



## 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. This project 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).

- **On Aug. 17 and 18, 9 am – 3 pm each day, a lane closure on NB I-135 under K-254 for the removal of concrete safety barrier, restriping and other traffic adjustments to normalize NB I-135 lanes. *NEW with amended dates***
- **Planned for Aug. 17 or 18, 9 am – 3 pm, WB K-254 will be closed at the North Junction to modify overhead signs. All WB K-254 traffic will be detoured onto NB I-135 to 53<sup>rd</sup> St. *NEW***
- 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 on I-135 and K96**

Construction began Feb. 6, 2023 with completion by September 2026. This phase includes a direct link for 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 the right side of NB I-235 from N. Broadway to the ramp onto SB I-135 for construction on a new K-96 exit ramp to EB K-96**

and 29<sup>th</sup> St. **Restriping lanes will occur the week of Aug. 21 and the placement of the wall will occur the week of Aug. 28. The restriping will require lane reductions on NB I-235 in that area and the closure of the Broadway to NB I-235 On Ramp from 9 am until as late as 3 pm for one day. NEW**

- **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. Bridge repair on WB US 54 just west of I-235. NEW PROJECT**

One lane will close during the project plus on weekends, the bridge will be reduced to one lane. This project begins on Monday, Aug. 14. **45 mph through the work zone (new speed limit).**

- **Work started on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> with the altered lane striping to facilitate the work zone. The traffic taper stretches back to West St. NEW**
- **The closure of the right lane of WB US 54 over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway will occur on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. The traffic taper stretches back to West St. NEW Date**
- **The WB US 54 Ramp to SB I-235 (loop ramp) closure will begin on Aug. 15 (until December). NEW date**
- **West St. On Ramp to WB US 54 closing Aug. 14. The turn from West St. and the frontage road serving businesses on the north side of Kellogg will remain open – just the slip ramp onto WB US 54 closes. Estimated 5 – 6 week closure but it could last the entire work window (calendar completion date is Dec. 16). A detour from West St. to WB US 54 is in place (uses EB US 54 to Edwards to WB US 54). NEW**
- **Concrete safety barrier will be installed on the bridge protecting the right lane work zone on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. NEW**
- **Weekend work (two lanes closed) will start Aug. 25 – 27, returning to just one lane closed by 6 am on Mondays. Barrier wall placed for the two-lane closure each weekend as needed to complete repairs on center lane (removed by 6 am each Monday). NEW**

### **4. K-96, East of Webb Road to US 54. NEW PROJECT**

A **4" asphalt overlay on both directions of K-96** from just west of Greenwich Road to U.S. 54 began on Sunday, August 13. **Night work** with single lane and adjacent ramp closures will occur on **Sundays, 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Fridays, 7 pm – 6 am.**

- ***Greenwich Exit from EB K-96 is likely to be closed Tuesday night.***  
***NEW***
- ***Planned for Wednesday evening (Aug. 16), the entrances ramps from Greenwich and 21<sup>st</sup> to EB K-96 plus the 13<sup>th</sup> St. Exit from EB K-96 will be closed. Open by 6 am.*** ***NEW***

**5. 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.**

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

Projects coming soon:

- **A City of Wichita project on WB US 54 from Maize Rd. to 119<sup>th</sup> St. W. is scheduled to begin Aug. 21. Expect single lane traffic on Kellogg for this pavement repair project.** ***NEW***
- **A Sedgwick County bridge repair project on Zoo Blvd. over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway is scheduled to begin Sept. 18.** ***NEW***
- **Bridge repair on US 54 near Garden Plain begins Sept. 5.**
- **I-235 pavement marking.**

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