



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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Leading up to **Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day (October 10)**, read the **daily blogs** about traffic incidents and how they affect people's lives. <http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com>

Current KDOT projects affecting traffic:

1. **NEW PROJECT** Crack sealing on **I-135, Pawnee to US 54**

If weather permits, work will begin Monday, Sept. 18 on this one- or two-week night project. Crews will close one lane at 7 pm and a second lane by 10 pm. All lanes should be open by 6 am. Work on ramps are included so expect ramp closures.

- **Single lane closures** from 7 pm and a second lane closure by 10 pm (until 6 am).

2. Pavement Markings on **K-15, MacArthur Road to 71st St. South**

Work began Tuesday, Sept. 5 on this night project. Crews will close one lane in each direction Sunday through Thursday nights, 7 pm until 6 am. Project should be completed in early November.

- **Single lane closures** on NB and SB K-15 from 7 pm until 6 am

3. Two **Bridge Repairs** on **SB I-135**

Work began June 5 on two southbound I-135 bridges over railroad tracks near 29th Street North. The 29th St. Entrance Ramp to SB I-135 will close for the duration of the project (until December). Bridge deck overlays were poured on Sept. 12. Add a 21-day cure time plus restriping and we could see a **traffic switch in early October**.

- **The 29th St. Ramp to SB I-135 is closed**

- ***The Right Lane of SB I-135 is closed***
- ***Work zone speed limit has been reduced to 50 mph***

4. Five Bridge Replacements on I-235

Work began March 21, 2016 and was suspended November 11 for the winter. Work resumed on February 20, 2017 to replace the NB I-235 bridges over the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway and the Big Arkansas River plus the 25th Street bridge over I-235.

- ***25th Street access to and from I-235 is closed until November.***
- ***I-235 traffic is single lane, head-to-head on the west side of I-235.***

5. Red Project: I-235/US 54 Interchange

The first phase of the Kellogg/I-235 Interchange rebuild (dubbed the Red Project) began on November 10, 2015. Improvements, current traffic impacts and upcoming project activities can be seen at www.235red.org. Completion is planned for the Summer of 2019.

- ***On Tuesday, Sept. 19, 9 am until 3 pm, the right lane of EB US 54 under I-235 will be CLOSED for the placement of barrier wall. THIS WEEK***
- ***Work on the I-235 bridges over US 54 will move to the outside lanes of I-235 on Monday, Sept. 25 and all four cloverleaf ramps at the I-235/US 54 Interchange will be closed until winter. NEXT WEEK***
- ***The new SB I-235 Ramp to WB US 54 is scheduled to open September 29. WOW!***
- ***On the weekend of October 6 - 9, US 54 under I-235 AND I-235 over US 54 will be CLOSED for the placement of 12 120' bridge beams over traffic lanes of US 54 and I-235. Detours will use the four diamond-shaped ramps on the outside of the interchange. Scheduled for Friday 7 pm until (at the latest) Monday 6 am. COMING SOON***
- ***The EB US 54 Ramp to NB I-235 is closed until December.***
- ***The WB US 54 Ramp to SB I-235 is closed until December.***
- ***The EB US 54 Exit Ramp to West Street CLOSED May 8 (until late 2017).***
- ***The intersection of Hoover and Douglas is closed until December for reconstruction of the intersection.***
- ***Concrete barrier wall has been placed on NB I-235 from US 54 to Central Ave. for the construction of an auxiliary lane.***
- ***The SB I-235 Ramp to WB US 54 is closed until Sept. 29 as two bridges are constructed over the Wichita – Valley Center Floodway. The bridges are part of two ramps: NB I-235 to WB US 54 and SB I-235 to WB US 54. An official detour is marked.***
- ***Elder Street is closed at Maple.***

City of Wichita project on East Kellogg

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The reconstruction of Webb Road and the construction of the north frontage road on US 54 are the major work items on the **US 54 and Webb Road** project on Wichita's east side. The City of Wichita is administering the project. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at www.E54ict.com.

- ***No left turns are allowed at the US 54/Webb Road intersection.***
- ***WB US 54 access to the Kansas Turnpike (KTA) Toll Plaza 50 has changed. Drivers will need to exit at Rock Road and use the new south frontage road along US 54 to access the KTA.***
- ***EB US 54 access to the Kansas Turnpike (KTA) has changed and drivers are directed to detour onto K-96 at the east end of the construction area.***
- ***Speed limits are reduced on US 54 to 40 mph and 30 mph on Webb Rd. An 11' lane width restriction and a 15' vertical restriction is in place through the construction zone.***

Kansas Turnpike Authority project on E. Kellogg

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The East Kellogg project from Greenwich Road to the K-96 interchange began Sept. 19, 2016. A website for both pieces of the East Kellogg project is at www.E54ict.com.

- ***The 40 mph US 54 work zone speed limit has been extended to east of the K-96 interchange. An 11' lane width restriction and a 15' vertical restriction is in place through the construction zone.***
- ***On February 20, the EB K-96 Ramp to WB US 54 closed (until November 2021) for the construction of two bridges over the KTA, a new ramp to WB US 54 and the completion of the US 54 freeway.***

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