An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects  

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

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

This pavement patching will begin on the evening of Sept. 8. Normal work week will be Sundays through Thursdays, 7 pm until 6 am. Work will begin on the left lane of EB K-96, then the left lane of WB K-96, then the right lane and adjacent ramps of EB K-96, finishing with the right lane of WB K-96 and adjacent ramps.

- **On Tuesday the 8th, 7 pm – 6am, the SB I-135 Ramp to EB K-96 will be closed.** NEW

- **The left lane of EB K-96, I-135 to Webb Rd., will be closed each night in early Sept. as work progresses eastward.** NEW

2. **Repairs on SB & NB I-235 from N. Broadway through the North Jct. to Hydraulic on K-254**

This pavement patching and resurfacing (plus four bridge expansion joints) repair project is nearly finished.

- **Striping and other permanent pavement markings will require temporary lane and ramp closures tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13.** NEW

3. **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 on NB I-135 began Friday, June 5. Normal work week for the project is Friday evening through Wednesday morning.

- **Current closures**, Monday through as late as Wednesday 6 am: Right lane, 1st/2nd St. On & Exit Ramp and the two ramps from US 54 to NB I-135. **EARLY THIS WEEK**
- On **Wednesday & Thursday (Sept. 2 & 3)**, the 2nd St. On Ramp to NB I-135 will be closed for pavement patching. **NEW**
- **No work on Labor Day Weekend. NEW**

4. **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](http://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.

5. **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.** Project boundaries are from S. Meridian to south of the I-235/K-42
interchange. Speed through the construction zone is reduced to 50 mph. A winter shutdown is planned with work resuming in March 2021.

- **Single lane traffic has been established for NB & SB I-235** from S. Meridian to south of the K-42 junction, with a crossover for northbound traffic. All traffic is on the SB side.
- **Two ramps are closed**: S. Meridian to NB I-235 and West St. to NB I-235. Expect these ramp closures through November.

6. Bridge Repair on EB & WB US 54 over Tyler Road

Work began on April 4. This six-month project includes deck patching, expansion joints and other repairs.

- Eastbound traffic is reduced to **two lanes**.
- Work has been completed on WB US 54. **NEW**

7. Bridge Repair on EB & WB K-254 near Kechi

Repair work on a bridge over rail tracks began on May 4. This will be a six-month project.

- Single lane traffic for both directions of K-254 near Oliver.

8. Bridge repairs on NB & SB I-235 over rail tracks near MacArthur

Repair work on two bridges over rail tracks began July 13. This will be a six-month project.

- Single lane traffic for each direction of I-235.

9. Bridge Repair on NB I-135 east of S. Hydraulic St.

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

- Single lane traffic for NB I-135 continues.

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Other projects affecting highway traffic
1) City of Wichita project on East Kellogg  
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The reconstruction of Webb Road is nearly complete although some work on frontage roads continues. The City of Wichita has administered the project. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at www.E54ict.com.

- **The speed limit on EB & WB lanes of US 54 at Webb** is 60 mph (reduced to 40 mph at Greenwich Road).

2) Kansas Turnpike Authority project on E. Kellogg  
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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.

- **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.

- **The EB K-96 Ramp to WB US 54 is closed (until late 2020)** for the construction of two bridges over the KTA, a new ramp to WB US 54 and the completion of the US 54 freeway.

- **The Zelta intersection under US 54 should open late this week.** NEW

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