



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- Drain cleaning on **I-135, U.S. 54 to 17<sup>th</sup> St.**, may close the left lane of I-135 (either direction) as a maintenance crew cleans drains, **9 am until 3 pm. NEW**
- Evergy will remove an overhead electric transmission line at **K-254 west of Woodlawn** on Sunday, April 24. The plan is to **close K-254 traffic for 5 – 10 minutes** beginning around 8 am. **NEW**

### 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](http://www.135gold.org).*

- *A long-term **11' width restriction on the two lanes of SB I-135, 53<sup>rd</sup> St. to south of the I-235/K-254**, is in effect (along with a **50-mph work zone speed limit**).*
- *The **right lane of NB I-135 will be closed on April 18 from 9 am until 3 pm** to extend the barrier wall. **NEW***

#### **2. WICHway Camera & Message Board installations (15 locations)**

Phase 5 of WICHway installations began on March 22, 2021. 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.

### 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 will continue on the **right lane of WB K-96, 21<sup>st</sup> St. to Greenwich, plus the Greenwich Exit and On Ramp may be closed overnight (open by 6 am – usually)**. **Continuing***
- *Possible work may occur on **EB K-96 from Greenwich to 21<sup>st</sup> St.** **Continuing***

5. Construction of a new **roundabout at 61<sup>st</sup> North and N. Broadway** has begun. This is ½ mile west of I-135 in Park City. Completion expected in late 2022.

6. **Resurfacing** (asphalt overlay and shoulder widening) on **K-96 from the Reno/Sedgwick county line to Maize Road began April 4** with a completion date in May. Traffic will be reduced to one lane for EB K-96.

7. Pavement marking at the **U.S. 54 and Andover Road intersection** began Sunday, March 27. The work will be in the evening and overnight hours, **7 pm – 6 am**. An 11' width restriction will be in place during working hours. **PROJECT COMPLETED**

8. **Guardrail replacement on NB I-235 to NB I-135/EB K-254** is scheduled to begin with a one-day closure (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 30 (8 am). A **12' width limit** will be in place. **NEW PROJECT**

- ***Barrier wall** will be installed on **April 30 beginning at 8 am and lasting most of the day. The NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 and the exit to EB K-254 will be closed. All NB I-235 will be directed onto SB I-135 during the closure. A 12' width limit on the ramp to NB I-135 and to EB K-254 will be in place.** **NEW***

- **Two other weekend closures will be necessary** – one to move the barrier wall when work switches to the other side of the ramp and a final closure to remove the barrier wall.

**9. A City of Wichita project to repair the 42" water line on NB I-135 north of 13th St. began on April 13.**

- **The 13<sup>th</sup> St. On Ramp to NB I-135 closed on April 13 (until mid-May). NEW**
- **The right lane and shoulder of NB I-135 are closed until mid-May. NEW**

**10. Repair of two bridges on EB K-96 at Ridge Road will begin the week of May 2. Planned completion date is in September. Expect single lane traffic for one mile west of Ridge Road. NEW PROJECT in May**

- **The left lane will be closed near Ridge Road.**
- **A 12' width restriction will be in place.**

**11. Repair of the WB U.S. 54 bridge at the K-251 junction (far western Sedgwick County), will begin on May 2. Single lane traffic for each direction of U.S. 54 for one mile will be in place until completion (November). The 383<sup>rd</sup> St. On Ramp to WB U.S. 54 will be closed for the duration of the project with a marked detour in place. NEW PROJECT in May**

**12. Highway striping on U.S. 54, West St. to I-135; I-135, 53<sup>rd</sup> St. N. to Harvey County; and U.S. 81, at South Junction ramps will begin in early May. NEW PROJECT in May**

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