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Open road tolling to begin at East Topeka toll plaza

TOPEKA, Kan.— On November 7, the newly reconstructed Kansas Turnpike toll plaza in east Topeka (I-70/KTA mile marker 183) will transition to an open road method of toll collection. The traffic conversion is expected to take place between midday Tuesday and midday Wednesday, weather permitting. Travelers should pay close attention through the tolling area in East Topeka during this transition.

By midday Wednesday, the following changes should be in place. Changes to this schedule will be communicated on Twitter www.twitter.com/kansasturnpike

Westbound I-70/KTA drivers traveling through the area should expect the following changes:

- Electronic users continue traveling at highway speeds through the toll area.
- Cash travelers exit right to toll plaza for toll payment.
- Electronic drivers going to K-4 will use the far-right K-TAG lane in the cash area.

Eastbound I-70/KTA (entry) drivers have experienced open road tolling since August in a single lane. However, a second highway speed electronic lane will open November 9-13. Electronic customers will stay on the roadway when entering the Turnpike and cash travelers will exit right to receive their entry ticket. Electronic drivers coming from K-4 will use the far-right K-TAG lane in the cash area.

The East Topeka toll plaza has been under construction since October 2017 to convert the toll area to a new style of tolling known as open road tolling. Open road tolling allows highway-speed travel in electronic lanes but still provides a cash option. View this [open road tolling video](#) to see how to use the toll plaza.

Drivers should not stop in the electronic lanes. Drivers who forget their cash entry ticket at the East Topeka toll plaza can let their collector know when exiting (or press the help button on a self-pay machine). Drivers who use an electronic lane without a compatible device, such as a K-TAG, will be tolled at the violation rate and receive a mailed violation statement. Information about violations can be found here: <https://www.ksturnpike.com/travel/tolls>

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About KTA:

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn't receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the [current long-term plan](#), KTA is investing \$1.2 billion in over 40 projects. KTA's mission is to provide safe, economical, high-quality transportation service to its customers.

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