



January 2019 Construction Report

This report is intended to provide motorists with 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. Photos of the construction projects can be found on Flickr [here](#) and additional information on each project can be found on the KTA website [here](#).

Many of the projects included are part of KTA's 2015 Long Term Needs Study. This study outlines projects for one decade (2016-2025) aimed at preserving, modernizing and enhancing the Turnpike system. More information on the study can be found [here](#).

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.

~ David Jacobson, P.E., KTA Director of Engineering

Southern Terminal Reconstruction (MM 16-17)

Scheduled completion: December 2019, weather permitting

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts, Engineering Tech

This project began September 18, 2018 and will convert the Southern Terminal located at mile marker 16.5 I-35/KTA to open road tolling, which allows electronic customers to move through the toll plaza at highway speeds. Travelers who prefer to pay with cash can slow and pull to the right, well out of way of highway traffic. Included in the project is the reconstruction of two bridges crossing I-35/KTA – the 30th Street South Bridge (MM 17) followed by the 40th Street South Bridge (MM 16).

Work continues on the reconstruction of the 30th Street South Bridge. Some concrete bridge girders have been placed and more are scheduled to be set the week of January 20th, weather permitting. The contractor is also continuing drainage structure improvements and work to extend utilities to the new cash lanes, east of the existing road.

The Turnpike is using Smart Work Zone technology to provide advanced notice of slowed or stopped traffic to travelers approaching the construction zone. The speed limit approaching the project is reduced to 55 mph with further reductions, as posted, through the toll plaza itself. Drivers are encouraged to stay alert and avoid distractions within the work zone.

Bridge Construction south of Wichita (MM 40.02 and 40.45)

Scheduled completion: October 25, 2019

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E.

Rehabilitation of four mainline bridges located two miles south of the South Wichita (I-35/I-135) Interchange in Sedgwick County at mile markers 40.02 and 40.45 I-35/KTA was awarded in December to Wildcat Construction Co., Inc. & Subsidiaries, Wichita, KS for \$2,983,598.75. Construction is scheduled to begin on March 11 with details released closer to that time.

East Kellogg/Wichita – Greenwich to K-96 (MM 51-53)

Scheduled completion: late 2021

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E.

Construction is underway to rebuild East Kellogg/US 54 from the Turnpike's Kellogg toll plaza east to K-96 including new connections between Kellogg (US 54/400) and I-35/KTA. Visit www.E54ict.com to read about project construction not related to KTA travel.

Turnpike travel impacts:

- Drivers can expect the right lane of northbound and southbound I-35/KTA to be closed between the K-96 and East Kellogg toll plazas (mile markers 53-51, I-35/KTA.) This closure allows for the construction of bridges and the new southbound KTA entry ramp.
- Traffic exiting the Turnpike at Plaza 50/Kellogg will go east on Kellogg. Those desiring to travel west, will use the U-Turn provided at Webb Road or the U-turn ½ mile east of Webb Road.
- Access to the East Kellogg toll plaza is from the south frontage road (west of KTA.) Eastbound mainline Kellogg traffic, that does not exit on the frontage road, is directed to the K-96 toll plaza. Westbound Kellogg traffic continues to use the U-Turn at Rock Road to reach the south frontage road and the toll plaza.
- Traffic exiting at K-96 toll plaza should note that the K-96 ramp to westbound Kellogg is closed for the duration of the project.

Learn more about the project, see the construction schedule, and stay informed of traffic impacts by regularly visiting the web site www.E54ict.com or by following @E54ict on Twitter.

Flint Hills Bridge Construction (MM 94, MM 99.96)

Scheduled completion: December 13, 2019

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E.

A project to mill and overlay bridges in Butler County (mile marker 94) and re-deck and widen bridges in Chase County (mile marker 99.96) on I-35/KTA was awarded in December to A.M. Cohron & Sons, Inc., Atlantic, Iowa for \$4,817,485.94. Construction is anticipated to begin in late January, with details available closer to that time.

Bridge Construction near Emporia (MM 129-130.3)

Scheduled completion: mid-November 2019, weather permitting

Project Manager: Shannon Moore, P.E., Nathan Anstey, Engineering Tech

A two-year project involving ten I-335/KTA bridges northwest of Emporia began March 2018. Construction includes re-decking and widening mainline bridges (mile marker 130.360), rehabilitating bridges (mile markers 129.18, 129.71, 129.96) and removing a mainline bridge over abandoned railroad tracks (mile marker 130.120). Construction on the northbound side occurred in 2018 and traffic is normalized until spring 2019, when southbound construction will begin.

Pavement Resurfacing (MM 133.2-167.8) and Admire Interchange (MM 147)

Scheduled completion: spring 2019, weather permitting

Project Manager: Rich Olson, P.E., Nathan Anstey, Engineering Tech

A project to mill and inlay the driving lanes and sealing the shoulders of I-335/KTA from mile marker 133.2 and 167.8 I-335/KTA began May 21, 2018. Resurfacing the Admire Interchange at mile marker 147 was also included in the project. The majority of this work is complete, and in the spring, the contractor will finish sealing the shoulders.

Bridge Raising/Elevation Project – (MM 137-165)

Scheduled completion: late November 2018, weather permitting

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E

Construction to increase the vertical clearance of eleven bridges crossing over I-335/KTA to at least 15'-9" was completed in December. These bridges are located between Emporia and south Topeka.

Re-deck & Increase Vertical Clearance of Bridges – (MM 168.297 & 169.627)

Scheduled completion: late November 2019, weather permitting

Project Manager: Shannon Moore, P.E.

Construction has started on a two-year project to re-deck and increase the vertical clearance of bridges crossing over I-335/KTA at mile marker 168.297 (SW 93rd Street) and 169.627 (SW 85th Street). Work on the SW 85th Street was completed in early December. In 2019, the SW 93rd Street bridge will be reconstructed.

Truck Parking and Information Management System

Scheduled completion: first quarter 2019, weather permitting

Project Manager: Rex Fleming, P.E.

This project will utilize technology to provide notice of available truck parking at each of KTA's six service areas and provide alerts of a driver leaving the service area going the wrong way.

Equipment, such as camera poles, have arrived and crews are in the process of installation at the service areas. Additional equipment is still in the process of being fabricated.

Maintenance projects, system wide

Ongoing

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.

A Look Ahead...

Some other projects KTA will receive bids on in the near future include:

- Bridge Rehabilitation & Raise, Br. No. 102.26
- Pavement Resurfacing MM 197-210.7
- Drainage Structure Enhancements MM 212.1 and 214.2
- Ramp Improvements at Lecompton Interchange, MM 197
- Ramp Improvements at Tonganoxie Interchange, MM 212
- Pavement Resurfacing MM 112-133
- Drainage Structure Enhancement MM 132.2
- Ramp Improvements at Emporia Service Area, MM 132
- Bridge Raising #3 MM 20-22 & 59-99 (10 bridges)
- Bridge Redeck, Nos. 61 & 69