



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- **I-135 interstate shields to be replaced on signs at I-135/U.S. 54 interchange this week. **Continuing****
 - **Monday: NB I-135 right lane closure near Lincoln St. plus adjacent ramp closures from 9 am until 11 am. **NEW****
 - **Tuesday: NB I-135 north of Harry St. will be reduced to a single lane of traffic from 9 am until ~ 11 am. **NEW****
 - **Wednesday: EB U.S. 54 at Washington, the right lane plus the Washington On Ramp will be closed, 9 am – 11 am. **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.

- *No closure on Monday as previously planned. **NEW***
- *On Tuesday the 2nd, all NB I-135 lanes at the North Junction with I-235 and K-254 will be closed from 7 pm until as late as 11 pm to move cranes*

and off-load bridge beams from semi-trailers. **All NB I-135 traffic will be detoured to EB K-254 to U-turn at Hillside onto WB K-254 to NB I-135. NEW**

- **On Wednesday the 3rd, the NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 will be closed from 9 am until 3 pm to off-load bridge beams from semi-trailers. NEW**
- **On Friday the 5th of August, at 7 pm, the NB I-135 Exit to EB K-254 will be closed until Sunday for bridge beam placement. NEW Weekend Closure**
- **Additional North Junction closures are planned for the week of Aug. 8 including a weekend closure of NB I-235 Exit to EB K-254. 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. 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. A one-week closure of the EB US 54 exit to WB K-96 will occur but the date has not been set.

- **No work Monday the 1st. NEW**
- **The EB U.S. 54 Exit to WB K-96 is likely to be closed from 7 pm until 6 am on Tuesday the 2nd (for pavement repairs on the ramp). 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 was installed on April 30 and a 12' width limit on the NB I-235 exit to NB I-135 and to EB K-254 is in place.**

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.

- **Night work continues on NB & SB I-135 from 53rd St. N. to 77th St. N. Expect lane and possibly ramp closures between 7 pm and 6 am. Continuing**

5. 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.*

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 now 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. 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.

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