



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT is hosting a **public meeting about future improvements to the U.S. 54 corridor** from the K-96 interchange in east Wichita to east of Prairie Creek Road in Andover on **Thursday, May 26, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at LifeChange Church Wichita, 10225 E Kellogg Drive, in Wichita.**

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. 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.

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.

- *No work is planned this week.*

5. 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.

6. 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 at a later date** – 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.

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

- The 13th St. On Ramp to NB I-135 closed on April 13 (until late-May). **Continuing**
- The right lane and shoulder of NB I-135 are closed. Speed limit is reduced to 50 mph. **Continuing**

8. 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.**

9. 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 next week for the duration of the project (with a marked detour in place).

- *The left lane of EB and WB U.S. 54 is closed for the construction of crossovers.*

Continuing

10. 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 May. **NEW PROJECT starts soon**

11. Construction of new right turn lanes on EB & WB K-254 at Rock Road began May 9. **NEW PROJECT**

- *No access to or from Rock Road at K-254 is allowed.*

12. A City of Wichita project to repair the crosswalks at the bottom of four U.S. 54 ramps at Meridian will begin after Memorial Day. Approximately one-week closures are likely (two ramps at a time). **NEW PROJECT**

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