



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### Maintenance projects affecting traffic

- **The City of Wichita will close two K-96 ramps on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 am until noon** to replace traffic signal loops. Rain date will be May 18, if necessary.

#### **Ramps closed:**

- **EB K-96 Exit to 13<sup>th</sup> St.**
- **WB K-96 Exit to 21<sup>st</sup> St.**

### 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 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.** Work hours will be **Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.**

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

**5. 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. NEW PROJECT starts soon**

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