



April 2022 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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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 five cashless tolling zones for cashless tolling in 2024

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: None at this time

Latest Developments:

Ground work on KTA's first set of cashless toll zones in Sumner and Sedgwick counties is complete. Placement of the overhead gantries will take place in May, weather permitting, via rolling roadblocks.

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: None at this time

Latest Developments:

Resurfacing and milling is taking place from MM 26-39 in both directions and crews will continue with plaza work at the Haysville and Mulvane exits in the month of May.

Multiple Bridges Redeck & Widening – South Wichita

Location: MM 41-44 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Cody Vandevord

Project Overview: Redeck and widen bridges at MM 41.1, 42.4, and 43.8 with new cashless tolling site at MM 43

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Wichita, KS for \\$9,179,847.53](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 14, 2022

Scheduled Completion: November 2023

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 60 MPH speed reduction, 12ft width restriction

Latest Developments:

MM 41.437 (over 55th St) – A portion of the northbound bridge deck has been removed. Crews are working on installing the substructure of the bridge including, driving H-pile, constructing concrete footings, columns and pier caps.

MM 42.445 (over Hydraulic St) – The northbound bridge deck has been removed in preparation for bridge girders in late-May, weather permitting.

MM 42.850 (over 47th St) – Crews are working to remove the northbound bridge deck. Utility construction will be taking place in May.

Bridge Removal near Andover

Location: MM 55 on I-35/KTA

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

Project Overview: Remove overhead bridge and conduct Main Street improvements in Andover

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., Wichita, KS for \\$370,069.90.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 2022

Scheduled Completion: June 2022

Traffic Impacts: Daily lane closures

Latest Developments:

A short project to remove the overhead bridge crossing the Kansas Turnpike at MM 55 will begin late April, weather permitting.

Cashless Tolling Zones – Andover to Emporia

Location: MM 56-123 on I-35/KTA

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

Project Overview: Construct various cashless tolling zones for cashless tolling in 2024

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., Wichita, KS for \\$6,643,086.81.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 14, 2022

Scheduled Completion: July 2023

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

Latest Developments:

Work continues at MM 56.4 near Andover, MM 73.5 near El Dorado and MM 86 south of Cassoday with crews working on creating footings for the overhead gantries and new concrete roadway.

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 speed reduction, 14ft width restriction

Latest Developments:

At MM 69 (Purity Springs Rd), crews have removed the guardrail, the entire bridge deck and the bridge abutments. Crew will be working to raise the structure later this month.

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 various bridges crossing over the turnpike

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

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

Scheduled Completion: October 2022

Traffic Impacts: Periodic lane closures with 12-foot width restriction

Latest Developments:

Work continues at three bridges, mile markers 156.55, 161.03, and MM 154.93. All three bridges have been lifted and crews continue on earthwork and pier protection. Other bridges in 2022 include: MM 131.23, MM 139.61, MM 145.67, and MM 153.12.

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 and drainage improvements at MM 172

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:

69th street over the Kansas Turnpike at MM 172.477 has closed. Crews have removed the old bridge deck and are working to raise the girder assembly before moving to build forms for the new concrete deck.

Cashless Tolling Zones – I-70/KTA Area

Location: MM 187-211 on I-70/KTA

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

Project Overview: Construct four cashless toll zones for cashless tolling in 2024

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, for \\$9,992,345.92.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 2022

Scheduled Completion: October 2023

Traffic Impacts: Shoulder closures, 55 MPH speed reduction, 12-foot width restriction

Latest Developments:

Work for the third section of cashless toll zones began earlier this month at MM 200.6 and MM 202.4. Crews have begun dirt work to prepare the road for widening at MM 200.6 and will move to 202.4 for the same before moving to construction of the footings to hold overhead gantries.

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.