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## **Towanda service area remodel to begin in September**

WICHITA, Kan. — The Kansas Turnpike Authority board has approved construction costs of \$2,307,127 for renovation of the Towanda service area, located at mile marker 65 on I-35/KTA. Construction will begin in late-September with work scheduled to be complete in spring 2018, weather permitting.

The remodel, approved as part of KTA's Long Term Needs Study, includes upgraded restrooms, storage expansion, an improved convenience store entrance, re-worked parking areas, and new interior finishes. Construction will be done in phases to minimize impact to customers.

"These changes will improve the customer's experience," said Rachel Bell, KTA's Director of Business Services & Customer Relations. "The changes will also improve efficiency for our third-party vendors that operate the service areas."

Simpson Construction Services will be the general contractor for the remodel.

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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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