



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- This week, on **SB & NB I-135 from US 54 to 29th St., 9 am – 3 pm, watch for left lane closures** (a mobile operation) as a crew cleans bridge drainpipes.
Ongoing

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.

- *As a signing crew installs new signs on the project in the next few weeks, expect lane closures. **Tuesday, 9 am until 3 pm, SB I-135 from 53rd St. to north of 37th St., will be reduced to one lane. NEW***
- ***Lane closures for sign installations on Wednesday on NB I-135 from K-96 to the Exit to K-254, 9 am – 3 pm. NEW***
- ***On Thursday the 23rd, 9 am – 3 pm, on WB K-254 to SB I-235, left lane will be closed for the installation of three signs. NEW***
- ***The week of Mar. 27, night work (beginning at 7 pm) is planned to install overhead sign trusses on NB I-135 from K-96 to the Exit to K-254. NEW***
- ***Nightwork is planned to continue on NB I-135 the week of April 3. 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. 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, 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

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.

- **On the night of March 23 (10 pm until as late as 5 am), the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 will be closed for a few hours to remove roadway striping. Traffic can detour to 21st St. onto NB I-135 to EB K-96. NEW**
- **SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 has an 11' width restriction. Started March 8, 2023. Long-term Width Restriction**
- **On March 8, a long-term closure of SB I-135 Exit Ramp to 29th St. began. Ramp Closed**
- **On March 27, a long-term closure of the Hydraulic Exit to EB K-96 begins for the reconstruction for the EB K-96 bridge over the UP RR. Coming Soon**
- **The week of Mar. 27, new striping on NB I-135 will shift traffic to the right from 29th St. to 37th St. Expect lane closures 9 am – 3 pm sometime that week. NEW**
- **Barrier wall will be installed along the left side of NB I-135 from 29th St. to 37th St. on a day the week of April 3. NEW**
- **During the first week of April (possibly the 2nd week), expect a full ramp closure (9 am – 3 pm) of NB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 for installation of concrete barrier. NEW**

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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