



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.

- 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 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 29th St. Restriping lanes will occur the week of Aug. 21 (probably Aug. 22) 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 29th 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 began on Monday, Aug. 14.

- *The closure of the right lane of WB US 54 over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway occurred on Tuesday the 15th. The traffic taper stretches back to West St.*
- *The WB US 54 Ramp to SB I-235 (loop ramp) closure began on Aug. 15 (until December).*
- *West St. On Ramp to WB US 54 closed 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).*
- *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.

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.**

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 & EB US 54 from 119th St. W. to Maize Rd. 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. 11. *NEW start date***
- **Bridge repair on US 54 near Garden Plain begins Sept. 5.**
- **I-235 pavement marking.**

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