



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- Tuesday – Thursday, **Aug. 30 – Sept. 1 from 9 am until 3 pm each day, WB U.S. 54 left lane will be closed from Grove to Hydraulic** for maintenance in the median. **NEW**
- Thursday, **Sept. 1 from 9 am until 3 pm, the 29th St. N. On Ramp to SB I-135 plus the right lane of SB I-135 will be closed** for a bridge inspection. **NEW**
- Friday, **Sept. 2, 9 am – 3 pm, the right lane of NB I-135 near 29th St. and the Exit to EB K-96 will be closed** for a bridge inspection. **NEW**
- *The City of Wichita will close the SB I-135 Exit to Pawnee on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 9 am until as late as noon to replace a traffic signal pole at the bottom of the ramp. **NEXT WEEK***

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.

- **Monday the 29th, 9 am until noon, the NB I-135 Exit to EB K-254 will be closed to move equipment across the highway. **NEW****

- A new 14' height restriction on **SB I-135 under SB I-235** will take effect October 1 until Spring 2023. **CHANGED Coming Oct. 1**
- An **11' width restriction has been posted on WB K-254 to SB I-235**. **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. 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.

- *Pavement patching continues on **WB K-96**. Expect single lane traffic, evening and overnight hours, **Central to 21st**.*
- *On **Tuesday the 30th**, work will resume on **EB K-96 in the right lane near 21st St. with the 21st St. Exit and On Ramp closed**. **NEW***
- *The plan this week is to continue working south in the **right lane on EB K-96**. **Ramp closures at 13th St. and 127th St. will occur as needed**. **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 and a 12' width limit on the NB I-235 exit to NB I-135 and to EB K-254** is in place.

4. 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** began in June. This project will have day and night work plus ramps will be closed for restriping.

- **Monday night work on U.S. 54 will close two eastbound ramps between 7 pm and 6 am on Tuesday: EB Kellogg Exit to Meridian and EB Kellogg Exit to Central Business District**. **NEW with Change**
- **On Monday night after 7 pm, these two ramps will be closed for striping: 47th St. S. to SB I-135 and NB I-135 Exit to 47th St**. **NEW**

5. Repair of two bridges on **EB K-96 at Ridge Road** began May 2. Planned completion is in September. Expect single lane traffic for one mile west of Ridge Road.

- *The **right lane is closed** near Ridge Road.*
- *A **12' width restriction** is in place.*

6. 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 in place.***
- *The 383rd St. On Ramp to WB U.S. 54 is closed.*

7. 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.***

8. A Field survey on U.S. 54 near I-235 for a proposed bridge replacement over the M.S. "Mitch" Mitchell Floodway **began Aug. 15**. Because of the high traffic numbers, survey work that restricts traffic or closes a lane is likely to take place in the evening or overnight hours.

9. Bridge Approach Leveling on I-135, K-15, K-96 & U.S. 54. *NEW Project*

Mudjacking (deep foam injection) will be used to level approaches at 23 bridges on Sedgwick County highways. **Work is scheduled to begin Sept. 6**. Some bridges are outside of the Wichita metro and work will be completed during daylight hours. Most of the bridge locations are in high traffic locations and the work will occur Sunday – Thursday nights, 7 pm – 6 am.

- ***On Sept. 6 & 7, four bridges on K-96 at or near the I-235/K-96 interchange will be worked on with a single lane closure. Additionally, the West St. bridge over K-96 will be closed and a marked detour will be used. **NEW*****
- ***On Sept. 8 & 9, two K-96 bridges at Mt. Hope and one east of Maize will be adjusted with single lane closures. **NEW*****

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