



## September 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## Cashless Tolling Zones – Sumner & Sedgwick Counties

*Location:* MM 21-50 on I-35/KTA

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

*Project Overview:* Construct the first five cashless tolling zones

*Contracted:* [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., Wichita, KS for \\$6,471,475.32](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* June 9, 2021

*Scheduled Completion:* July 2022

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

### **Latest Developments:**

Work continues on KTA's first set of cashless toll zones in Sumner and Sedgwick counties. The first phase of work is complete at MM 50, 47 and 39 in Wichita with gantry work to take place in 2022. Work continues at MM 21, 30 and 36 to complete the footings.

## 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:* October 2022

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

### **Latest Developments:**

Resurfacing will begin from MM 40-46, including Plaza 42 (South Wichita) and Plaza 45 (K-15) in mid-to-late September, weather permitting.

## 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:* None at this time

### **Latest Developments:**

Work is nearing completion, with the new northbound entry ramp to open in late-September, weather permitting.

Turnpike-specific impacts include:

- The exit ramp from southbound I-35/KTA to westbound Kellogg/US54 is a **cashless exit, with no toll booth**. Cash customers can pay their toll online at [www.PayKTA.com](http://www.PayKTA.com)
- The ramp connecting the eastbound Kellogg frontage road to southbound I-35/KTA is electronic. 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's frontage road. 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, 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:* None at this time

### **Latest Developments:**

All bridge work has been completed and traffic has been normalized. Final seeding and fencing will be completed in November.

## Bridge Redeck & Raise near El Dorado

*Location:* MM 61 and 69 on I-35/KTA

*Project Manager:* Cody Vandevord, Mark Roberts, Project Coordinator

*Project Overview:* Redeck and increase vertical clearance of two overhead bridges

*Contracted:* [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company Inc., Wichita, KS for \\$1,779,289.74](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* June 21, 2021

*Scheduled Completion:* November 2022

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

### **Latest Developments:**

The bridge deck at MM 61 has been poured. Contractors are now working to install guardrail, form mainline pier protection, and grade approaches on Santa Fe Lake road.

## Bridge Raising/Elevation Project – Lyon, Chase & Osage Counties

*Location:* MM 105-151 on I-35 & I-335/KTA

*Project Manager:* Luke Coltrane, P.E.

*Project Overview:* [Increase vertical clearance](#) of 11 bridges crossing over the Kansas Turnpike

*Contracted:* [Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City, MO for \\$8,957,861](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* [June 1, 2021](#)

*Scheduled Completion:* October 2022

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

***Latest Developments:***

Work at MM 114.68 (Yy Road in Chase County), and MM 105 (Sharps Creek Road) is complete. The bridge at MM 132.34 (Rd 220) was lifted earlier this month, and work began on the bridge at MM 117.94 (Rd B) and is scheduled to be lifted later this month. Bridges in 2022 include: MM 131.23, MM 139.61, MM 145.67, MM 153.12, MM 154.93, MM 156.55, and MM 161.03.

## Bridge Redeck & Raise near Topeka

*Location:* MM 171-173 on I-335/KTA

*Project Manager:* Shannon Moore, P.E., Nathan Anstey, Project Coordinator

*Project Overview:* Redeck and increase vertical clearance of two overhead bridges

*Contracted:* [Wildcat Construction Co. Inc. & Subsidiaries, Wichita, KS for \\$2,810,460.15](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* [June 14, 2021](#)

*Scheduled Completion:* September 2022

*Traffic Impacts:* Periodic lane closures

***Latest Developments:***

The bridge has been decked at MM 171.347 (Wannamaker Rd) and the required parts of the bridge have been sandblasted and repainted. Crews will be working the next month getting the reinforcing steel laid in and plan to pour the bridge deck concrete.

## 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:* Nightly lane closures

***Latest Developments:***

Work is nearing completion with inside shoulders in both directions and almost all driving lanes being paved. Paving is anticipated to finish by the end of September, weather permitting.

## **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.