



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT is hosting the first **public meeting for the K-254 Corridor Management Plan** in the Commons Area of Circle Middle School at 14697 SW 20th St. in Benton, on Tuesday, **June 27**. The meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- On **Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the left lane of **EB US 54, between Hillside and Oliver, will be closed at 9 am** for a few hours for maintenance of a WICHway message sign. **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. That project that replaces the I-135 ramps to SB I-235/WB K-96 should be finished in late 2023. Project website at [www.135Gold.com](http://www.135Gold.com).

- *The new **NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 /WB K-96** is open and in use. Drivers need to watch for the ramp since it is before the old loop ramp. **Ramp Open***
- *A long-term **11' width restriction on the two lanes of SB I-135, 53<sup>rd</sup> 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.

- **The left lane of NB I-135 near EB K-96 interchange will be closed Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 am until 3 pm, to install a sign footing in the median. **NEW****
- **Planned for the week of June 24, a rolling roadblock will be used to remove an overhead sign structure on SB I-135 near the interchange with EB K-96. Short duration event with more details coming next Monday. **NEW****
- **Planned for the weekend of July 8 and 9, bridge beams for the new SB I-135 flyover exit to EB K-96 will be placed and will require weekend closures on I-135. On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, all lanes of SB I-135 will be closed. On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, all lanes of NB I-135 will be closed. Detours will be used. **Planned for July****
- **Delayed until later in the summer, the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 will be closed on multiple days with little advance notice. A bridge over the UP railroad is to be replaced and half of the current bridge must be removed first. The UP RR will probably allow a six-hour window for the work but they will not give much notice of the days the work can be done. **Delayed but coming soon****
- **A long-term closure of the Hydraulic Exit to EB K-96 began on March 27 for the reconstruction of the EB K-96 bridge over the UP RR. **Ramp Closed****
- **SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 has an 11' width restriction. Started March 8, 2023. **Long-term Width Restriction****
- **A long-term closure of SB I-135 Exit Ramp to 29<sup>th</sup> St. began on March 8. **Ramp Closed****

3. An asphalt mill and overlay project on **K-254 from Hydraulic Ave. to the Butler County line** began April 17. Work began in the right lane on EB K-254 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 then the westbound lane. Permanent pavement markings will complete the project.

- **Expect daily lane and ramp closures on K-254 for lane striping and other permanent pavement markings. **Continuing****

4. Concrete pavement patching on **I-235 from the South Junction with I-135 to N. Meridian** began **April 23**. Work hours are **Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.**

- **Night work will progress Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, and Monday through Thursday nights, 7 pm – 6 am, with single lane traffic on I-235 plus adjacent ramp closures. Continuing**

**5. Concrete pavement patching on K-15 from just north of MacArthur Road to the Derby city limit** will begin this week, weather permitting. Work hours will be Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.

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