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Bridge construction northeast of Emporia set to begin

EMPORIA, Kan. – A two-year project involving ten I-335/KTA bridges northeast of Emporia is set to begin Thursday, March 15, 2018, weather permitting. Construction includes:

- Re-decking and widening bridges over Allen Creek (mile marker 130.360);
- Rehabilitating bridges over the Neosho River (mile markers 129.18), Prairie Street (mile marker 129.71) and Troublesome Creek (mile marker 129.96);
- Removing bridges over abandoned railroad tracks (mile marker 130.120).

In 2018, construction will take place on the northbound side. All traffic will begin using the southbound lanes in early April, where there will be a single, 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction between mile markers 128 and 131. Speeds will be reduced to 65 mph through the construction zone.

Work on the northbound bridges are expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. In 2019, construction will take place on the southbound bridges.

Drivers are urged to check for traffic impacts at www.KanDrive.org, subscribe to KTA Alerts for roadway incident information <http://bit.ly/KHeX6g>, follow the Kansas Turnpike on Twitter, and watch for information on KTA's digital message signs. 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.

During the next several years, KTA will reconstruct many of its mainline bridges. Future bridge reconstruction schedule will be determined by annual bridge inspections. This project contract was awarded to A. M. Cohron & Son, Inc., Atlantic, IA, for \$5,476,932.71 in February 2018.

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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 has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA's mission is to provide safe, economical, high-quality transportation service to its customers.

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