



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.org.

- ***On Tuesday the 16th, the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135 will be closed from 9 am until 11 am to walk a crane across the ramp. NEW***
- ***On Tuesday the 16th from 9 am until 3 pm, NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 (and WB K-254) will be closed to set concrete safety barrier. NEW***
- ***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. Pavement patching on **K-96, east of Webb Road to U.S. 54**

Repairs to driving surface and ramps of K-96 from east of Webb Road to U.S. 54. This **night work project** is scheduled for **Sunday – Friday nights, 7 pm – 6 am although earlier start times are expected on Sundays**. Traffic control (lane and ramp closures) will be removed each day by 6 am. A one-week closure of the EB US 54 exit to WB K-96 will occur but the date has not been set.

- ***Pavement patching on the ramp of EB U.S. 54 Exit to WB K-96 will require the closure of the ramp Monday 7 pm until Tuesday 6 am. NEW***

3. Guardrail replacement on the NB I-235 Exit to NB I-135/EB K-254 and NB I-235 to SB I-135 began on April 30.

- ***Barrier wall was installed on April 30 and a 12' width limit on the NB I-235 exit to NB I-135 and to EB K-254 is in place.***

4. Highway striping on U.S. 54, West St. to I-135; I-135, 53rd St. N. to Harvey County; and U.S. 81, at South Junction ramps began in June. This project will have day and night work plus ramps will be closed for restriping.

- ***Night work continues on NB & SB I-135 from 53rd St. N. to 77th St. N. Expect lane and possibly ramp closures between 7 pm and 6 am. Continuing***

5. Repair of two bridges on EB K-96 at Ridge Road began May 2. Planned completion is in September. Expect single lane traffic for one mile west of Ridge Road.

- ***The right lane is closed near Ridge Road. NEW***
- ***A 12' width restriction is in place.***

6. Repair of the WB U.S. 54 bridge at the K-251 junction (far western Sedgwick County), began on May 2. Single lane traffic for each direction of U.S. 54 for one mile will be in place until completion (November). The 383rd St. On Ramp to WB U.S. 54 will be closed for the duration of the project (with a marked detour in place).

- ***Single lane traffic for each direction of U.S. 54, with crossovers, is now in place.***
- ***The 383rd St. On Ramp to WB U.S. 54 is closed.***

7. Construction of right turn lanes on EB & WB K-254 at Rock Road began May 9. Completion should be in late September.

- ***No access to or from Rock Road at K-254 is allowed.***

8. A Field survey on U.S. 54 near I-235 for a proposed bridge replacement over the M.S. "Mitch" Mitchell Floodway will begin Aug. 15. Because of the high traffic numbers, survey work that restricts traffic or closes a lane is likely to take place in the evening or overnight hours. NEW

9. WICHway Camera & Message Board installations (15 locations)

Phase 5 of WICHway installations has been suspended. Some work will require lane or shoulder closures but most of the work will have little impact to traffic.

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