



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, the right lane of the WB U.S. 54 bridge over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway (aka the Big Ditch) will be closed for bridge deck repairs and electrical work from 9 am until as late as 3 pm. **NEW**
- On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, the WB U.S. 54 exit to SB I-235 will be closed for guardrail repairs from 9 am until as late as 3 pm. **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. 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).

- ***On Saturday the 21st, from 7 am until approximately 6 pm, two ramps will be closed. NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 and the WB K-254 transition to SB I-235 will be closed. Traffic for both closures will be sent to NB I-135 then to exits at 53<sup>rd</sup> St. North or 61<sup>st</sup> St. North with the next turn onto SB I-135 and exit to SB I-235. Flaggers will be positioned at 53<sup>rd</sup> St. to assist with traffic flow. 61<sup>st</sup> St. exit has a traffic signal. Work will include removing and resetting temporary concrete safety barrier, restriping, removal and resetting of crash barriers, and bridge work over traffic lanes. NEW***
- ***Planned for Saturday, Jan. 28 from 7 am until 6 pm: Closing SB I-135 at WB K-254/SB I-235 for adjacent bridge demolition. Traffic will be detoured onto SB I-235 to Broadway to NB I-235 to SB I-135. NEW***
- ***On Dec. 7, the WB K-254 Exit to SB I-135 CLOSED to construct the lane extension for this ramp onto SB I-135. This is planned as a two-month closure, weather dependent. WB K-254 traffic can continue onto SB I-235 to Broadway to NB I-235 to SB I-135. Long-term RAMP CLOSURE***

- A **13'9" height restriction** on SB I-135 under SB I-235 is in effect.
- 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. Repair of the **WB U.S. 54 bridge at the K-251 junction** (far western Sedgwick County), began on May 2 and has been **suspended for the winter**. Bridge painting and permanent pavement markings will be completed in the spring.

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