



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

Week of Sept. 4, 2023

Contacts: Tom Hein, mobile 316-217-0356 tom.hein@ks.gov
Tracy Statton, mobile 316-217-0355 tracy.statton@ks.gov

Links: KDOT www.ksdot.gov KanDrive: www.KanDrive.org
Wichita KDOT: www.WichitaKDOT.org WICHway: www.WICHway.org
North Junction: www.135Gold.com Twitter & Facebook: WichitaKDOT
East Kellogg: www.eastkellogg.ksdot.gov
K-96 Improvements: www.k96improvements.ksdot.gov

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. This project replaces the I-135 ramps to SB I-235/WB K-96 should be finished in late 2023. Project website at www.135Gold.com.

- 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 on I-135 and K96**

Construction began Feb. 6, 2023 with completion by September 2026. This phase includes a direct link for 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 Sept. 6 & 7 (Wed. and Thurs.), from 7 am until 5 pm each day, Hydraulic St. will be closed near 29th St. to crane bridge girders into place. Access to NB I-135 will be open for traffic from 29th and Hydraulic. SB Hydraulic traffic will be prevented from accessing SB Hydraulic at 37th St. North (local traffic allowed).**
NEW
- **Barrier wall has been placed on the right side of NB I-235 from N. Broadway to the ramp onto SB I-135 for construction on a new K-96 exit ramp to EB K-96 and 29th St.**

- *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 29th St. began on March 8. **Ramp Closed***

3. Bridge repair on WB US 54 just west of I-235.

One lane will be closed during the project plus on weekends, the bridge will be reduced to one lane (two lanes closed). This project began on Monday, Aug. 14.

- *The closure of the right lane of WB US 54 over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway occurred on Tuesday the 15th. The traffic taper stretches back to West St. **11' width restriction.***
- *The WB US 54 Ramp to SB I-235 (loop ramp) closure began on Aug. 15.*
- *West St. On Ramp to WB US 54 closed Aug. 14. The turn from West St. and the frontage road serving businesses on the north side of Kellogg will remain open – just the slip ramp onto WB US 54 closes. A detour from West St. to WB US 54 is in place (uses EB US 54 to Edwards to WB US 54).*
- *Weekend work (two lanes closed) occurred Aug. 25 – 27. The next weekend lane reduction is planned for the Sept. 8 – 10. Back to two lanes of traffic by 6 am Monday the 11th. **NEW***

4. K-96, East of Webb Road to US 54.

A 4" asphalt overlay on both directions of K-96 from just west of Greenwich Road to U.S. 54 began on Sunday, August 13. **Night work** with single lane and adjacent ramp closures will occur on **Sundays, 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Fridays, 7 pm – 6 am.**

- *Likely on Tuesday the 5th, from about midnight to as late as 6 am, EB K-96 Exit to EB US 54/400 could be closed for paving. **NEW but unconfirmed***
- *Possibly on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 7 pm until 6 am, the EB US 54/400 Exit to WB K-96 could be closed for paving. **NEW but unconfirmed***
- *On Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 7 pm until 6 am, EB K-96 Exit to WB US 54/400 will be closed for paving. **NEW but unconfirmed***
- *On Thursday, Sept. 7, from 7 pm until 6 am, WB US 54/400 Exit to WB K-96 will be closed for paving. **NEW but unconfirmed***

5. 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.**

6. Concrete pavement patching on K-15 from just north of MacArthur Road to the Derby city limit continues, weather permitting. Work hours are **Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.**

7. A City of Wichita project on WB & EB US 54 from 119th St. W. to Maize Rd. began Aug. 21. **Single lane traffic** on Kellogg for this pavement repair project. Concrete patching on the westbound lanes, mill and asphalt overlay on the eastbound lanes.
NEW with 11' Width Restriction

8. Bridge repair on US 54 near Garden Plain (383rd St. W. over US 54) begins Sept. 5. ***NEW Project***

9. A City of Goddard project to construction a US 54 RCUT (Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection) <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/09059/> is set to begin Sept. 5. **The new intersection of US 54 at Crown Drive/Barber St.** includes turn lanes and traffic signalization. ***NEW Project***

Projects coming soon:

- A Sedgwick County **bridge repair project on Zoo Blvd. over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway is scheduled to begin Sept. 11.** ***NEW Project***
- **I-235** pavement marking.

Unsubscribe from this email list by emailing tom.hein@ks.gov (put Unsubscribe in the Subject line).