



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

KDOT Current Projects

- 1. New:** Southbound I-135 from the K-254 interchange to just past the K-96 interchange will be **closed starting at 5 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21.** Northbound I-135 motorists will be required to exit onto eastbound K-96. The closures are necessary for girder erection and are **expected to be completed by the late evening of Sunday, Sept. 22.** Detours will direct drivers to take alternate routes.
- 2. New:** Westbound K-96 over the Arkansas River will have **right lane closures starting Tuesday, Sept. 17,** followed by **left lane closures on Wednesday, Sept. 18.** Eastbound K-96 will have **left lane closures starting Thursday, Sept. 19,** with **right lane closures on Friday, Sept. 20.** The lanes will remain closed until necessary bridge inspections are completed.
- 3. New:** Central Street on-ramp and the 8th/9th Street off-ramp of northbound I-135 will be **closed beginning Thursday, Sept. 19, at 9 a.m.** Cones will be set up to include the acceleration and deceleration lanes between the two ramps. Ramps will remain closed until the work is completed.
- 4. New:** Northbound I-135 from 2nd Street to 17th Street will have the **left and center lanes closed beginning Friday, Sept. 20.** The two-lane closure will occur **until 5 a.m. Monday,** at which time the center lane will reopen to commuters.

5. **Update:** Entrance ramp from E 13th Street of northbound I-135 closed starting July 23. The rehabilitation project involves patching. The entrance ramp is scheduled to remain closed through September.
6. The East 77th Street bridge over I-135 will be closed for maintenance starting Monday, Sept. 9. It is estimated reconstruction will conclude in November.
7. Eastbound and westbound K-96 from Maize to I-235 will have intermittent lane closures starting Wednesday, Sept. 11. It is estimated reconstruction will conclude in early November.
8. Northbound I-235 to westbound K-96 will be closed for reconstruction starting Monday, Sept. 16. The work is expected to be completed in early October.
9. Northbound and southbound Eisenhower Airport Parkway will have the center and right lanes closed for maintenance starting Tuesday, Aug. 13, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation. It is estimated that the project will be completed by October.
10. Exit 7B ramp to E 9th Street N of northbound I-135 will close starting Wednesday, August 21. The rehabilitation project will involve patching.
11. Northbound I-135 from 2nd Street to 17th Street will have the left lane closed beginning Sunday, August 25. The rehabilitation project will involve patching. Maintenance is set to conclude in early November.
12. According to the 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).
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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**.

16. 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**.

17. 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**.

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 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.
- 4. K-96 Improvements Project, upgrading the K-96 corridor between I-135 and I-35.**

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