



April 2021 Construction Report

This report provides information about active construction projects on the Kansas Turnpike. Each project update is listed below and is prepared near the 20th of the month. **Completion dates listed are weather permitting.**

I encourage travelers to drive with caution in work zones and to check for traffic impacts at [KanDrive](#), subscribe to KTA alerts, follow the Kansas Turnpike on Twitter, and watch for information on the KTA's digital message boards.

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Bridge Reconstruction & Ramp Improvements at Belle Plaine

Location: MM 25-26 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Reconstruct bridge and improve ramps at Belle Plaine service area

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., Wichita, KS for \\$5,964,619.57](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 16, 2020

Scheduled Completion: August 2021

Traffic Impacts: No restrictions at this time

Latest Developments:

Bridge work has been completed at this location. Crews continue to work on the county access road to prepare for the bridge opening in early May, weather permitting. Work also continues at the Belle Plaine service area's south parking lot expansion with dirt work, seeding and fencing.

Pavement Resurfacing – Belle Plaine to Wichita

Location: MM 26.8-50.8 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Resurface roadway and interchanges from Belle Plaine area to Wichita

Contracted: [Cornjeo & Sons LLC, Wichita, KS for \\$11,351,469.90](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 19, 2021

Scheduled Completion:

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 65MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

Work has started on this two-year resurfacing project. Crews have begun construction of the nine crossovers to be built for this and future projects and will continue through June. Following crossover completion, resurfacing will begin.

East Kellogg/Wichita – Greenwich to K-96

Location: MM 51-53 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E.

Project Overview: [Rebuild East Kellogg/US-54 from Kellogg plaza east to K-96.](#)

Contracted: [Wildcat Construction Co. Inc. & Subsidiaries, Wichita, KS for \\$90,947,465.03](#)

Scheduled Start Date: [September 29, 2016](#)

Scheduled Completion: Late 2021

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic NB, 65 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

The northbound closures remain in place near the overhead bridges from MM 51-53.

Turnpike-specific impacts include:

- The new exit ramp from southbound I-35/KTA to westbound Kellogg/US54 is open. This is a cashless exit, with no toll booth. Cash customers can pay their toll online at www.PayKTA.com
- The new ramp connecting the eastbound Kellogg frontage road to southbound I-35/KTA is open. Cash customers using this plaza will not collect an entry ticket and will need to use the cash lanes upon exit and speak with the toll collector or remote attendant.
- Traffic exiting the Turnpike at Plaza 50/Webb will go east on Kellogg. Those desiring to travel west, will use the U-Turns provided at both Webb and Greenwich Roads.
- Access to Plaza 50/Webb is from the south frontage road.

Bridge Redeck & Widening near Andover

Location: MM 55.9 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Cody Vandevord, P.E., Mark Roberts, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Redeck and widen north and southbound mainline bridges

Contracted: [A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc., Atlantic IA for \\$3,287,327.73](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2020

Scheduled Completion: November 2021

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 65 MPH, 12-foot width restriction

Latest Developments:

The foundation work at this bridge has been completed, including driving pile, forming and pouring footings, columns and pier caps, and have installed bridge girders. Crews are now working to remove the existing bridge deck.

Pavement Surfacing with Ramp Improvements at El Dorado & Cassoday

Location: MM 70-97 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Resurface MM 70.8-96.3 with ramp improvements and parking lot surfacing

Contracted: [Cornejo & Sons LLC, Wichita, KS for \\$17,299,617.26](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2020

Scheduled Completion: Late spring 2021

Traffic Impacts: Daily lane closures

Latest Developments:

Resurfacing work is still underway between MM 84-79 in both directions. Once complete, crews will start the next phase of resurfacing MM79-75 in both directions.

Pavement Surfacing east of Topeka

Location: MM 183-197 on I-70/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E., Josh Coffin, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Pavement surfacing MM 183.3-197.8 and Lecompton interchange, expanded truck parking at Topeka Service Area.

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc., Topeka, KS for \\$9,485,442.78](#)

Scheduled Start Date: May 2020

Scheduled Completion: October 2021

Traffic Impacts: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

The new expanded truck parking area at the Topeka service area has been opened, with clean up and fence work remaining. Crews plan to seal the expanded truck lot toward the end of May, weather permitting.

Pavement Surfacing east of Lawrence

Location: MM 210-224 on I-70/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E., Josh Coffin, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Pavement surfacing MM 210.7-224.1

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc., Topeka, KS for \\$6,884,279.60](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Summer 2020

Scheduled Completion: Late Summer 2021

Traffic Impacts: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

This spring, the contractor will resume work to finish resurfacing by late summer 2021.

Maintenance projects, system wide

The KTA maintenance crews work hard to ensure a smooth ride for customers. You may encounter them performing routine maintenance along the 236-mile roadway. These less time-intensive projects normally do not cause traffic delays and are communicated only through social media and roadway signage. However, travelers should drive cautiously in all work zones.