An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects  
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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

On Tuesday the 9th, the WB K-254 Exit to Hillside will be closed from 9 am until 3 pm.  
NEW

KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

1. Pavement repairs on K-96 from I-135 to Webb Road

This pavement patching and asphalt overlay project began in September 2020 and will resume in the spring.

2. 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.

- Continuing until Wednesday by 6 am, the right lane is closed and these ramps are also closed: WB & EB U.S. 54 Ramps to NB I-135, 1st/2nd St. Exit, 2nd St. On Ramp, 9th St. On Ramp, and 13th St. Exit (six ramps).  
COMPLETED
- **Beginning at 7 pm Friday, March 5, the left and center lanes plus the 13th St. On Ramp will be closed until Monday 6 am.** NEW

- **On Monday the 8th by 6 am, the right lane will close and the 13th St. On Ramp will remain closed. All open by 6 am on Wednesday.** NEW

3. **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.

   - **The SB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 will be closed from 9 am until 3 pm Monday – Wednesday (March 1 – 3) for bridge beam placement on the new Little Arkansas River Bridge. Additionally, the right lane from the North Junction to west of the L. Ark. River will be closed.** COMPLETED

   - **The two Broadway ramps to and from SB I-235 are closed** until late 2021.

   - **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.

4. **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. Some winter work will occur but should not affect mainline I-235 traffic beyond daytime lanes closures. Lane and ramp closures will resume in March 2021.
• Work on new traffic signals on West St. and on Seneca St. adjacent to I-235 will continue through the winter.

5. Guardrail replacement on I-135 at six locations

Three sections of I-135, both northbound and southbound, will have guardrail replaced beginning January 11.

• Work will return on NB I-135 from 47th St. South to Pawnee when the weather moderates.
• Adjacent ramps may be closed during the daytime, if needed.

Other projects affecting highway traffic

1) Kansas Turnpike Authority project on E. Kellogg  
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• The 40 mph EB US 54 work zone speed limit extends to east of the K-96 interchange.
• New WB US 54 lanes between K-96 and Zelta are open.
• The EB K-96 Ramp to WB US 54 is OPEN.
• The SB I-35 KTA Ramp to WB US 54 is open.
• Traffic control changes will be made March 8 that will open all lanes and increase the mainline speed limit to 60 mph. NEW

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