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## **Eight construction projects completed on Kansas Turnpike**

WICHITA, Kan. – Holiday travelers will experience fewer construction zones along the Kansas Turnpike with eight of KTA's 2018 construction projects complete. Four projects are currently underway, which are scheduled to be complete before the end of the year, weather permitting.

Many of these projects were identified in KTA's [2015 Long Term Needs Study](#) and are aimed to preserve, modernize and enhance the Turnpike system through 2025. To-date, the KTA has spent more than \$189m on customer-driven improvements since January 2016, when work on projects outlined in the Study began.

Construction updates on all projects are published monthly in KTA's electronic newsletter. Sign-up using the form located at the bottom of any page on [www.ksturnpike.com](http://www.ksturnpike.com).

Drivers are also urged to check for traffic impacts at <http://www.kandrive.org/>, subscribe to KTA Alerts for roadway incident information at <http://bit.ly/KHeX6g>, follow the Kansas Turnpike on Twitter, and watch for information on KTA's digital message boards.

The eight completed projects, and their locations, include:

- Mile Marker (MM) 0.6, I-35/KTA (Sumner County): New north and southbound bridges for drainage improvement;
- MM 26, I-35/KTA (Sumner County): Constructed scour protection beneath the Ninnescah River Bridges;
- MM 20-60, I-35/KTA (Sumner and Sedgwick Counties): Preservation work (painting) of eight overhead bridges;
- MM 42, I-35/KTA (Sedgwick County): New guardrail, high-mast lighting and ramp improvements;
- MM 96-112, I-35/KTA (Chase County): Pavement resurfacing including portions of Matfield Green Service Area and service area ramp improvements;
- MM 129-130, I-335/KTA (Lyon County): Construction on ten northbound bridges (first year of a two-year project);
- MM 177, I-470/KTA (Shawnee County): Reconstruction of bridges crossing over Topeka Boulevard and south Topeka Interchange ramp improvements;
- MM 183, I70/KTA (Shawnee County): Converted East Topeka toll plaza to open road tolling.

Projects anticipated to be complete by the end of the year, weather permitting, include:

- MM 4, 6, I-35/KTA (Sumner County): drainage improvements and ramp extensions at South Haven interchange;

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- MM 133-168, I-335/KTA (Lyon, Wabaunsee, and Osage Counties): Resurfaced roadway including the Admire Interchange;
- MM 137-165, I-335/KTA (Lyon, Wabaunsee, and Osage Counties): Increased vertical clearance of 11 bridges;
- MM 169, I-335/KTA (Shawnee County): Reconstruction of SW 85<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over the Turnpike.

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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 has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA's mission is to provide safe, economical, high-quality transportation service to its customers.

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