



November 2023 Construction Report

This report provides information about active construction projects on the Kansas Turnpike. Each project update is listed below and is prepared near the 20th of the month. **Completion dates listed are weather permitting.**

I encourage travelers to drive with caution in work zones and to check for traffic impacts at [KanDrive](#), subscribe to KTA alerts, follow the Kansas Turnpike on Twitter, and watch for information on the KTA's digital message boards.

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Guardrail Improvements – Okla. Border to South Wichita

Contract #:7917

Location: MM 0-42, I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Cody Vandevord, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: Guardrail improvements, extensions of culverts, concrete barrier pier protection and aggregate slope protection

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for \\$8,587,785.54](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 20, 2023

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project will resume Spring 2024.

Port of Entry Ramp Improvements – Okla./Kan. Border

Contract #:7920

Location: MM 1.7, I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: The length of the acceleration and deceleration lanes at the Port of Entry/commercial northbound ramp are being extended

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for \\$879,024.05](#)

Scheduled Start Date: October 2023

Scheduled Completion: July 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project will resume Spring 2024.

Drainage Improvement – Slate Creek

Contract #:7730

Location: MM 15, I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: Drainage improvements for Slate Creek

Contracted: [Alan's Excavating, Inc., Augusta, KS, for \\$684,283](#)

Scheduled Start Date: November 2023

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Dirt work has begun to extend dykes both directions.

Waterline Improvement – Sumner County

Contract #:8044

Location: MM 19 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts, Brain Boatright, KTA Utility Superintendent

Project Overview: Water main rehabilitation from Seneca Street to the Turnpike, along U.S. 160.

Contracted: [Mies Construction, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, for the bid amount of \\$250,026.00](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Spring 2024

Scheduled Completion: Summer 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Bridge Rehabilitation and Raising – 95th Street

*Contract #:*7531

Location: MM 36 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Cody Vandevord, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: Bridge redeck and raising, to increase overhead vertical clearance, of local road over Kansas Turnpike.

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., for the bid amount of \\$1,596,874.35](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Spring 2024

Scheduled Completion: Summer 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Multiple Bridges Redeck & Widening – South Wichita

*Contract #*7742

Location: MM 41-44 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Cody Vandevord, P.E.,

Project Overview: Redeck and widen bridges at MMs 41.437, 42.445, and 42.850 including a new cashless tolling zone at MM 43

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Wichita, KS for \\$9,179,847.53](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 14, 2022

Scheduled Completion: November 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project has been completed.

Demolition Toll Plaza – South Wichita

*Contract #:*8074

Location: MM 42, I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Cody Vandevord, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: Demolition and lane configuration of the existing South Wichita Toll Plaza including overhead structures and signing.

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., Wichita, KS, for the bid amount of \\$2,562,265.49](#)

Scheduled Start Date: July 2024

Scheduled Completion: October 2025

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments:

Pavement Resurfacing

*Contract #:*7985

Location: MM 50.8-71.3

Project Manager: Glen Scott, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: Pavement resurfacing of I-35/KTA from mile markers 50.8 to 71.3, including interchange and service area resurfacing.

Contracted: [Pearson Construction LLC, Wichita, KS, for the bid amount of \\$14,763,945.52](#)

Scheduled Start Date: July 2023

Scheduled Completion: November 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project has been completed.

High Friction Surfacing – Flint Hills

*Contract #:*7922

Location: MM 103 & 105 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Kristina Ericksen, P.E., Mark Roberts

Project Overview: Addition of high-friction surfacing

Contracted: [Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Plover, Wisconsin, for the bid amount of \\$534,321.04.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Spring 2024

Scheduled Completion: May 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments: Work will begin Spring 2024.

Bridge Redecking and Widening – Cottonwood River Flood Span

Contract #: 7801

Location: MM 125 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Shannon Moore, P.E., Nathan Anstey

Project Overview: Southbound bridge will be redecked and widened and northbound bridge will be rehabilitated.

Contracted: [A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc., Atlantic, Iowa, for \\$10,301,482.39.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Spring 2023

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Work continues around/under bridge through end of the year.

