marker 43 and 46. The Wichita/K-15 toll plaza at mile marker 45 will remain open. Speeds will be reduced to 60 mph through this construction zone.

Work on the southbound bridge is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. Widening and re-decking of the northbound bridge will occur with a similar schedule in 2017.

Drivers are urged to check for construction updates at <http://www.kandrive.org>, subscribe to KTA Alerts for roadway incident information at <http://bit.ly/KHeX6g>, follow the Kansas Turnpike on Twitter, and watch for information on the KTA's digital message boards. Construction updates on this and other projects are published monthly in KTA's electronic newsletter. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/1rfclVx>

A.M. Cohron & Son of Atlantic, Iowa is the general contractor for this project.

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