



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT Maintenance crew activities

Four maintenance crews cover the Wichita metro highways and activities this week will include mowing, trimming and spraying weeds and grass, repairing or replacing barrier wall, repairing signs and reflectors, cleaning right of way fences, monitoring and repairing pothole patches, a drainage area repair, and setting up **traffic control for bridge inspections in the I-235/K-96 interchange area.**

Current KDOT construction projects affecting traffic:

1. **K-96 at I-235** Interchange

Repairs to two EB K-96 bridges over I-235 began Monday, August 6. Concrete patching and other repairs will also be made on EB & WB K-96 from the Big Ark River to just west of Seneca plus the eight ramps in the interchange.

- **Single lane traffic on EB K-96 from the Big Ark River bridge to Meridian Ave. *LANE CLOSURE***
- **The EB K-96 Exit Ramp to Meridian St. is CLOSED for bridge repairs until November. The detour for EB K-96 to Meridian is: Exit to SB I-235, exit at 25th St., turn left onto 25th St. then turn left onto NB I-235 then exit to Meridian. *RAMP CLOSURE WITH DETOUR***

2. **Red Project:** I-235/US 54 Interchange

The first phase of the Kellogg/I-235 Interchange rebuild (the Red Project) began on November 10, 2015. Improvements, current traffic impacts and upcoming project activities can be found at www.235red.org. Completion is planned for the Summer of 2019.

- **On June 11, EB US 54 west of I-235 was reduced to two lanes (until October) to finish bridge work over the Wichita – Valley Center Floodway, the entrance to EB US 54 Ramp to NB I-235, overhead signs, and other project work.**
- **On June 12, WB US 54 Ramp to NB I-235 CLOSED (until October) to finish reconstruction of the ramp. Detour to SB I-235 to K-42 to NB I-235.**
- **These ramps are closed and have marked detours: EB US 54 Ramp to NB I-235; WB US 54 Ramp to NB I-235; and NB I-235 Ramp to WB US 54.**
- **A full closure of the interior lanes of the interchange is planned for a weekend in late Sept. or October to replace the bridge approaches over the Wichita – Valley Center Floodway EB & WB US 54 bridges plus remove bridge construction forms over US 54 & I-235 lanes of traffic. **Planned Weekend Closure****

3. Highway striping on **US 54 from Kingman/Sedgwick county line to the Ark River** in Wichita

Single lane closures for highway line striping will occur in the daytime from the Kingman/Sedgwick county line to west of Goddard and in the evening and overnight (starting at 7 pm with a second lane closing at 9 pm) from Goddard to Ridge Road then (eastbound US 54 only) Meridian to the Arkansas River near downtown Wichita.

- **Work continues Sunday – Thursday nights, east of the Kingman/Sedgwick county line almost to downtown Wichita.**

Other projects affecting highway traffic

- 1) **City of Wichita project at 45th & N. Hillside** Media Contact: Steve Degenhardt, 316-268-4043

The complete closure (for reconstruction) of the 45th Street North and N. Hillside intersection began on May 21. The project is expected to finish in late fall.

- **Intersection closed May 21.**
- **The EB K-254 Ramp to 45th/Hillside is closed.**
- **The WB K-254 Ramp to 45th/Hillside will remain open but traffic must go north on Hillside.**
- **Access to the Wichita Metro office of KDOT will be via a temporary entrance north of the closed intersection. Access from N. Hillside only.**

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

The reconstruction of Webb Road and the construction of the north frontage road on US 54 are the major work items on the **US 54 and Webb Road** project on Wichita's east side. The City of Wichita is administering the project. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at www.E54ict.com.

- **No left turns are allowed at the US 54/Webb Road intersection.**
- **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.**
- **EB US 54 has been moved onto the new south frontage road, west of Webb Road.**
- **Speed limits are reduced on US 54 to 40 mph and 30 mph on Webb Rd. An 11' lane width restriction and a 15' vertical restriction is in place through the construction zone.**

3) **City of Wichita project on 47th St. South, west of K-15**
316/268-4048

Media Contact: Greg Baalman,

The installation of a new force main between two City of Wichita sewer plants will require the **closure of 47th St. between Hydraulic and K-15 on August 20.** Detour will send traffic to MacArthur.

BEGINS THIS WEEK

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

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 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.**
- **Greenwich traffic has been moved to new pavement with further restrictions to shopping center access from Greenwich.**
- **On Monday the 20th, EB US 54 will be reduced to a single lane of traffic from 8:30 am until noon. Crews will reestablish two eastbound lanes plus the dedicated right turn lane onto SB Webb Rd. NEW**

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