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Contract awarded and construction begins on I-70/KTA project

TOPEKA, Kan.— The Kansas Turnpike Authority announces KTA contract #7709 has been awarded and construction on I-70/KTA for pavement resurfacing is beginning.

The project includes pavement surfacing between mile markers 183.3 and 197.8, resurfacing the Lecompton Interchange (mile marker 197), and expanding truck parking at the Topeka Service Area (mile marker 188.) Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, was awarded this contract in late April for the bid amount of \$9,485,442.78. The contract is scheduled for completion in October 2021.

Resurfacing work on I-70/KTA will kick-off the project and take place during daytime hours until traffic volume increases at which time it will revert to overnight work. This phase of construction will continue into June. Drivers should expect single lane closures and uneven pavement during the resurfacing work. Speeds will be reduced to 65 mph in the construction zone.

Following I-70/KTA resurfacing, the Lecompton Interchange pavement will be overlaid at night. Expansion of truck parking at the Topeka Service area, concrete patching and shoulder sealing will be scheduled separately and will continue into 2021.

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 and found on [KTA's construction page](#). 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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