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KTA awards East Topeka contract in September

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Turnpike Authority announces a bid has been approved and a contract awarded on an upcoming Turnpike construction project.

Contract #7171 – Construction of open road tolling lanes at the existing East Topeka Toll Plaza (Shawnee County) located at mile marker 183 I-70/KTA was awarded to Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS for \$12,236,687.60.

This project is the second of three-mainline toll plazas being converted to open road tolling as identified in the [2015 Long Term Needs Study](#). The project will begin in October 2017 and is scheduled for completion in November 2018.

To accommodate construction, the commuter parking lot at this toll plaza will close October 31. Courtesy parking is still available off of 21st Street from the Rice Road exit off I-70 and at the South Topeka toll plaza (I-470/KTA mile marker 177), near Topeka Boulevard.

Construction details will be available soon on <http://www.ksturnpike.com> with impacts to traffic posted on <http://www.kandrive.org/>. Construction updates on this and other projects are published monthly in KTA's electronic newsletter. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2l4h37y>

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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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