



## September 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 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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## **Pavement Resurfacing – Oklahoma Border to Wellington**

*Location:* MM 0-13 on I-35/KTA

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

*Project Overview:* Resurface roadway from MM 0 at Okla. border to south of Wellington

*Contracted:* [Koss Construction Co., Topeka, KS for \\$8,071,641.60.](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* June 1, 2022

*Scheduled Completion:* November 2022

*Traffic Impacts:*

### ***Latest Developments:***

This project has been completed with traffic normalized.

## **Bridge Rehabilitation – Ninescah River near Belle Plaine**

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

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

*Project Overview:* Rehabilitate north and southbound mainline bridge over the Ninescah River

*Contracted:* [A.M. Cohron & Sons, Inc., Atlantic, IA, for \\$2,030,925.50](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* June 1, 2022

*Scheduled Completion:* Fall 2023

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

### ***Latest Developments:***

Work continues on the northbound mainline bridge over the Ninescah River to repair joints before the winter shutdown in mid-November.

## **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 MMs 44.437, 42.445, and 42.850 including a 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:***

Contractors have finished all phase two substructure work at the 55<sup>th</sup> street bridge. Over the next month contractors will be getting ready to finish the bridge deck.

At Hydraulic Street, contractors have completed all substructure work and erected the new girders. Over the next month contractors will be preparing to pour the new bridge deck.

At the 47<sup>th</sup> Street bridge, crews recently poured the bridge deck and will be working on the approaches and the bridge rails.

## **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 five cashless tolling zones for the change to 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

### ***Latest Developments:***

Toll zones footings and pavement have been completed at MMs 56, 60, 68, 73, and 86 with MM 95 and 122 in final stages of completion. At MM 96 in both directions, crews are working on concrete box drainage structures.

## **Bridge Painting – Flint Hills Area**

*Location:* MM 99 to MM 170 on I-35 & I-335/KTA

*Project Manager:* Kristina Ericksen, P.E.

*Project Overview:* Paint eight bridges to protect and preserve their structural steel

*Contracted:* [Lindner Painting, Inc., Lincoln, NB, for \\$413,300.](#)

*Scheduled Start Date:* July 2022

*Scheduled Completion:* November 2022

*Traffic Impacts:* Periodic lane closures

### ***Latest Developments:***

Bridge painting has been completed at MM 86.6, 99.590, 101.730, 102.260, 148.590, and 158.963. Crews are currently working to paint at MM 169.627, then finally back south at MM 122.590. Work at each location is anticipated to take around 10 days, weather permitting.

## **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 ft width restriction, 65 MPH speed reuction

***Latest Developments:***

Work at MM 145.67 has been completed with work finishing up at MM 153.12 in the next couple of weeks. Crews have lifted the bridge at MM 139.61 earlier this month and preparation work at the remaining bridge MM 131.23 began in mid-September.

## **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 with 12' width restrictions, 65 MPH reduction

***Latest Developments:***

Work is nearly completed at this location with seeding, guardrail and other finishing items remaining. It is anticipated to open the roadway up in the next month, weather permitting.

## **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 five cashless tolling zones for the change to 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:* 55-65 MPH speed reduction, 12 ft width restriction

***Latest Developments:***

Cashless tolling ground work continues at MMs 202.4, 200.6, 191 (eastbound only), and 187 (westbound only) where crews are working to install gantry footings, remove pavement, install conduit and pour pavement and median wall.

## **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.