



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.** are planned for **this week, 9 am until 3 pm.** Watch for a **right lane closure.** **NEW**
- **On Wednesday the 21st, the NB I-235 Exit to WB K-96 will be closed, 9 am until noon.** Access to WB K-96 is open via the ramp to N. Meridian then a left turn onto Meridian then a left onto WB K-96 entrance ramp. **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.

- 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**.*

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. **Project Completed**

4. 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.

- **On NB & SB Ridge Road, traffic is reduced to a single lane for repairs to the K-96 bridge above Ridge Rd. until Sept. 30. NEW**
- **The right lane is closed near Ridge Road.**
- A **12' width restriction** is in place.

5. 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.**

6. 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**

7. 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 began 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.

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