An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects  

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

1. Bridge repairs on SB I-135, 17th St. to 1st St.

This year-long bridge repair project includes deck patching, expansion joint repair or replacement, repair of polymer overlay, a new layer of polymer overlay, and striping. Expect multiple lane closures and ramp closures at times.

- **Weekend week, from 21st St. to 1st St., will resume on Friday, April 3.** While exact details are not yet available, the contractor will likely resume with the right lane closed as well as the 21st St. On Ramp, the Central Ave. & 2nd St. Exit Ramps and the 1st St. On Ramp. An update should be available Friday. **NEW**

- **When higher temperatures occur,** a polymer overlay on the driving surface will be applied. Permanent lane striping will also occur this spring.

- **The 1st St. On Ramp to SB I-135 will close for three days to finish repairs** but the date has not been determined.

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

Construction began on March 11, 2019. The first two of four phases of this project will affect only NB I-235/EB K-96 from N. Meridian to N. Broadway. See the **Green Project Fact Sheet** for more details on the phasing and the features of the project. Project website at www.235green.org.

- **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 the construction of the two ramps are completed on the south side of the interstate (probably until 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.

3. **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. Initial work to establish crossovers to facilitate single-lane traffic for each direction began March 9. **Long-term ramp closures will be necessary be in early April.** Project boundaries are from S. Meridian to south of the I-235/K-42 interchange.

- **Single lane traffic has been established for NB & SB I-235** from S. Meridian to south of the K-42 junction.

4. **Bridge Repair on EB & WB US 54 over Tyler Road** *NEW PROJECT*

Repair work is scheduled to **begin Saturday, April 4.** This is a six-month project.

- **Traffic will be reduced to two lanes for each direction beginning Saturday.** *NEW*

5. **Bridge Repair on EB & WB K-254 near Kechi** *Coming in May*

Repair work is scheduled to begin May 4. This will be a six-month project.

6. **Bridge Repair on NB I-135 east of S. Hydraulic St.** *Coming in April*

A bridge repair project will require single lane traffic on NB I-135 between S. Hydraulic and Pawnee from April 20 through November.

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Other projects affecting highway traffic

1) **City of Wichita project on East Kellogg**  Media Contact: Gary Janzen, 316/268-4450

The reconstruction of Webb Road is nearly complete, frontage roads are functioning as planned and **traffic is now on two lanes (each direction) on mainline US 54.** The US 54 and Webb Road project on Wichita’s east side is scheduled to wrap up in late 2020. The City of Wichita is administering the project. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at [www.E54ict.com](http://www.E54ict.com).

- **WB US 54 access to the Kansas Turnpike (KTA) Toll Plaza 50 has changed.**
  From Rock Road, use the south frontage road along US 54 to access the KTA.

- **EB US 54 access to the Kansas Turnpike (KTA) has changed** and drivers are directed to detour onto K-96 at the east end of the construction area.
• **Speed limits are reduced on US 54 to 40 mph. An 11’ lane width restriction and a 15’ vertical restriction is in place on frontage roads through the construction zone.**

2) **Kansas Turnpike Authority project on E. Kellogg**

The East Kellogg project from **Greenwich Road to the K-96 interchange** began Sept. 19, 2016. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at [www.E54ict.com](http://www.E54ict.com).

• **The 40 mph US 54 work zone speed limit has been extended to east of the K-96 interchange.**

• **An 11’ lane width restriction and a 15’ vertical restriction is in place on frontage roads through the construction zone.**

• **The EB K-96 Ramp to WB US 54 is closed (until November 2021) for the construction of two bridges over the KTA, a new ramp to WB US 54 and the completion of the US 54 freeway.**

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