



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- On **Monday the 18th**, 9 am until as late as 3 pm, the Hillside On Ramp to WB U.S. 54 will be closed for pavement repair. **NEW**
- **I-135 interstate shields to be replaced on signs at I-135/U.S. 54 interchange this week. NEW**
 - **Tuesday: 9 am until 11 am closure of WB U.S. 54 Exit to I-135.**
 - **Wednesday: 9 am until 11 am closure of NB I-135 Exit to U.S. 54.**
 - **Thursday: 9 am until 11 am closure of EB U.S. 54 Exit to I-135.**
 - **Friday: 9 am until 11 am closure of SB I-135 Exit to U.S. 54.**

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.

- 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. 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**. 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.

- *Work resumed Sunday the 17th on the left lane of EB K-96 near Greenwich and work will continue each night this week working toward U.S. 54.*

NEW

3. **Guardrail replacement on the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135/EB K-254 and NB I-235 to SB I-135** began on April 30.

- *Barrier wall was installed on April 30 and a **12' width limit on the NB I-235 exit to NB I-135 and to EB K-254** is in place.*
- *A Saturday closure of (1) NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 & EB K-254 and (2) the SB I-135 flyover ramp to EB K-254 is planned for Saturday, July 23, from 7 am Saturday until 6 pm to move the barrier wall and restripe lanes. **NEW – One day closure***

4. 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 right lane closure near Webb Road is likely Monday for minor repairs to striping. **NEW***

5. 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***

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. 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.*

9. 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.

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