An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic


   - **NEW**
     - **NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 will be closed Monday and possibly other days this week, from 9 am until 3 pm for bridge construction.**

   - **NEW**
     - **Short Notice: NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 will be closed Wednesday & Thursday from 9 am until 3 pm for bridge construction.**

   - **NEW**
     - **Weekend closure: On Friday, July 15 at 7 pm, the NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 and the WB K-254 Exit to SB I-135 will close until late Sunday the 17th.**

   - **NEW – Another Weekend Closure**

   - 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. **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.

3. Guardrail repair or replacement on **K-96, east of I-135 PROJECT COMPLETED**
Installation of new or repair of old guardrail at 26 locations on K-96 from I-135 to east of Webb Road began Jan. 31.

4. 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. Work began on the EB K-96 on March 13. 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. This project may require daily updates.

- Work resumed Sunday the 10th on EB K-96 from Greenwich to 21st street bridge in the left lane. Work is expected in the same vicinity but could occur on both directions. NEW

   - Barrier wall was installed on April 30 and a 12’ width limit on the ramp to NB I-135 and to EB K-254 is in place.
   - Daytime work is planned for the NB I-235 Exit to SB I-135 with a complete ramp closure Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (July 13, 14 & 15). NEW
   - A weekend closure of NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 & EB K-254 is planned for Saturday & Sunday, July 23 & 24, from 7 am Saturday until 6 pm Sunday to move the barrier wall and restripe lanes. NEW

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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 will begin in June. This project will have day and night work plus ramps will be closed for restriping.
   • Work continues on NB & SB I-135 from 77th St. N. to 125th St. N. (SG/HV county line). **Expect lane and possibly ramp closures** between 7 am and 8 pm. **Continuing**

9. 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.**

10. A project milling and filling bridge approaches for smoother transitions began June 6. **Night work, 7 pm until 6 am, Sunday through Thursday nights** will be at three locations on U.S. 54: over Maize Road, Cowskin Creek, and Eastern St.
    • **Daytime lane closures at Eastern St. bridge are likely this week for minor repairs to striping. NEW**

11. A **City of Wichita project** to repair the crosswalks at the bottom of the Westbound U.S. 54 ramps at Meridian began June 29. One-week closures are planned.
    • Work began July 6 on the **Meridian St. to Edwards St. to WB U.S. 54 connection** for one week. Edwards St. to WB U.S. 54 will remain open – but access from Meridian St. to Edwards will be closed. **NEW**

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