



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT Current Projects

1. **New:** Northbound I-135 from 2nd Street to 17th Street will have the **right and center lanes** closed beginning **Friday, August 16**. The two-lane closure will occur **until 5 a.m. Monday**, at which time the center lane will reopen to commuters.
2. **New:** According to the City of Kansas Turnpike Authority, Toll booth decommissioning began on July 1. KTA crews have been **removing toll booths and canopies** for contractors to complete **demolition and lane reconfiguration**. Contract work will **begin** at these toll plazas **in August** and is expected to be **completed by the end of the year, weather permitting**. For additional information please visit [Kansas Turnpike Authority \(kturnpike.com\)](http://kturnpike.com).
3. Eastbound U.S. 54 from Hillside Street to Webb Road will have the **left and center lane** closed starting on **Sunday, August 4**. The work will generally occur from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. When work is not occurring, the center lane will be reopened to the public. Maintenance is set to conclude in late December.
4. **According to the City of Wichita**, the westbound K-96 to Rock Road exit ramp will be closing **the week of August 5**. The westbound K-96 to Rock Road entrance ramp will be closing **Tuesday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The eastbound K-96 entrance ramp will be closing **the week of August 12**.

For additional information contact the City of Wichita's public works and utilities office at 316-268-4422.

5. **Eastbound U.S. 54 to I-135 northbound** will have a **ramp closure starting on Tuesday, July 23**. The rehabilitation project will involve milling, patching and a concrete overlay being placed on each side consecutively. Maintenance is set to **conclude in October**.
6. **Entrance ramp from E 13th Street of northbound I-135 will close starting July 23**. The rehabilitation project will involve patching. Maintenance is set to **conclude in August**.
7. **Exit B ramp to E 13th Street N of northbound I-135 was closed starting July 15**. The rehabilitation project will involve patching. Maintenance is set to **conclude in August**.
8. **Northbound and southbound Eisenhower Airport Parkway** will have the **center and left lanes** closed for maintenance starting **Monday, July 8**, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation. It is estimated that the project will be **completed by August**.
9. **Northbound I-135 from 2nd Street to 17th Street** will have the **right lane** closed beginning **Monday, June 17**. The rehabilitation project will involve patching. Maintenance is set to **conclude in early November**.
10. **Westbound/eastbound U.S. 400 between 159th Street and Prairie Creek Road** is conducting a **geological field survey** starting **Monday, June 17**. The study will gather information needed for the proposed East Kellogg Expansion Project and expected to be **completed by early December**.
11. **N East 45th street bridge over I-135** will have the **westbound lane** closed beginning **Monday, June 17**. Maintenance is set to **conclude in early October**.
12. **Westbound/eastbound U.S. 400 between K-96 and S Andover Road** is conducting a **geological field survey**. The study will gather information needed for the proposed East Kellogg Expansion Project and is expected to be **completed by August**.
13. **NB I-135 entrance from E 85th St N** has the **ramp closed**, and **NB I-135 between 77th Street and 101st Street** has the **lane closure** due to bridge construction work. Bridge reconstruction will be until **Friday, September 27**.

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***
2. 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**. The **traffic lights are now operational**, with ongoing **construction in the median**. Two lanes for eastbound and westbound traffic are now open on opposite sides of the median.
 5. **K-96 Improvements Project, upgrading the K-96 corridor between I-135 and I-35.**

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