



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- Tuesday, **Sept. 6 from 9 am until 3 pm**, the right lane of **EB & WB U.S. 54 over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway (The Big Ditch)** will be closed for a bridge inspection. **Additionally, the EB U.S. 54 Exit to SB I-235 will be closed. NEW**
- Wednesday, **Sept. 7 from 9 am until 3 pm**, the **SB I-135 Ramp to NB I-135 and the MacArthur Rd. On Ramp to SB I-235** plus the right lane of **SB & NB I-235 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. 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.

- **Tuesday the 6th, 9 am until noon, the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 will be closed to work on bridge structures over traffic lanes. NEW**

- Beginning at 6:30 am on Saturday the 10th, WB K-254 to SB I-235 and the NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 will be closed to install bridge decking over traffic lanes. The closure could finish late Saturday but in case of problems, the closure is listed until Sunday at 1 pm. **NEW**
- A new 14' 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.**
- 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.**
- **On Wednesday the 7th, NB I-235 Exit to SB I-135 will be closed, 9 am until 3 pm, to finish dirt work and guardrail replacement on the ramp. NEW**
- **On Saturday the 10th, 6 am – 8 pm, the NB I-235 Exits to NB I-135 and to EB K-254 will be closed to remove barrier wall and restripe the ramps. NEW (End of Project)**

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 is nearly finished but **some work on U.S. 54 and at I-135 & 47th St. South may be necessary.***

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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