



September 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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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:

Crews are nearing final completion as they work toward completing construction on the northbound box culvert extension.

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 have completed the Belle Plaine service area ramp improvements and continue to work on the new overhead bridges. Demolition has started on southbound mainline bridge at MM26.2 just prior to the 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:

All bridges for the 2019-2020 year has been completed with the final bridge at MM 6.059. Construction completed include bridges at mile markers 6.059, 20.172, 21.146, 22.147, 59.247, 59.997, 62.777, 65.587, 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 the new westbound Kellogg bridge over I-35/KTA. Crews recently completed the bridge deck and are working on rails and backfilling of the abutments.

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:

Bridge work over KTA is completed. The contractor will finish grading and planting grass to restore the right-of-way to its original condition. Lane and shoulder closures will remain in effect at this location until that work has been completed.

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:

The existing deck has been removed and crews have begun placing falsework for the new deck. The lower portions of both abutments have been placed. Soon, crews will continue placing falsework and begin tying steel for the new deck.

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:

Roadway paving from MM 89-96 is nearly complete and crews will move to paving MM 79-89 following that completion.

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:

The final box culvert was poured earlier this month at MM 132 where crews will continue on back fill work and resurfacing over the new box. Bridge rehabilitation work at MM 124 and 125

are completed. The final phase of resurfacing MM 131-133 will start later this month with a project completion of mid-October, weather permitting.

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:

This project is substantially complete with earlier this month after laying asphalt, placing guardrail, striping and temporary grass and has been opened to traffic.

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:

The new drainage box at MM 153 has been poured and crews will work on backfill and rock placement in the next month. Excavation for the southbound box at MM 151 is scheduled to be excavated and poured in the next month.

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:

The new bridge deck was poured earlier this week and crews will work on the roadway approaches following the completion of the deck pour.

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:

The mainline, rumble strips and ramp paving has been completed. In the next month, the Topeka maintenance area and shoulder wedge along the mainline will be rocked.

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:

Crews continue concrete patch work at Plaza 182. After, work will begin on the truck parking improvements at the Topeka service area.

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 October, 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.