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Multiple projects to begin or resume in March

WICHITA, Kan.— Construction season is set to begin on the Kansas Turnpike, with multiple projects starting or resuming by March 17, weather permitting. These projects, including linked additional details, and their traffic impacts include:

- [Ramp and Drainage Improvements \(Wellington\)](#): Project to increase drainage capacity at mile marker (MM) 19.8 on I-35/KTA and lengthen acceleration/deceleration ramps at the Wellington toll plaza. Expect single lane traffic with a 60 MPH speed reduction.
- [Bridge Reconstruction and Ramp Improvements \(Belle Plaine\)](#): A two-year project for a bridge reconstruction from MM 25-26 on I-35/KTA and ramp improvements at the Belle Plaine service area. Expect single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction and 12-foot width restrictions.
- [Bridge Raising/Elevation \(Sumner, Butler and Chase Counties\)](#): Construction will resume to increase the vertical clearance on 3 remaining bridges will begin at MM 65.587 I-35/KTA. Expect single lane traffic with 12-foot width restrictions.
- [Bridge Redeck and Widening \(Andover\)](#): Project to redeck and widen mainline bridges at MM 55.917, north and southbound, on I-35/KTA. Expect single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction and 12-foot width restrictions.
- [Pavement Surfacing with Ramp Improvements \(El Dorado & Cassoday\)](#): Pavement surfacing project from MM 70.8 to 96.3 on I-35/KTA with ramp improvements at the El Dorado and Cassoday interchanges. Expect single lanes near the plazas through June with daily lane closures following.
- [Bridge Redeck and Rehabilitation \(Chase County\)](#): Work to redeck and widen a mainline bridge will resume at MM 99.96 on I-35/KTA . Expect single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction and 12-foot width restrictions.
- [Bridge, Drainage & Paving \(Emporia\)](#): The second half of a two-year project will resume with bridge work at MM 124.68 & MM 125.22 and drainage and ramp improvements on I-335/KTA at the Emporia service area. Expect single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction and 12-foot width restrictions.
- [Bridge Redeck and Widening \(Admire\)](#): Project to redeck and widen mainline bridges at MM 143.1, north and southbound, on I-335/KTA. Expect single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction and 12-foot width restrictions.

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- [Drainage Improvements \(Admire\)](#): Project to increase drainage capacity at MM 151.5 and MM 153.8 on I-335/KTA. Expect single lane traffic, 65 MPH speed reduction and 12-foot width restrictions.
- [Bridge Rehabilitation and Raising \(K-31\)](#): Redeck and increase vertical clearance of overhead K-31 bridge at MM 155.5 over I-335/KTA. Expect periodic lane closures during the project.

Travelers can learn all about [Turnpike projects planned for 2020](#). Additional information about each project can be found in a monthly construction update by KTA's Director of Engineering on [KTA's construction page](#).

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.

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About KTA:

For nearly 65 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. [KTA's Strategic Plan](#) supports organizational goals with four strategic initiatives. KTA's mission is to move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

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