



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. This project replaces the I-135 ramps to southbound I-235/westbound K-96 was expected to be finished in late 2023, crews are waiting on the arrival of the high mast lights. Project website at www.135Gold.com.

- No traffic restrictions. Additional interchange lighting to be installed (supply chain issues).

2. Gold Project Phase 2B: North Junction to I-135/K-96 Interchange on I-135 and K-96

Construction began Feb. 6, 2023, with completion currently slated for late 2026. This phase includes a direct link for eastbound K-96 from northbound I-235 and southbound I-135, new westbound K-96 ramps to I-135 and other new ramps at K-96 and I-135 interchange.

- **On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the ramp on westbound K-96 to northbound I-135 will be closed for shoulder repairs from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7.** Motorists can detour to the Hydraulic off-ramp south, past White Star Machinery, and get back on northbound I-135. **NEW**
- A long-term **11-foot width restriction on the two lanes of southbound I-135, south of the I-235/K-254 overpass, is in effect (along with a 50-mph work zone speed limit).**

- *A long-term closure of the Hydraulic exit to eastbound K-96 began on March 27, 2023, for the reconstruction of the eastbound K-96 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. **Ramp Closed***
- **Southbound I-135 exit to eastbound K-96 has an 11-foot width restriction. Started March 8, 2023. **Long-term Width Restriction****
- *A long-term closure of southbound I-135 exit ramp to 29th Street began on March 8. **Ramp Closed***

3. **NEW Suspended due to weather.** Concrete pavement patching on I-235 from the South Junction with I-135 to N. Meridian began **April 23**. Work hours are **Sundays 1 p.m. to 6 a.m. Mondays – Thursdays 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

4. A City of Goddard project to construct a **U.S. 54 RCUT** (Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection) <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/09059/> began **Sept.**

5. The new intersection of U.S. 54 at Crown Drive/Barber Street includes turn lanes and traffic signalization.

- ***Expect single-lane traffic for both directions of U.S. 54 through the east side of Goddard.***

5. A Sedgwick County **bridge repair project on Zoo Boulevard over the Mitch Mitchell Floodway began Sept. 11**. Traffic has been shifted to the north side of the bridge, with the south side closing. Two westbound lanes remain open. Eastbound lanes to I-235 are reduced to one lane.

6. **K-96 Improvements Project, upgrading the K-96 corridor between I-135 and I-35.**

- **On Friday, Feb. 9 there will be lane closures on the inside shoulder of eastbound K-96 to U.S. 400 and westbound U.S. 400 to I-135.** Crews will be collecting core samples for the K-96 expansion project. The work is expected to be complete by Friday, Feb. 16. **NEW**

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