



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. That project that replaces the I-135 ramps to SB I-235/WB K-96 should be finished in late 2023. Project website at www.135Gold.com.

- *The new NB I-135 Exit to SB I-235 /WB K-96 is open and in use.*
- *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. **Gold Project Phase 2B: North Junction to I-135/K-96 Interchange**

Construction began Feb. 6, 2023 with completion by September 2026. This phase includes a direct link for EB K-96 (from NB I-235) to EB K-96 at the junction on I-135, and new ramps for WB K-96 onto I-135.

- **Tuesday, July 18, rolling roadblocks will be used along K-96 so a pipeline contractor can bore new lines under the K-96 ramp east of I-135. Each closure is expected to last approximately 10 minutes. *NEW***
 - **9:30 a.m. the eastbound K-96 ramp on southbound I-135 will be closed.**
 - **10 a.m. to 11 a.m. the westbound K-96 ramp to southbound I-135 will be closed, this will include closing the inside lane on westbound K-96.**

- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. the westbound K-96 lane to northbound I-135 will be closed, along with the outside lane on westbound K-96.
- *In late July, barrier wall will be installed on both sides of WB K-96 near the junction with I-135 for future bridge construction.*
- *Likely in the first week of August, barrier wall will be placed on the right side of NB I-235 from N. Broadway to the ramp onto SB I-135 for construction on a new K-96 exit ramp to EB K-96 and 29th St. The placement of the wall will require NB I-235 to be reduced to one lane in that area from 9 am until as late as 3 pm for one day. **Coming in August***
- *Delayed until later in the summer, the SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 will be closed on multiple days with little advance notice. A bridge over the UP railroad is to be replaced and half of the current bridge must be removed first. The UP RR will probably allow a six-hour window for the work but they will not give much notice of the days the work can be done. **Delayed but coming soon***
- *A long-term closure of the Hydraulic Exit to EB K-96 began on March 27 for the reconstruction of the EB K-96 bridge over the UP RR. **Ramp Closed***
- **SB I-135 Exit to EB K-96 has an 11' width restriction.** Started March 8, 2023. **Long-term Width Restriction**
- *A long-term closure of SB I-135 Exit Ramp to 29th St. began on March 8. **Ramp Closed***

3. An asphalt mill and overlay project on **K-254 from Hydraulic Ave. to the Butler County line** began April 17. Work began in the right lane on EB K-254 with asphalt milling then asphalt overlay the entire length of the project. Then the crew will work west on the WB lanes from the county line back to Hydraulic. Next, back to the east then the westbound lane. Permanent pavement markings will complete the project.

- **Expect daily lane and ramp closures on K-254 for lane striping and other permanent pavement markings. *Continuing***

4. Concrete pavement patching on **I-235 from the South Junction with I-135 to N. Meridian** began **April 23**. Work hours are **Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.**

- **Night work will progress Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, and Monday through Thursday nights, 7 pm – 6 am, with single lane traffic on I-235 plus adjacent ramp closures. *Continuing***

5. Concrete pavement patching on K-15 from just north of MacArthur Road to the Derby city limit will begin this week, weather permitting. Work hours will be Sundays 1 pm – 6 am, Mondays – Thursdays 7 pm – 6 am.

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