



### An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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KDOT construction projects affecting traffic

#### **KDOT Current Projects**

- 1. New: Northbound I-135 from 2nd Street to 17th Street will have the left and center lanes closed beginning Friday, Sept. 6. The two-lane closure will occur until 5 a.m. Monday, at which time the center lane will reopen to commuters.
- 2. Exit 7B ramp to E 9th Street N of northbound I-135 will close starting Wednesday, August 21. The rehabilitation project will involve patching.
- 3. Northbound I-135 from 2nd Street to 17th Street will have the right lane opened and the left lane closed beginning Sunday, August 25. The rehabilitation project will involve patching. Maintenance is set to conclude in early November.
- 4. 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 (ksturnpike.com).

5. 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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 early July.
- 8. Westbound/eastbound U.S. 400 between 159<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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
- 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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