Kansas Avenue bridge in Leavenworth county opens

Wichita, KS – A newly constructed Kansas Avenue Bridge in Leavenworth County is open to traffic. The bridge, which crosses over the Turnpike I-70/Turnpike near mile marker 221, was reconstructed this past year.

Crews are still in the area for demolition of the old bridge and construction of a new median barrier on I-70/Turnpike. Travelers should expect lane drops and construction activity near the roadway until mid-December, weather permitting.

The Kansas Ave bridge (Br. No. 221.542) had deteriorated to the point that it needed to be reconstructed. AM Cohron & Sons is the contractor for the project.

Most bridges crossing over the Turnpike are approximately the same age - 50+ years. During the next several years, KTA will be re-decking many of these bridges. Future bridge re-decking schedule will be determined by annual bridge inspections.

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