



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

1. **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. **Updated - Ramp Open***
2. ***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.**
3. 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.***
- 4. 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.
- 5. **K-96 Improvements Project, upgrading the K-96 corridor between I-135 and I-35.**
- 6. **New. Monday, March 18.** NB I-135 entrance from E 85<sup>th</sup> St N. will have the **ramp closed**, and NB I-135 between 61st Street and the Harvey/Sedgwick County Line will have the **right lane closed** due to bridge construction work.
- 7. **New. Wednesday, March 27.** NB I-135 between 62<sup>nd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> St will have the **left lane closed** for maintenance. This maintenance work will involve repairing handrails, cleaning drains, and performing light repairs.

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