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Improvements near Emporia set to begin August 1

EMPORIA, Kan. – A two-year project for various improvements in Chase and Lyon counties on I-35/KTA and I-335/KTA is set to begin August 1, 2019, weather permitting. Construction includes:

- Pavement mill and inlay (mile marker 112.3-133.2);
- Replacing expansion joints on northbound and southbound bridges at the Cottonwood River (mile markers 124.68 and 125.22);
- Ramp and parking improvements at the Emporia service area (mile marker 132);
- Drainage improvements (mile marker 132.2).

Construction for 2019 includes work on the southbound bridges and paving from mile markers 112.3 to the bridges. This work is expected to be complete in late November, weather permitting. In 2020, construction will take place on the northbound bridges in addition to the drainage improvements and Emporia service area work. Paving the bridges through mile marker 132.2 will complete the project.

In late-August, all traffic will begin using the northbound lanes of I-35/KTA at the river bridges, where there will be a single, 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction. Single lane closures will also be in place, south of the river bridges, to accommodate paving. Speed will be reduced to 65 mph through the construction zone.

Drivers are urged to check for traffic impacts at www.KanDrive.org, subscribe to KTA Alerts for roadway incident information <http://bit.ly/KHeX6g>, follow the Kansas Turnpike on Twitter, and watch for information on KTA's digital message signs. Construction updates on this and other projects are published monthly in KTA's electronic newsletter. Sign up to receive the newsletter using the form located at the bottom of any page on www.ksturnpike.com.

This contract was awarded to Cornjeo & Sons, LLC., Wichita, KS, for \$15,309,973.20 in June 2019.

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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

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move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

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