

Project Quick Facts

Bid-letting: May 2008
Starting Date: June 2008
Estimated Completion: Mid-2011
Estimated Cost: \$140 million (total project)
Finished Product: Additional lane at Plaza 197 (completed 2007)
New bridges over the Kansas River
New toll plaza with additional lanes at Plaza 204
Interchange ramp improvements at 202 & 204



Kansas River Bridges Replacement

Strength & Safety

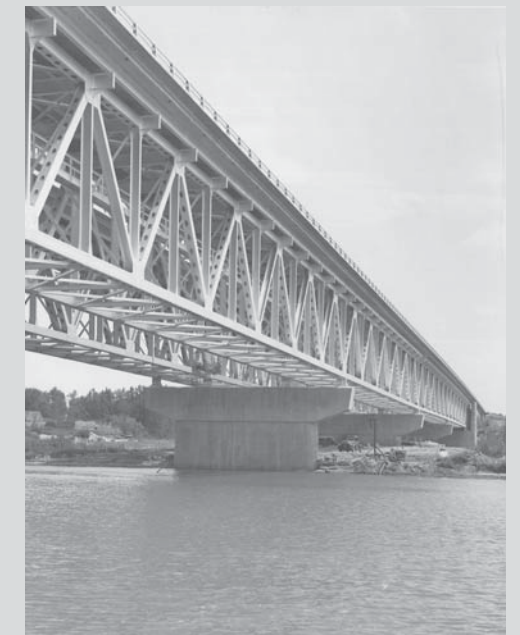
Plaza Improvement Project

Construction Quick Facts

Bridge Span: More than 2,300 feet each
Bridge design: Steel girder span

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Above: The Kansas River Bridges during construction in 1955.

Left: The same bridges, with structural modifications and improvements, carry traffic 52 years later.

Lawrence Area Interchanges

197 Lecompton, Lawrence: K-10
202 Lawrence: US-59S, Iowa St.
204 Lawrence: US-59, US-40

K-TAG Information

1-800-USE-KTAG
K-TAG I: Prepaid program with 10% toll discount and \$1 monthly fee per tag
K-TAG II: Full-fare/Credit program with \$5 annual fee per tag

For Today and Tomorrow

The Kansas River Bridges near Lawrence will reach the end of its useful life by the year 2012. Through careful planning, the Kansas Turnpike Authority has selected a design for the new bridges that will serve not only the needs of today's customers, but also the expected increase of traffic in the coming years.

When planning for this project, it made sense to look beyond the bridges to what feeds traffic in this area: the two Lawrence Interchanges at mileposts 202 and 204.

This project will include improvements throughout the Lawrence corridor, from Milepost 202 to 204.



Phase 1: May 2008 - Mid-2009

- New Westbound Bridge constructed over Kansas River; minimal traffic interruptions are expected
- No westbound access to and from Plaza 202 for approximately eight months
- Plaza 204 preliminary work; minimal traffic interruptions

Phase 2: Mid-2009 - Mid-2010

- All traffic moved to new westbound bridge
- New Eastbound Bridge construction
- Original bridges removed
- Plaza 204 closed to all traffic for approximately eight months

Phase 3: Mid-2010 - Mid-2011

- Eastbound bridge completed
- Completion tasks: striping, rumble strips, etc.