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Project to lift 11 Bridges to begin July 24

EMPORIA, Kan. – Construction to increase the vertical clearance of eleven bridges crossing over the Turnpike/I-335, between Emporia and South Topeka, is set to begin Monday, July 24, 2017, and will be completed November 2018, weather permitting.

Construction at each bridge location will take approximately two months to complete, with work occurring at two or more locations at the same time. Each bridge is planned to be lifted to provide at least 15'-9" of clearance. Learn more about the process here: <http://bit.ly/2ceDe6p>

Work will begin with the bridge located at mile marker 137.040 I-335/KTA (Road 260, Lyon County.) Three other Lyon County bridges targeted for completion in 2017 are located at mile marker 142.00 (Road S), mile marker 144.75 (Road 320) and mile marker 148.59 (Road V6.) In 2018, seven remaining bridges crossing I-335/KTA will be completed.

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>

Burns & McDonnell of Kansas City, MO. was [awarded](#) a contract for these bridges in May for \$6,621,708.

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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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