



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- Tuesday through Friday on **SB & NB I-135 from US 54 to 29<sup>th</sup> St., 9 am – 3 pm, watch for left lane closures** (a mile or two at a time) as a crew cleans bridge drainpipes. **NEW**
- On **Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am until as late as 3 pm, a crew will patch potholes on WB US 54 from Washington through the Central Business District.** The **Washington St. Entrance ramp to WB US 54 will be closed** during the operation. A **30-minute closure of the WB US 54 Exit to the Central Business District is also planned.** **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 Dec. 7, the **WB K-254 Exit to SB I-135 CLOSED to construct the lane extension for this ramp onto SB I-135.** The ramp is expected to open by **March 17, weather dependent.** **WB K-254 traffic can continue onto SB I-235 to Broadway to NB I-235 to SB I-135.** **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. Gold Project Phase 2B: North Junction to I-135/K-96 Interchange

Construction began Feb. 6 and impacts to traffic began the week of Feb. 13. This phase includes a direct link from 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.

- **SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 has an 11' width restriction.** Started March 8, 2023. **NEW Long-term Width Restriction**
- On March 8, a long-term closure of SB I-135 Exit Ramp to 29<sup>th</sup> St. began. **NEW Ramp Closure**
- In late March, a long-term closure of the Hydraulic Exit to EB K-96. **Coming Soon**

3. An asphalt mill and overlay project on **K-254 from Hydraulic Ave. to the Butler County line will begin April 3.** Work will begin in the left lane at Hydraulic with asphalt milling then asphalt overlay the entire length of the project. Then the crew will work west on the WB lanes from the county line back to Hydraulic. Next, back to the east in the right lane plus adjacent ramps will be overlaid. And finally, finish the overlay on WB K-254 plus ramps. Permanent pavement markings will complete the project. **NEW PROJECT in April**

4. Repair of the **WB U.S. 54 bridge at the K-251 junction** (far western Sedgwick County), began on May 2, 2022 and has been **suspended for the winter.** Bridge painting and permanent pavement markings will be completed in the spring.

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