



## An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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### KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

#### KDOT Current Projects

1. **New. Wednesday, April 17. EB K-96 mile 273 to 274 just west of 183<sup>rd</sup> street W.** will have the **right lane closed**. This maintenance is due to concrete depth repair patches. Reconstruction will conclude **Friday, April 19**.
2. **NB I-135 entrance from E 85<sup>th</sup> St N.** will have the **ramp closed**, and **NB I-135 between 77<sup>th</sup> Street and 101<sup>st</sup> Street** will have the **lane closure** due to bridge construction work. Bridge reconstruction will be until **Friday, September 27**.
3. **Bridge 118 on 343rd St. over US-54** will be closed for repairs **until Friday, May 3**.
4. **I-135 southbound to westbound U.S. 54** will have the **ramp closed**. Work on this bridge is one of three bridge rehabilitation projects scheduled this year at the **I-135/U.S. 54 interchange**. The bridge work will take place consecutively. This first project is set to **conclude in late May**.

#### KDOT Multi-year Projects

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).***
  - ***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. **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.**

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