



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT maintenance projects affecting traffic

- **Patching on I-235** is planned for Wednesday, Jan. 3 from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Watch for left lane and/or right shoulder closures. NEW**
- **Patching on I-135** is planned every day this week from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Watch for lane closures. **NEW**
- **Pavement investigations on Woodlawn from 37<sup>th</sup> Street to 45<sup>th</sup> Street** are planned for Wednesday, Jan. 3 through Friday, Jan. 5 from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Short delays are expected. 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. 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](http://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.

- 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 29<sup>th</sup> Street began on March 8. **Ramp Closed**

3. 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**. Two-lane traffic for both directions on the **bridge** will be maintained during the early phases of construction.

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