



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- **On Monday the 1st, 9 am until 1 pm, a crew will close the SB I-135 Exit to NB I-235 at the South Junction for repairs. **NEW****
- **Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm, a crew will be making bridge repairs at these locations on EB K-96, west of I-235:**
  - Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>, **EB K-96 at 85<sup>th</sup> St.**
  - Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, **EB K-96 at 53<sup>rd</sup> St.**
  - Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, **EB K-96 at Big Slough Creek (west of Ridge Road).**
  - Thursday the (you guessed it) 4<sup>th</sup>, **EB K-96 at Hoover.**
- **On Wednesday, 9 am until 2 pm, closures of the right lane on NB I-135 at Pawnee plus the Exit to Pawnee for bridge drain cleaning, expansion joint repair and upgrades to LED upgrades on overhead lights. **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).

- 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.

- **Likely in late-May or June, the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 will be closed on three 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 is allowing a six-hour window for the work but they will not give much notice of the days the work can be done. **NEW**
- **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. An asphalt mill and overlay project on **K-254 from Hydraulic Ave. to the Butler County line began April 17.** Work began in the right lane on EB K-254 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 then the westbound lane. Permanent pavement markings will complete the project.

- **Expect single lane traffic each weekday** until the project is finished. Traffic control will be removed each night.

4. Concrete pavement patching on **I-235 from the South Junction with I-135 to N. Meridian** began Sunday, **April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Work hours will be **Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am. NEW PROJECT**

- **Work will progress Monday through Thursday nights, 7 pm – 6 am, with single lane traffic on SB I-235** as the contractor works toward the South Junction of I-235 and I-135. **NEW**

**5. Concrete pavement patching on K-15 from just north of MacArthur Road to the Derby city limit will begin Sunday, May 14th at 1 pm.** Work hours will be Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am. **NEW PROJECT in May**

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