



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- Bridge inspections on **NB & SB I-135 from 1st St. to 17th St.** is planned for **Tuesday – Friday, 9 am until 3 pm.** Watch for a lane closure – usually the left lane.

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.

- *The **SB I-135 Exit to SB I-235** will be closed Tuesday the 13th from 11 am until as late as 3 pm to do work on an overhead sign above the exit ramp.*
NEW
- A new **13'9" height restriction** on SB I-135 under SB I-235 will take effect October 1 until Spring 2023. **Coming Oct. 1**
- An **11' width restriction** has been posted on WB K-254 to SB I-235.
- 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 **EB K-96**. Expect single lane traffic, evening and overnight hours, **21st St. to Central**.*
- *Pavement patching continues this week working south in the **right lane on EB K-96**. Ramp closures at **13th St. are planned early in the week and 127th St. when 13th is finished**. **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.

- ***Saturday rain prevented restriping the ramps although the 12' width limit has been lifted** since the concrete safety barrier has been removed. **NEW***
- *The project will finish this week. **Restriping the ramps is planned for Wednesday, 9 am until 3 pm**. The **NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 AND to EB K-254 will be closed**. **NEW & Date Changed***

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. **Project Completed**

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.*

- **Access to and from Rock Road at K-254 is now OPEN. NEW**

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**.

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 Monday evening the 12th, from 7 pm until 6 am, bridge work will block two lanes at these locations: NB & SB I-135 at Pawnee plus NB and SB I-135 at K-15/RR bridge. NEW**
- **On Tuesday & Wednesday evenings, 7 pm – 6am, a lane will be closed at these locations: WB & EB K-96 over Kansas Turnpike (1/4 mile north of U.S. 54) plus 127th St. E. bridge over K-96 (one mile north of U.S. 54). NEW**
- **On Thursday evening, 7 pm – 6am, a lane will be closed on NB K-15 over RR tracks on the southeast side of Mulvane. NEW**

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