



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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**Note:** On northbound and southbound I-135 at the North Junction, the ramp designations to EB K-254 and SB I-235 have been changed. **From I-135 (either direction), the 11A Ramp goes to SB I-235; the 11B Ramp goes to EB K-254.**

### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- **Monday, April 3 from 9 am until as late as 3 pm, pothole patching on WB U.S. 54 from I-135 to Main St., will restrict access to the right lane, the Washington St. On Ramp will be closed and for a short time (approx. 9:30 am until 11 am) the WB US 54 Exit to the Central Business District will be closed. **NEW****
- **Continued left lane closures are possible this week on SB & NB I-135 from 1<sup>st</sup> St. to 29<sup>th</sup> St. for drain cleaning on the bridge. **Continuing****

### 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](http://www.135Gold.com).

- ***The NB I-135 Exit to EB K-254 will be closed Wednesday, April 5, 9 am until 3 pm, for installation of new guard rail on the ramp. **NEW*****

- **Expect lane and ramp closures on NB I-135 at 29<sup>th</sup> St. Thursday evening after 7 pm for sign replacements. NEW**
- **As a signing crew installs new signs on the project in the next two weeks, expect lane closures on NB I-135, 9 am until 3 pm. NEW**
- **Nightwork is planned to continue on NB I-135 the week of April 3. NEW**
- **The WB K-254 Exit to SB I-135 is CLOSED to construct the lane extension for this ramp onto SB I-135. The ramp is expected to open by April 10, weather dependent. WB K-254 traffic can continue onto SB I-235 to Broadway to NB I-235 to SB I-135. RAMP CLOSURE**
- **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, 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.

- **Barrier wall will be placed on SB I-135 and NB I-135 Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am until 3 pm from 29<sup>th</sup> St. to 37<sup>th</sup> St. Watch for left lane(s) closures. NEW**
- **A long-term closure of the Hydraulic Exit to EB K-96 began on March 27 for the reconstruction for 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**
- **On March 8, a long-term closure of SB I-135 Exit Ramp to 29<sup>th</sup> St. began. Ramp Closed**
- **During the first week of April (possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> week), expect a full ramp closure (on a weekend morning) of NB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 for installation of concrete barrier. NEW**

3. An asphalt mill and overlay project on **K-254 from Hydraulic Ave. to the Butler County line will begin April 17**. 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 with a new start date**

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