Cashless Tolling Zones – Emporia to Topeka

*Contract #:*7875

Location: MM 131-179 on I-335 & I-470/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E.

Project Overview: Construct four cashless tolling zones for cashless tolling in 2024

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, for \\$4,205,172.49](#)

Scheduled Start Date: October 2022

Scheduled Completion: October 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project has been completed.

Bridge Raising at K-99

*Contract #:*7900

Location: Cross over K-99 and I-335 at MM 132 & 134

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E., Nathan Anstey, Josh Coffin

Project Overview: Two overhead bridges (K-99) will be raised, along with updates to guardrail, bridge pier protection, slope improvements, and overall rehabilitation.

Contracted: [Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., Kansas City, MO, for an amount not to exceed \\$4,813,160.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 2023

Scheduled Completion: October 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project has been completed.

Drainage Improvements and Pavement Repairs—Emporia to Admire

*Contract #:*7936

Location: MM 141 – 145 on I-35/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E., Nathan Anstey, Josh Coffin

Project Overview: Replacing existing culvert with two new bridges to improve drainage and repairing pavement on north and southbound lanes.

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, for \\$7,702,861.31](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 2023

Scheduled Completion: December 2024

Traffic Impacts: Expect single-lane closures on I-335/KTA at MM 142. Lane closures are expected for northbound right-lane traffic. Speed limits reduced to 65 MPH.

Latest Developments: Earthwork for box extension at MM 142 northbound is near completion. Asphalt work has begun and will wrap up early December and work will resume Spring 2024.

Bridge Redecking and Widening – Soldier Creek

Contract #: 7921

Location: MM 155 on I-335/KTA

Project Manager: Shannon Moore, P.E.

Project Overview: Soldier Creek Bridges (north and southbound), located south of Topeka, will be re-decked and widened.

Contracted: [A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc., Atlantic, Iowa, for \\$3,993,664.35.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2023

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments: Project will resume Spring 2024.

Cashless Tolling Zones – I-70/KTA Area

Contract #: 7803

Location: MM 187-211 on I-70/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E., Josh Coffin

Project Overview: Construct five cashless tolling zones for the change to cashless tolling in 2024

Contracted: [Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka, KS, for \\$9,992,345.92.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: April 2022

Scheduled Completion: October 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Project has been completed.

Drainage Detention – Leavenworth Co.

Contract #: 7909

Location: MM 214.2 on I-70/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E.

Project Overview: Drainage dentation and improvements

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., Wichita, KS, for the bid amount of \\$268,581.15](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Mid/Late Fall 2023

Scheduled Completion: December 2023

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments:

Cashless Tolling Signage

*Contract #:*7881

Location: MM 0-224

Project Manager: Kristina Ericksen, P.E., Mark Roberts, Josh Coffin

Project Overview: Installation of Cashless Tolling signage along the turnpike

Contracted: [Collins and Hermann, Inc., St. Louis, MO, for the bid amount of \\$2,606,800](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2023

Scheduled Completion: July 2024

Traffic Impacts: During installations, single, lane, intermittent lane closures are expected.

Latest Developments: Overhead signs continue to be installed.

Maintenance projects, system wide

The KTA maintenance crews work hard to ensure a smooth ride for customers. You may encounter them performing routine maintenance along the 236-mile roadway. These less time-intensive projects normally do not cause traffic delays and are communicated only through social media and roadway signage. However, travelers should drive cautiously in all work zones.

Completed Projects

Overhead Bridge Repair

*Contract #:*8070

Location: MM 6.059, I-35/KTA

Bridge Painting – Chase County

*Contract #:*7911

Location: MM 99 & 101 on I-35/KTA, north and south bound

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station

Location: Matfield Green Service Area (MM 97)

Cashless Tolling Zones – Andover to Emporia

Contract #:7802

Location: MM 56-123 on I-35/KTA

Bridge Rehabilitation – Ninnescah River near Belle Plaine

Contract #:7897

Location: MM 26 on I-35/KTA

Service Area Restaurant Remodel

Location: Towanda (MM 56), Matfield Green (MM 97), Emporia (MM 132), and Topeka (MM 188)