



November 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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Bridge Rehabilitation – Ninnescah 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 Ninnescah 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: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Crews have completed repairs on the northbound lanes of the bridge and traffic has returned to normal. Remaining work will resume in March 2023.

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 41.437, 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: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Bridge work is complete, and traffic has returned to normal.

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: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Ground work, including toll zone footings and pavement, has been completed at all locations. Overhead gantries will be installed with rolling roadblocks at MM 86 the first week of December. Remaining overhead gantries will be installed at MMs 56, 60, and 73 in Spring 2023.

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: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Bridge painting has been completed at each location.

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: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Bridge work has been completed at each location, and traffic has returned to normal.

Cashless Tolling Zones – Emporia to Topeka

Location: MM 131-179 on I-335 & I-70/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E.

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

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, for \\$4,205,172.49](#)

Scheduled Start Date: October 2022

Scheduled Completion: October 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Ground work, including toll zone footings and pavement, has been completed at all location.

Placement of the overhead gantries will take place in 2023.

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: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Ground work, including toll zone footings and pavement, has been completed at all location. Placement of the overhead gantries will take place in 2023.

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.