An Update on Wichita’s Highway Projects

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

1. Bridge repairs on SB I-135, 17th St. to 1st St.

   This year-long bridge repair project includes deck patching, expansion joint repair or
   replacement, repair of polymer overlay, a new layer of polymer overlay, and striping. Expect multiple
   lane closures and ramp closures at times.

   • **Weekend week, from 21st St. to 1st St., resumed on March 21 and is continuing. As of Monday morning, the right lane is closed as well as the 13th St. On & Off Ramp plus the Central Ave. Exit Ramp.** Sometime on Monday, the 13th St. Exit will reopen and the 8th/9th St. Exit Ramp will close. **NEW**

   • **When higher temperatures occur,** a polymer overlay on the driving surface will be applied.
     Permanent lane striping will also occur in the spring.

   • **The 1st St. On Ramp to SB I-135 will close for three days to finish repairs** but the date has not been determined.

2. Green Project: I-235 from N. Meridian to N. Broadway

   Construction began on March 11, 2019. The first two of four phases of this project will affect only NB I-235/EB K-96 from N. Meridian to N. Broadway. See the Green Project Fact Sheet for more details on the phasing and the features of the project. Project website at www.235green.org.

   • **NB I-235 and EB K-96 are reduced to one lane each as they merge east of Meridian.** Expect some congestion during high traffic situations.

   • **The N. Broadway On Ramp to NB I-235 is CLOSED** until the construction of the two ramps are completed on the south side of the interstate (probably until 2021)
• **Old Lawrence Road is closed under I-235.** Access to homes and businesses north of I-235 is available via 45th St. North and from N. Broadway. There is no access from 37th St. North.

3. **Bridge Replacement** on I-235 near S. West St.

A two-year, two bridge replacement project over rail tracks west of West St. on both directions of I-235. Initial work to establish crossovers to facilitate single-lane traffic for each direction began March 9. Long-term ramp closures will be necessary beginning April 1. Project boundaries are from S. Meridian to south of the I-235/K-42 interchange.

- *Single lane traffic has been established for NB & SB I-235 from S. Meridian to south of the K-42 junction.*

4. **Bridge Repair** on NB I-135 east of S. Hydraulic St. **Coming in April**

A bridge repair project will require single lane traffic on NB I-135 between S. Hydraulic and Pawnee from April 20 through November.

Other projects affecting highway traffic

1) **City of Wichita project on East Kellogg**  
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The reconstruction of Webb Road is nearly complete, frontage roads are functioning as planned and traffic is now on two lanes (each direction) on mainline US 54. The US 54 and Webb Road project on Wichita’s east side is scheduled to wrap up in late 2020. 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).

- **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. An 11’ lane width restriction and a 15’ vertical restriction is in place on frontage roads through the construction zone.**

2) **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](http://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 on frontage roads 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.

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