



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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Current KDOT Projects:

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

The first phase of the Kellogg/I-235 Interchange rebuild (dubbed the Red Project) began on November 10. Improvements include

- A one-lane flyover ramp for NB I-235 to WB US 54
- A two-lane flyover ramp for SB I-235 to EB US 54
- Removal of loop ramps in the SW and NE quadrants
- Loop ramp for EB US 54 to NB I-235 (SE quadrant) will be reconstructed
- US 54 bridge over West St. will be widened to accommodate new auxiliary lanes from I-235
- Auxiliary lanes on I-235 constructed from US 54 to Central Ave.
- NB I-235 ramp to EB US 54 braided with the new ramp lanes from SB I-235 to EB US 54

Completion date is Summer 2019. See the website at www.235kelloggcentral.com .

This week's work:

- **Removal of the NB I-235 shoulder from ~Harry St. to US 54 has begun.** Concrete barrier wall protects the work site on the right shoulder. **Speed is reduced to 55 mph** on the two 11' lanes. This is the first stage of the new NB I-235 ramp to WB US 54 & EB US 54.
- **Removal of the SB I-235 shoulder from Central Ave. to US 54 began Monday, Nov. 30.** Concrete barrier wall will protect the work site on the right shoulder. **Speed is reduced to 55 mph** on the (later this week) two 11' lanes. This is the first stage of the new SB I-235 ramp to WB US 54 & EB US 54.

- *Medians on West St. will be removed and the removal area will be paved. This will allow lanes to be adjusted as needed during construction on the West St. bridge widening.*
- **Temporary traffic signals will be installed in the next two weeks on West St. in anticipation of *the closing of both West St. entrance ramps to US 54.* The exact date of the ramp closures is not known at this time but it will be in early December.**
- *Preliminary construction work on the flyover bridge for NB I-235 to WB US 54 has begun but does not affect traffic.*
- **Bridge work at I-235 & Maple has begun with traffic on Maple being reduced to a single lane in each direction.** *The I-235 bridges will be widened over Maple for the auxiliary lane additions on I-235.*
- *Bridge work at US 54 & Hoover is likely to begin this week with the right lane & shoulder (accel/decal lane) being closed on WB US 54.*

2. EB US 54 Bridges at Seneca, Sycamore and the Central Business District

Work included bridge deck patching, mill and overlay plus expansion joint repairs. **Project has been completed and all lanes and ramps are open.**

3. WB K-96 Bridges over the Big Arkansas River (at the I-235 Junction)

Repairs began August 17 and the project has been **suspended for the winter.**