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Bridge project near Oklahoma border set to begin

WELLINGTON, Kan.—Construction of two new bridges at mile marker 0.6 on I-35/KTA, near the Oklahoma border is set to begin Friday, March 2, 2018 with scheduled completion in mid-November, 2018, weather permitting.

This project consists of building northbound and southbound mainline bridges and removing the existing drainage structure. The project contract was awarded to King Construction Company, Inc., Hesston, KS for \$2,171,752.25 in April 2017.

Construction of the southbound bridge will occur first. All traffic will use the northbound lanes, from south of the Kansas-Oklahoma border to mile marker 1.5, where there will be a single, 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction. The speed limit will be reduced to 65 mph in the construction zone. Following completion of the southbound bridge, the northbound bridge will be constructed with traffic being moved to the opposite side.

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 to receive the newsletter using the form located at the bottom of any page on www.ksturnpike.com.

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About KTA:

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