



March 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: June 2020

Scheduled Completion: August 2020

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction

Latest Developments:

Work is expected to begin June 2020, weather permitting. Details will be available closer to that time.

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:

Traffic control has been placed in the area on both the north and southbound sides. Crews have begun median work for future traffic control before moving to remove the old drainage box located near the Wellington toll plaza.

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, 65 MPH speed reduction, 12-foot width restriction

Latest Developments:

Traffic control has been placed in the area on both the north and southbound sides. Crews are preparing to begin ramp extension work at the Belle Plaine service area and will begin demolition work on the overhead bridges at mile marker 25.47.

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 resumed on this project, beginning at mile marker 99.590. Crews have closed the local road crossing over the Kansas Turnpike, placed traffic control on the mainline and have begun work to prepare the bridge for lifting. Construction completed earlier include bridges at mile markers 20.172, 21.146, 22.147, 59.247, 59.997, 62.777, 66.747 and 71.087. Two remaining bridges include mile markers 65.587 and 6.059.

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:

The westbound Kellogg bridge has been removed with work continuing on the new westbound bridge. 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/Kellogg 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/Kellogg 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

Bridge Redeck & Widening near Andover

Location: MM 55 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:

Crews have begun creating median crossovers for single lane traffic to the southbound side.

Once traffic is switched, construction will focus on the demolition of the northbound bridge in preparation of reconstruction and widening.

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:

Crews have begun median work near the El Dorado and Cassoday interchanges to prepare for the ramp improvements. Drivers can currently expect single lane closures in the passing lanes during this time.

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:

Traffic control has been placed and crossovers are completed for single lane traffic to the northbound side. Crews have begun demolition work on the southbound bridge in preparation of reconstruction and widening.

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 will soon begin on this project with milling and paving from mile markers 124 – 130 on I-335/KTA. Once complete, crews will switch traffic to the southbound side with work to be started on the northbound bridges at mile markers 124.68 and 125.22.

Bridge Redeck and Widening North of Emporia

Location: MM 143.1 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:

Crews have begun creating median crossovers for single lane traffic. Once traffic is switched, construction will focus on the demolition of the bridge in preparation of reconstruction and widening of the bridge.

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:

Crews have begun creating median crossovers for single lane traffic to the southbound side. Once traffic is switched, construction will begin on expanding the box culverts on the northbound side at mile markers 151.5 and 153.8.

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:

Work is expected to begin on this bridge project in later this spring, weather permitting. Details will be available closer to that time.

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

Latest Developments:

Work is expected to begin on this paving project in April 2020, weather permitting. Details will be available closer to that time.

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:

Work is expected to begin on this paving project in summer 2020, weather permitting. Details will be 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.