An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects  Week of Aug. 1, 2022

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- I-135 interstate shields to be replaced on signs at I-135/U.S. 54 interchange this week. Continuing
  - Monday: NB I-135 right lane closure near Lincoln St. plus adjacent ramp closures from 9 am until 11 am. NEW
  - Tuesday: NB I-135 north of Harry St. will be reduced to a single lane of traffic from 9 am until ~ 11 am. NEW
  - Wednesday: EB U.S. 54 at Washington, the right lane plus the Washington On Ramp will be closed, 9 am – 11 am. NEW

KDOT construction projects affecting traffic


  
  - No closure on Monday as previously planned. NEW

  - On **Tuesday the 2nd, all NB I-135 lanes at the North Junction with I-235 and K-254 will be closed from 7 pm until as late as 11 pm** to move cranes
and off-load bridge beams from semi-trailers. **All NB I-135 traffic will be detoured** to EB K-254 to U-turn at Hillside onto WB K-254 to NB I-135. **NEW**

- **On Wednesday the 3rd,** the **NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 will be closed from 9 am until 3 pm** to off-load bridge beams from semi-trailers. **NEW**

- **On Friday the 5th of August,** at **7 pm,** the **NB I-135 Exit to EB K-254 will be closed until Sunday** for bridge beam placement. **NEW Weekend Closure**

- **Additional North Junction closures are planned for the week of Aug. 8 including a weekend closure of NB I-235 Exit to EB K-254. NEW**

- **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).**

2. **Pavement patching on K-96, east of Webb Road to U.S. 54**

Repairs to driving surface and ramps of K-96 from east of Webb Road to U.S. 54. This night work project is scheduled for **Sunday – Friday nights, 7 pm – 6 am although earlier start times are expected on Sundays.** Traffic control (lane and ramp closures) will be removed each day by 6 am. A one-week closure of the EB US 54 exit to WB K-96 will occur but the date has not been set.

- **No work Monday the 1st. NEW**
- **The EB U.S. 54 Exit to WB K-96 is likely to be closed from 7 pm until 6 am on Tuesday the 2nd** (for pavement repairs on the ramp). **NEW**

3. **Guardrail replacement on the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135/EB K-254 and NB I-235 to SB I-135 began on April 30.**

- **Barrier wall** was installed on April 30 and a **12’ width limit** on the NB I-235 exit to NB I-135 and to EB K-254 is in place.

4. **Highway striping on U.S. 54, West St. to I-135; I-135, 53rd St. N. to Harvey County; and U.S. 81, at South Junction ramps** began in June. This project will have day and night work plus ramps will be closed for restriping.

- **Night work continues on NB & SB I-135 from 53rd St. N. to 77th St. N. Expect lane and possibly ramp closures between 7 pm and 6 am. Continuing**
5. Repair of two bridges on **EB K-96 at Ridge Road** began May 2. Planned completion date is in September. Expect single lane traffic for one mile west of Ridge Road.
   - *The left lane is closed* near Ridge Road.
   - *A 12’ width restriction is in place.*

6. Repair of the **WB U.S. 54 bridge at the K-251 junction** (far western Sedgwick County), began on May 2. **Single lane traffic for each direction of U.S. 54** for one mile will be in place until completion (November). The **383rd St. On Ramp to WB U.S. 54** will be closed for the duration of the project (with a marked detour in place).
   - **Single lane traffic for each direction of U.S. 54, with crossovers, is now in place.**
   - *The 383rd St. On Ramp to WB U.S. 54 is closed.*

7. Construction of **right turn lanes on EB & WB K-254 at Rock Road** began **May 9. Completion should be in late September.**
   - *No access to or from Rock Road at K-254 is allowed.*

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

Phase 5 of WICHway installations has been suspended. Some work will require lane or shoulder closures but most of the work will have little impact to traffic.

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