



August 2020 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 Painting

Location: MM 3-11 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Preston Turner

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

Contracted: Linder Painting, Inc. Lincoln, NB for \$208,290

Scheduled Start Date: mid-July 2020

Scheduled Completion: late August 2020

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

This project was completed on August 14.

Ramp & Drainage Improvements at Wellington Interchange

Location: MM 19 on I-35/KTA

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

Project Overview: Increase drainage capacity and extend acceleration/deceleration ramps near Wellington toll plaza

Contracted: [Klaver Construction Co. Inc., Wichita, KS for \\$3,542,697.03](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2020

Scheduled Completion: November 2020

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 60 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

Pier work, guardrail and rip rap have been completed. Construction is in progress on the center portion of the drainage box.

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: Single lane traffic, 60 MPH speed reduction, 12-foot width restriction

Latest Developments:

Crews continue to work on the overhead bridge abutments at mile marker 25.47 and laying asphalt on the ramp extensions at the Belle Plaine Service Area.

Bridge Raising/Elevation Project

Location: MM 20-22, 59-99 on I-35/KTA

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

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

Contracted: [Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City, MO for \\$8,267,419](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 25, 2019

Scheduled Completion: Summer 2020

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

Latest Developments:

Work has been completed on the Ohio Street bridge at mile marker 65.587. The final bridge in this contract, at mile marker 6.059, began earlier this month and is anticipated to be completed in early September, weather permitting. Construction completed earlier includes bridges at mile markers 20.172, 21.146, 22.147, 59.247, 59.997, 62.777, 66.747, 71.087 and 99.590.

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, 65 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

Progress continues on construction of the new westbound Kellogg bridge over I-35/KTA. Crews recently completed pouring the bridge deck and it is curing.

Turnpike-specific impacts include:

- 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.
- The K-96 ramp from Plaza 53/K-96 to westbound Kellogg is closed for the duration of the project.

Bridge Reconstruction in Andover

Location: MM 54.4 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Project led by the City of Andover, Glen Scott, P.E. – KTA Liaison

Project Overview: Remove and replace the 159th street bridge over the Kansas Turnpike.
Scheduled Start Date: December 2, 2019
Scheduled Completion: November 2020
Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

Work has begun on the bridge rails and will follow with the removal of falsework under the cured deck. Lanes will reopen on I-35/KTA following the falsework removal.

Bridge Redeck & Widening near Andover

Location: MM 55.9 on I-35/KTA
Project Manager: Glen Scott, 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 speed reduction, 12-foot width restriction

Latest Developments:

All substructure work is complete and the steel girders for the widening of the northbound bridge are set. Crews are working to remove and replace the north and south abutments.

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: October 2020
Traffic Impacts: Daily lane closures

Latest Developments:

Grading, paving and pier protection work at the Cassoday and El Dorado interchanges have been complete. Milling and paving the mainline (I-35/KTA) has begun southbound at MM 96.3.

Flint Hills Bridge Construction

Location: MM 99.96 on I-35/KTA
Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts, Project Coordinator
Project Overview: Redeck and widen southbound mainline bridge
Contracted: [A.M. Cohron & Sons, Inc., Atlantic, IA for \\$4,817,485.94](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 25, 2019

Scheduled Completion: Summer 2020

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

Latest Developments:

This project was completed with the roadway opened to full traffic on August 3.

Bridge, Drainage, & Paving Construction Near Emporia

Location: MM 112.3-132.2 on I-35 & I-335/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts and Nathan Anstey, Project Coordinators

Project Overview: Expansion joints, ramp and parking improvements at Emporia service area, drainage improvements and pavement mill and inlay.

Contracted: [Cornejo & Sons LLC, Wichita, KS for \\$15,309,973.20](#)

Scheduled Start Date: [August 1, 2019](#)

Scheduled Completion: Summer 2020

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

Latest Developments:

Work to lengthen the ramps at the Emporia Service Area continues. Drainage box work at MM 132 will continue over the next several weeks. Bridge joint construction has moved to the northbound side at MM 125. When ramp, drainage, and bridge work is completed, crews will start the final phase of resurfacing from MM 131-133 in both directions.

Bridge Redeck and Widening North of Emporia

Location: MM 143.18 on I-335/KTA

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

Project Overview: Redeck and widen north and southbound mainline bridges north of Emporia.

Contracted: [A.M. Cohron & Sons, Inc., Atlantic, IA for \\$2,639,760.22](#)

Scheduled Start Date: February 11, 2020

Scheduled Completion: Late November 2020

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

Latest Developments:

The deck and outside edge corral rail were poured on the southbound bridge. Dirt work was also completed, and crews are currently working on slope protection with asphalt for the bridge approaches to follow.

Drainage Improvements near Admire

Location: MM 151-153 on I-335/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E., Nathan Anstey, Project Coordinator

Project Overview: Increase drainage capacity with reinforced box drainage culverts

Contracted: [King's Construction, Oskaloosa, KS for \\$1,936,481](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2020

Scheduled Completion: December 2020

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

Latest Developments:

Drainage box work has switched to the southbound side. Crews will be casting in place box extensions.

Bridge Rehabilitation & Raising on K-31 Bridge

Location: MM 155 on I-335/KTA

Project Manager: Shannon Moore, P.E.

Project Overview: Redeck and increase vertical clearance of overhead K-31 bridge

Contracted: [Wildcat Construction Co. Inc. & Subsidiaries, Wichita, KS for \\$1,464,445.39](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Spring 2020

Scheduled Completion: December 2020

Traffic Impacts: Periodic lane closures

Latest Developments:

Crews are working on shoulder pier barrier construction. The contractor is preparing the bridge deck to be poured sometime in August.

Pavement Surfacing including South Topeka Interchange

Location: MM 167-183 on I-335/KTA & I-470/KTA

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

Project Overview: Resurface MM 167.7-183.3, including the South Topeka toll plaza

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc., Topeka, KS for \\$8,560,384.70](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 2020

Scheduled Completion: November 2020

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, speed reduced to 65 mph

Latest Developments:

North and southbound driving lanes have been paved, as well as the inside shoulders. Once surfacing the mainline is complete, crews will resurface the ramps at MM 177 (South Topeka) and 182 (East Topeka).

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: Daily lane closures

Latest Developments:

Resurfacing of the east and westbound lanes of I-70/KTA, both shoulders and ramps connecting Lecompton and Topeka Service Area are complete and crews are finishing roadway striping at these locations. Concrete patching on multiple ramps of the K-4/I-70/KTA interchange continues.

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: November 2020

Traffic Impacts: Nightly lane closures

Latest Developments:

This project is anticipated to begin in September, with details available closer to that time.

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.