



December 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 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: No restrictions at this time

Latest Developments:

Crews poured the southbound bridge deck and are prepping the northbound deck to be poured after the new year. Crews continue to work weather permitting and will continue with some daily closures northbound if needed.

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 NB, 65 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

Construction continues on the new southbound ramps off the Turnpike to westbound Kellogg. The southbound lane closures have been removed and northbound closures have been shortened to the overhead bridges.

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.

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: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

Work is complete on the northbound bridge for this season. Construction will continue next spring to re-deck and widen the southbound bridge at this location.

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: Late spring 2021

Traffic Impacts: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

Resurfacing is completed from MM 96 to MM 84. Following a winter break, paving work will resume between MM 70.8 to MM 84 with a scheduled completion in late spring 2021.

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: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

This project is substantially complete with traffic normalized.

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: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

This project was completed earlier this month with traffic normalized.

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: No impacts at this time.

Latest Developments:

This project was completed earlier this month with traffic normalized.

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: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

Work continues on the truck parking improvements at the Topeka service area. Crews are working outside the existing area with asphalt and curb work.

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: No impacts at this time

Latest Developments:

Work is completed for this year. Next spring, the contractor will resume work to finish resurfacing by late summer 2021.

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.