



## 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. 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).

- **Opening of the NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 is planned for the afternoon of May 31. *NEW***
- **On Thursday, June 1, the left lane of NB I-135 north of 37<sup>th</sup> St. will be closed 9 am until 3 pm. *NEW***
- **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 for a number of non-consecutive days with little advance notice. A bridge over the United Pacific railroad is to be replaced and half of the current bridge must be removed first. The UP RR is allowing (roughly) six-hour windows for the work but they have not yet given 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 daily exit and entrance ramp closures on EB or WB K-254. *NEW***
- **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 **April 23**. Work hours are **Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.**

- **Night work will progress Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, and Monday through Thursday nights, 7 pm – 6 am, with single lane traffic on I-235 plus adjacent ramp closures** as the contractor works. **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.**

- *The project started the week of May 15 on southbound lanes and continued work is expected this week. **NEW***

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