



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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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.com.

- On Dec. 7, the **WB K-254 Exit to SB I-135 CLOSED to construct the lane extension for this ramp onto SB I-135. The ramp is expected to open by March 17, weather dependent. WB K-254 traffic can continue onto SB I-235 to Broadway to NB I-235 to SB I-135. RAMP CLOSURE**
- A **13'9" height restriction** on SB I-135 under SB I-235 is in effect.
- 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. **Gold Project Phase 2B: North Junction to I-135/K-96 Interchange**

Construction began Feb. 6 and impacts to traffic began the week of Feb. 13. This phase includes a direct link from EB K-96 (from NB I-235) to EB K-96 at the junction on I-135, and new ramps for WB K-96 onto I-135.

- *On Monday, March 6, SB I-135 will be reduced to one lane from 37th St. to 21st St., 9 am – 3 pm, to improve pavement markings. **NEW***
- *On Tuesday the 7th, 9am – 3pm, the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 AND the Exit to 29th St. will be narrow (11”) to restripe. **NEW***
- *On Tuesday the 7th, 9am – 3pm, the **SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 will have an 11’ width restriction. NEW Long-term Width Restriction***
- *On Wednesday the 8th, 9am – at least 3 pm, barrier wall will be placed on the SB I-135 Exit Ramp to EB K-96. Speed on the ramp will reduced to 40 mph. Expect congestion. **NEW***
- *On March 8, a long-term closure of SB I-135 Exit Ramp to 29th St. will start. **NEW Ramp Closure***
- *On Thursday, March 9, a night closure of the SB I-135 Ramp to EB K-96 is planned to set barrier wall. Detour will be sb I-135 to 21st St. to NB I-135 to EB K-96. **NEW***
- *In late March, a long-term closure of the Hydraulic Exit to EB K-96. **Coming Soon***

3. An asphalt mill and overlay project on K-254 from Hydraulic Ave. to the Butler County line will begin April 3. Work will begin in the left lane at Hydraulic with asphalt milling then asphalt overlay the entire length of the project. Then the crew will work west on the WB lanes from the county line back to Hydraulic. Next, back to the east in the right lane plus adjacent ramps will be overlaid. And finally, finish the overlay on WB K-254 plus ramps. Permanent pavement markings will complete the project. **NEW PROJECT**

4. Repair of the WB U.S. 54 bridge at the K-251 junction (far western Sedgwick County), began on May 2, 2022 and has been **suspended for the winter**. Bridge painting and permanent pavement markings will be completed in the spring.

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