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## Second year of Arkansas Bridge project begins

WICHITA, Kan. – The second year of a two-year project to widen and re-deck the Arkansas River Bridges located at mile marker 45 on I-35/KTA, in south Wichita, is set to begin.

On Friday, March 3, all traffic will start using the southbound bridge, where there will be a single, 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction between mile markers 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.

This traffic reconfiguration will allow construction of the northbound bridge, including removal of the current decking; sub-structure work to widen the bridge; and then re-decking of the new bridge. Work is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. Widening and re-decking of the southbound bridge was completed in 2016.

Drivers are urged to check for traffic impacts 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 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/2l4h37y>

A.M. Cohron & Son of Atlantic, Iowa was awarded this contract for \$7,188,168.35 in December 2015.

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### **About KTA:**

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn't receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the current long-term plan, KTA is investing \$1.2 billion in over 40 projects. KTA's mission is to provide safe, economical, high-quality transportation service to its customers.

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