



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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Maintenance projects affecting traffic

- A City of Wichita project is replacing crosswalks on **K-96 ramps at 21st St. Ramps may be closed this week. 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. 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.

- ***Planned for Aug. 16, 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***
- ***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 53rd St. NEW***
- 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.

- **Set to begin Tuesday, August 8, the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 could be closed from 4 am until 2 pm. The 21st St. Exit ramp for SB I-135 will also be closed. Other closures of this ramps will occur on multiple days with little advance notice. Closures are tentatively planned to occur Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.** A bridge over the Union Pacific railroad is to be replaced and half of the current bridge must be removed first. The UP RR will probably allow a six- to seven-hour window for the work on days the work is allowed. **First closure planned on Tuesday**
- **Scheduled for Friday 8/11, 4 am – 7 am, the left lane will be closed on SB I-135 near the K-96 junction. Expect congestion. NEW**
- **Later in August, 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 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. Coming later in August**
- **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. 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.

4. 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.

Projects coming soon:

- **Bridge repair on WB US 54 just west of I-235. One lane will close during the project plus on weekends, the bridge will be reduced to one lane.**
- **Bridge repair on US 54 near Garden Plain begins Sept. 5.**

- **I-235** pavement marking.
- **K-96 4” asphalt overlay from east of Webb Road to US 54.**

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