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## Bridge construction southwest of Topeka begins March 19

TOPEKA, Kan. – Reconstruction of the SW 85<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and the SW 93<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge in southwest Topeka, crossing over the Turnpike/I-335 at mile markers 169.627 and 168.297, is set to begin March 19, weather permitting.

The two-year project will consist of re-decking and increasing the vertical clearance of the bridges. Reconstruction of the SW 85<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge will occur in 2018, followed by the SW 93<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge in 2019. To accommodate construction, *the SW 85<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge will close to all traffic on **Monday, March 19*** and will reopen in late November, weather and schedule permitting.

Most bridges crossing over the Turnpike are approximately the same age – 50+ years. During the next several years, KTA will be reconstructing many of these bridges. Future bridge reconstruction schedule will be determined by annual bridge inspections.

Drivers are urged to check for traffic impacts at [www.KanDrive.org](http://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](http://www.ksturnpike.com).

The project contract was awarded to King Construction Company, Hesston, KS for \$1,817,241.57 in December 2017.

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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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