



## 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).

- 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, 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.

- **Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 am – 3 pm each day, expect single lane traffic on WB K-96 from Hydraulic to I-135, for barrier wall installation on both sides of WB K-96 for future bridge construction. Completed**
- **Set to begin Tuesday, August 8, the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 could be closed from 5 am until noon. Other closures of this ramp will occur on multiple, non-consecutive days, with little advance notice. A bridge over the UP railroad is to be replaced and half of the current bridge must be removed first. The UP RR will probably allow a six-hour window for the work on days the work is allowed. First closure possible on Tuesday**

- **Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 8/8, 9 am – 3 pm, the left lane will be closed on SB I-135 near the K-96 junction. Expect congestion. *NEW***
- **Likely 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 29<sup>th</sup> St. The placement of the wall will require NB I-235 to be reduced to one lane in that area 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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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