An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects  

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

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

This pavement patching and overlay plus four bridge repair project will be completed at night with lane and ramp closures beginning at 7 pm Sunday through Thursday nights (all lanes and ramps re-open by 6 am). Completion should be in August.

- **Night work on Monday** will include closing the **WB K-254 Ramp to SB I-235**. Open by 6 am. **NEW**

- **Tuesday through Thursday nights’ closures are planned on NB I-235 lanes to EB K-254 at Hydraulic. The ramp from NB I-235 to NB I-135 is likely to be closed some of those nights.** All open by 6 am. **NEW**

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

- **On Friday, beginning at 7 pm, the left & center lanes will be closed** until late Sunday night. **Then the right lane and adjacent ramps will close** Sunday night until late Tuesday for work on expansion joints and bridge deck repairs. **Adjacent ramps that are likely to be closed are the 2nd St. On Ramp, 13th St. On Ramp and 13th St. Exit.**

3. 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.

- **Complete closure of NB I-235 through the construction zone will occur on Friday night the 10th through Saturday** for a concrete deck pour. The left lane of SB I-235 will also be closed for access of concrete trucks. **NEW**

- **Work zone speed limit has been reduced to 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 the construction of the ramp is completed and 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. 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.

5. **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.

- **Traffic has been reduced to two lanes for each direction.**

6. **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.**
• **WB K-254 will be closed from Woodlawn to Hillside** on Wednesday at 9 am (until 5 am on Thursday). Repairs to pavement at the bridge construction zone are necessary. *NEW*

7. Bridge repairs on **NB & SB I-235 over rail tracks near MacArthur** *COMING SOON*

   Repair work on two bridges over rail tracks is scheduled to **begin July 13**. Expect single lane traffic for each direction of I-235. This will be a six-month project.

8. **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 is in place.*
   
   • *A traffic switch was made on July 6. Drivers will still see single lane traffic through the work zone.*

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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, 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.
   
   • **The week of July 13, the EB lanes of US 54 at Webb** will be reduced to a single lane for pavement replacements. *COMING SOON*

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](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.

• **A two-month closure of the Zelta intersection under US 54 is planned to begin July 6.**

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