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KTA leader named Engineer of the Year

TOPEKA, Kan.— Kansas Turnpike Authority’s Director of Engineering, David Jacobson, was named Engineer of the Year by the Topeka Chapter of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) on February 28. This prestigious award recognizes a registered engineer’s outstanding contributions to their profession and community.

KTA’s Open Road Tolling conversion project at the East Topeka (I-70/KTA) toll plaza was also recognized as the Outstanding Engineering Achievement by KSPE Topeka Chapter.

“I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award than David,” said Steve Hewitt, KTA’s Chief Executive Officer. “He stands at the helm of our decade-long modernization and preservation efforts, most notably our work to convert mainline plazas to open road tolling. His work and dedication are enormous assets to KTA and in transforming tolling in Kansas.”

At KTA, Jacobson leads a team of staff assistants, field personnel and other professional engineers. Within Kansas, Jacobson has held and continues to hold multiple leadership roles, including Board Secretary of the Engineering Foundation of Kansas. In the past eight years, he has presented at more than 15 times at the state, regional, national and international level.

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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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