



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

1. **Gold Project Phase 2A: North Junction – I-135, I-235, K-96 & K-254**

Construction began on April 5, 2021. Three-year project that replaces the I-135 ramps to SB I-235/WB K-96. Project website at www.135gold.org.

- On **Wednesday, June 29, 9 am – 3 pm, the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 will be closed** for bridge construction (craning bridge beams onto bridge piers).
NEW
- **Weekend closure: On Friday, July 8 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 10th.**
NEW
- 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**

Installation of new or repair of old guardrail on K-96 from I-135 to east of Webb Road **began Jan. 31**. Expect some daytime right lane closures occasionally when barrier wall is installed at five of the 26 locations. Most of the work will be adjacent to the highway and will not affect normal traffic flow.

- Some lane closures may occur for median guardrail work on **K-96** this week.

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 is scheduled to resume July 5.*

5. **Guardrail replacement on the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135/EB K-254** began on April 30. A **12' width limit** is in place.

- *On **Thursday the 30th**, from 9 am until 3 pm, the **SB I-135 Exit to EB K-254 will be closed** for guardrail repairs. **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.*
- ***Two other weekend closures will be necessary later** – one to move the barrier wall when work switches to the other side of the ramp (**coming soon**) and a final closure to remove the barrier wall.*

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.***

9. Construction of right turn lanes on EB & WB K-254 at Rock Road began **May 9**. *Completion should be in mid-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 or nighttime lane closures are possible for repair/replacement of bridge expansion joints. No details are available. **NEW***

11. A City of Wichita project to repair the crosswalks at the bottom of the Westbound U.S. 54 ramps at Meridian will begin June 29. One-week closures are planned. **Starts June 29**

- *Work is expected to begin **Wednesday the 29th with the WB U.S. 54 exit to Meridian/Edwards closing for one week. **NEW*****
- *Planned for July 6, the **Meridian St. to Edwards St. to WB U.S. 54 connection** will be closed for one week. A detour to Edwards from Meridian will be marked for traffic accessing WB U.S. 54. 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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