



March 2024 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: April 2024

Traffic Impacts: Intermittent left lane closures at MM 39, near Haysville/Derby toll plaza, and MM 34, one mile north of Kansas Star Casino, through end of April.

Latest Developments: Work is expected to resume mid-March and be completed by late April, weather permitting.

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: Extend the length of the acceleration and deceleration lanes at the Port of Entry/commercial northbound ramp.

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: Work has resumed, sporadic/intermittent impacts to outside shoulder.

Bridge Rehabilitation and Raising – US 166

*Contract #:*8011

Location: MM 4, I-35/KTA

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

Project Overview: Increase overhead vertical clearance of US 166 bridge crossing over I-35/KTA with deck overlay and approach enhancements.

Contracted: [Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for \\$3,848,340.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2024

Scheduled Completion: November 2025

Traffic Impacts: One lane traffic expected for both north and southbound traffic, beginning in April. [Detour in place for local traffic](#) due to closure of U.S.-166 bridge, crossing over I-35/KTA at MM 4, at the end of March, weather permitting.

Single lane traffic, both north and southbound I-35/KTA.

Latest Developments: Work expected to begin late March, weather permitting.

Bridge Redeck and Widen – 150th Street South

Contract #: 8008

Location: MM 5, I-35/KTA (150th St. S.)

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

Project Overview: Redeck and widen north and southbound bridges, in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for \\$4,049,731.56](#)

Scheduled Start Date: March 2024

Scheduled Completion: December 2025

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, both north and southbound, beginning mid-March eventually switching to single lane, side-by-side traffic, in the southbound lanes, with 12-ft width restrictions and speed reduced to 65 mph.

Latest Developments: Work to place traffic control and prepare for work on the northbound side has started.

Pavement Resurfacing – Sumner County

Contract #: 7933

Location: MM 13-28.4, I-35/KTA

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

Project Overview: Pavement surfacing between MM 13 – 28.4, including interchange and maintenance area.

Contracted: [Pearson Construction, Wichita, KS, for \\$6,556,490.12](#)

Scheduled Start Date: July 2024

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Toll Plaza Demolitions – Southern Terminal to K-15

Contract #: 8002

Location: Toll plazas along I-35/KTA at MM 17, 19, 32/33, 39, and 45

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

Project Overview: Demolition and lane reconfiguration at noted toll plazas.

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for \\$2,602,168.20](#)

Scheduled Start Date: July 2024

Scheduled Completion: November 2025

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

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: April 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: Redeck and increase the overhead vertical clearance of local bridge crossing over I-35/KTA.

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

Scheduled Start Date: March 2024

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: Single lane traffic, both directions, with 12-ft width restrictions and speed reduced to 65 mph on I-35/KTA and a [detour in place for local 95th St S traffic](#) due to its closure.

Latest Developments: Work to configure lanes by late March as needed for construction.

Toll Plaza Demolition – 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 reconfiguration at noted existing toll plazas.

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:

Toll Plaza Demolitions – Webb Road to Emporia

*Contract #:*8003

Location: Toll Plazas along I-35/KTA at MM 50, 53B, 71, 76, 92, and 127

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

Project Overview: Demolition and lane reconfiguration at noted existing toll plazas

Contracted: [Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., for \\$4,351,788.40](#)

Scheduled Start Date: July 2024

Scheduled Completion: November 2025

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

High Friction Surfacing – Flint Hills

*Contract #:*7922

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

Project Manager: Kristina Eichkorn, 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 is anticipated to begin Spring 2024.

Cattle Pens Reconstruction

*Contract #:*8072

Location: MM 110 on I-35/KTA

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

Project Overview: Replacement of post, fence, gates, and reset existing gates and fence.

Contracted: Wilfab for the bid amount of \$139,169.66

Scheduled Start Date: January 2024

Scheduled Completion: April 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments: Old structures have been removed and the process to install new fence is nearing completion.

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: Single lane, side-by-side traffic, using the southbound lanes, 12-ft width restrictions, speed reduced to 65 mph, between MM 123-126, south of Emporia interchange.

Latest Developments: Work to place traffic control and prepare for work on the northbound side has started.

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

Project Overview: Replace existing culvert with two new bridges to improve drainage and repair 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: Single lane, side-by-side traffic, using the southbound lanes, 12-ft width restrictions, speed reduced to 65 mph, between MM 141-145, south of Admire interchange.

Latest Developments: Work to place traffic control and prepare for work on the northbound side has started.

Bridge Redecking and Widening – Soldier Creek

Contract #: 7921

Location: MM 155 on I-335/KTA

Project Manager: Shannon Moore, P.E.

Project Overview: Re-deck and widened Soldier Creek Bridges (north and southbound), located south of Topeka.

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

Scheduled Start Date: March 2023

Scheduled Completion: November 2024

Traffic Impacts: Single lane, side-by-side traffic, using the northbound lanes, 12-ft width restrictions, speed reduced to 65 mph.

Latest Developments: Work is expected to begin late March.

Toll Plaza Demolitions – Lecompton to Eastern Terminal

*Contract #:*8005

Location: Toll plazas along I-70/KTA at MM 197N, 197S, 202, 204, 212, and 217

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

Project Overview: Demolition and lane reconfiguration at noted existing toll plazas

Contracted: [King's Construction for the bid amount of \\$2,773,770.](#)

Scheduled Start Date: Summer 2024

Scheduled Completion: November 2025

Traffic Impacts: None at this time.

Latest Developments:

Drainage Detention – Leavenworth Co.

*Contract #:*7909

Location: MM 214.2 on I-70/KTA

Project Manager: Luke Coltrane, P.E.

Project Overview: Drainage detention and improvements

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

Scheduled Start Date: February 2024

Scheduled Completion: April 2024

Traffic Impacts: None at this time

Latest Developments: Final cleanup and seeding underway. Project expected to complete by the beginning of April, weather permitting.

Cashless Tolling Signage

*Contract #:*7881

Location: MM 0-224

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

Project Overview: Installation of cashless tolling signage

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, expect intermittent single lane closures.

Latest Developments: Work will resume Spring 2024.

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.

2024 Completed Projects

Drainage Improvement – Slate Creek

Contract #:7730

Location: MM 15, I-35/KTA

Pipe Extension & Slope Repair

Contract #:8073

Location: MM 202, I-70/KTA