An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects

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KDOT Maintenance

Maintenance crews are planning concrete and asphalt pothole patching this week at various locations on I-135, I-235, K-96 and US 54. Generally, these repairs take place from 9 am until 3 pm. Also on the agenda: mowing, fence repair and guard rail repairs.

Current KDOT construction projects affecting traffic:

1. **K-96 at I-235 Interchange**
   
   Repairs to two EB K-96 bridges over I-235I began August 6. Concrete patching and other repairs are also being made on EB & WB K-96 from the Big Ark River to just west of Seneca plus the eight ramps in the interchange.
   
   - **Monday am through Wednesday, the Meridian On Ramp to NB I-235/EB K-96 is closed** for pavement patching. **NEW**
   
   - **Single lane traffic on EB K-96** from the Big Ark River bridge to Meridian Ave.
   
   - **The EB K-96 Exit Ramp to Meridian St. is CLOSED** for bridge repairs until November. The detour for EB K-96 to Meridian is: Exit to SB I-235, exit at 25th St., turn left onto 25th St. then turn left onto NB I-235 then exit to Meridian. **RAMP CLOSURE WITH DETOUR**

2. **SB I-135 Expansion Joint repairs**
   
   Planned for three more weekends, Friday 7 pm until Monday 6 am, **will reduce SB I-135 traffic to a single lane** plus adjacent on ramps may be closed.
   
   - **Oct. 26 – 29 SB I-135 south of 1st Street, 1st St. On Ramp** OPENED LANES SUNDAY AM
   
   - Nov. 2 – 4 **SB I-135 south of 1st Street, 1st St. On Ramp closed may be closed**
• Nov. 9 – 12 **SB I-135 south of 9th Street**, 9th St. On Ramp closed
• Nov. 16 – 19 **SB I-135 south of 9th Street**, 9th St. On Ramp closed


   The first phase of the Kellogg/I-235 Interchange rebuild (the Red Project) began on November 10, 2015. Improvements, current traffic impacts and upcoming project activities can be found at [www.235red.org](http://www.235red.org). Completion is planned for the Summer of 2019.

   • **All ramps OPEN. NEW**
   • **No lane or ramp closures are planned until Thursday** when striping crews might return to finish ramp and lane permanent striping. **NEW**

Other projects affecting highway traffic

1) **City of Wichita project at 45th & N. Hillside**

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   The complete closure (for reconstruction) of the 45th Street North and N. Hillside intersection began on May 21. The project is expected to finish in late fall.

   • **Intersection closed May 21.**
   • **The EB K-254 Ramp to 45th/Hillside is open for traffic onto WB 45th Street and for traffic onto SB Hillside.**
   • **The WB K-254 Ramp to 45th/Hillside will remain open but traffic must go north on Hillside.**
   • **Access to the Wichita Metro office of KDOT will be via a temporary entrance north of the closed intersection. Access from N. Hillside only.**

2) **City of Wichita project on East Kellogg**

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   The reconstruction of Webb Road and the construction of the north frontage road on US 54 are the major work items on the **US 54 and Webb Road** project on Wichita’s east side. The City of Wichita is administering the project. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at [www.E54ict.com](http://www.E54ict.com).

   • **No left turns are allowed at the US 54/Webb Road intersection.**
   • **WB US 54 access to the Kansas Turnpike (KTA) Toll Plaza 50 has changed.**
     From Rock Road, use the south frontage road along US 54 to access the KTA.
   • **EB US 54 access to the Kansas Turnpike (KTA) has changed** and drivers are directed to detour onto K-96 at the east end of the construction area.
• Speed limits are reduced on US 54 to 40 mph and 30 mph on Webb Rd. An 11’ lane width restriction and a 15’ vertical restriction is in place through the construction zone.

3) Kansas Turnpike Authority project on E. Kellogg

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The East Kellogg project from Greenwich Road to the K-96 interchange began Sept. 19, 2016. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at www.E54ict.com.

• The 40 mph US 54 work zone speed limit has been extended to east of the K-96 interchange. An 11’ lane width restriction and a 15’ vertical restriction is in place through the construction zone.

• The EB K-96 Ramp to WB US 54 is closed (until November 2021) for the construction of two bridges over the KTA, a new ramp to WB US 54 and the completion of the US 54 freeway.

• Greenwich traffic has been moved to new pavement with restrictions to shopping center access from Greenwich.

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