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CONTRACT AWARDED ON I-70/KTA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT **Construction to begin Monday, April 1**

LAWRENCE, Kan. – The Kansas Turnpike Authority announces a contract has been awarded for improvements on I-70/KTA between the Lecompton and Eastern Terminal toll plazas with construction scheduled to begin Monday, April 1, 2019, and be completed in late November, 2019, weather permitting.

The project, awarded to Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, for \$8,399,860.17, includes the following I-70/KTA improvements:

- Pavement resurfacing between mile markers 197.9 – 210.7, including the Lawrence Service Area at mile marker 209;
- Increasing the capacity of current reinforced concrete box culverts at mile marker 212.4 by adding additional culverts;
- Lengthening the reinforced concrete box culvert at mile marker 214.2;
- Lengthening the acceleration/deceleration ramps connected to the Lecompton and Tonganoxie/Eudora interchanges at mile markers 197 and 212, respectively.

Throughout the project, construction is scheduled to occur between 9 am and 3:30 pm with the exception of pavement resurfacing, which is planned for overnight hours. Speeds will be reduced to 65 mph within work zones. The first phase of construction will begin at mile marker 212 where drivers can expect intermittent lane and shoulder closures.

As construction progresses, traffic impacts will be posted on www.kandrive.org and made available on www.ksturnpike.com. 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:

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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