An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects **Week of Sept. 20, 2021**

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- Maintenance on the **NB I-135 Exit to 13th St. will occur Monday the 20th from 9 am until 3 pm. Exit Closed**. **NEW**
- Replacement of an overhead sign support will require the **closure of the right lane of EB US 54 east of Washington plus the Washington St. On Ramp to EB US 54 on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 6 am until noon**. **NEW**

KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

1. **Bridge repairs on WB K-96 at Ridge Road**

Started on **June 7**, two bridges are being repaired on WB K-96 at Ridge Road. **Single lane traffic** for one mile is necessary.

- *The **Ridge Road on ramp to WB K-96** (closed on June 7) **will remain closed until October** because of its proximity inside the work zone and the difficulty of merging onto WB K-96 with a single lane of traffic.*
- *A **14' width restriction** is in place through the construction zone.*

2. **Bridge repairs on 45th St. North over K-96** in Maize **NEW PROJECT**

This bridge deck repair project is on 45th St. N. over K-96 began on Sept. 13. **The bridge will be closed to 45th St. traffic for approximately seven weeks.** Some lane closures on K-96 will be necessary (traffic reduced to a single lane) as repairs are made.

3. **Bridge repairs on North Woodlawn bridge over K-254 Starts Sept. 27**

This bridge repair project is on N. Woodlawn over K-254. **The Woodlawn On Ramp to WB K-254 plus the right lane of WB K-254 will be closed when the contractor is active.** Traffic control measures will be removed each evening and there is no weekend work planned.

4. **Overhead sign structure replacement on SB I-235 at Zoo Blvd. NEW**

The replacement of the sign structure will be a two-part project beginning Sept. 21. Installing footings for the new structure is first then, after cure time of the concrete footing, the erection of the new sign will take place.

- ***Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 21 – 24, the right lane of SB I-235 at Zoo Blvd. and the Exit to Zoo Blvd will be closed each day from 8:30 am until 3 pm. NEW***

5. **Bridge repairs on NB I-135, U.S. 54 to 17th St.**

This year-long bridge repair project includes deck patching, expansion joint repair or replacement, repair under the bridge, a new layer of polymer overlay, and striping. Expect multiple lane closures and ramp closures at times. Traffic impacts began in June 2020**.** Normal work week for the project is Friday evening through Wednesday morning.

- *On **Saturday the 25th, unspecified work will happen but details are not known yet.** Look for an update later this week. **NEW***

6. Green Project*: I-235 from N. Meridian to N. Broadway*

Construction began on March 11, 2019. See the Green Project Fact Sheet for more details on the phasing and the features of the project. Project website at www.235green.org.

- ***Work zone speed limit** is **50 mph** for both directions of I-235.*
- ***NB I-235 and EB K-96 are reduced to one lane each as they merge east of Meridian.** Expect some congestion during high traffic situations.*
- ***The N. Broadway On Ramp to NB I-235 is CLOSED** until NB traffic is moved onto the newly constructed lanes and bridges (probably late 2021)*
- ***Old Lawrence Road is closed under I-235.** Access to homes and businesses north of I-235 is available via 45th St. North and from N. Broadway. There is no access from 37th St. North.*

7. *Gold Project Phase 2A: North Junction – I-135, I-235, K-96 & K-254*

Construction began on April 5, 2021. Three-year project that replaces the I-135 ramps to SB I-235/WB K-96. Project website at www.135gold.org.

- *A long-term **11' width restriction on the two lanes of SB I-135, 53rd St. to south of the I-235/K-254**, is in effect (along with a **50 mph work zone speed limit**).*

8. **Bridge Replacements** on I-235 near S. West St.

A two-year, two bridge replacement project over rail tracks west of West St. on both directions of I-235. Project boundaries are from S. Meridian to south of the I-235/K-42 interchange. After a winter shutdown, **work resumed on March 8** and is scheduled to finish in December.

- ***Traffic will be single lane for each direction on the north side of the interstate** until the project is completed in December**.***
- ***The West St. Exit from SB I-235 is closed** until the project is finished (December).*
- ***The West St. to SB I-235 On Ramp is closed** until the project is completed. Traffic from West St. can **detour** onto NB I-235 to K-42 to SB I-235.*

9. **WICHway Camera & Message Board installations** (15 locations)

Phase 5 of WICHway installations began on March 22. Some work will require lane or shoulder closures but most of the current work will have little impact to traffic.

10. Pavement repair on **US 54 from Garden Plain to 119th St. West**

Pavement repair **west of Goddard is daytime work with single lane closures**. East of Goddard, pavement repair began at night May 10, 7 pm until 6 am.

- ***Striping*** *is the current work process.* ***Expect single lane closures west of Goddard****.*

11. Right turn lane improvement on **Patriot Ave. to K-15 in Derby**

Installation of a right turn lane from W. Patriot Ave. to K-15 in NW Derby began on June 21. Some lane closures will be necessary. The project has 135 working days (about 27 weeks) in the contract but it should not take that long.

Other projects affecting highway traffic

1) **Kansas Turnpike Authority project on E. Kellogg** Media Contact: Jeri Biehler 316/652-2728.

The East Kellogg project from **Greenwich Road to the K-96 interchange** began Sept. 19, 2016. Completion is planned for the 3rd quarter of 2021. A website for the East Kellogg project is at www.E54ict.com.

- *Work continues on* ***new ramps to the KTA,*** *east of Zelta.* ***Both EB US 54 ramps to the KTA are scheduled to open Wednesday, Sept. 22*** *if all goes as planned.* ***NEW DATE***

- ***An early Monday closure through Tuesday 3 pm (Sept. 20 & 21), on EB US 54, Zelta to west of the K-96 interchange*** *for pavement repairs.* ***Left lane will be the single lane open for traffic*** *as concrete/asphalt grinding plus two panels of concrete are replaced. Access will stay open for EB US 54 to NB K-96.* ***NEW***

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