



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.

- **NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (July 6 – 8) from 9 am until 3 pm for bridge construction. **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.

- **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 began June 29. One-week closures are planned.

- **Work began Wednesday the 29th with the WB U.S. 54 exit to Meridian/Edwards closing for one week. The exit should reopen on July 6.**
- **Planned for July 6, the Meridian St. to Edwards St. to WB U.S. 54 connection will be closed for one week. 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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