



An Update on Wichita's Highway Projects

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Current KDOT projects affecting traffic:

1. 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).

- *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*

2. **Concrete patching on I-235**

Concrete patching has been completed and new pavement markings have been placed.

- *Work has been completed and the project is finished. **NEW***

3. 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.*

4. **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.

- **All lanes on West St. from Irving to Taft are open.** Some short-term lane closures will be necessary to complete crosswalks and other finishing touches. **NEW**
- **On Monday evening, July 17, from 7 pm until as late as midnight, the right lane of NB I-235 will be CLOSED** for the installation of a new overhead sign. **NEW**
- **On Tuesday evening, July 18, from 7 pm until as late as midnight, the right lane of NB I-235 will be CLOSED** for the removal of an old overhead sign. **NEW**
- **On Wednesday, July 19, the New NB I-235 Ramp to EB US 54 is scheduled to open.** This ramp will allow access to West Street (access from EB US 54 to West St. will remain closed). **NEW**
- **Scheduled to begin on July 24, the left lanes of NB & SB I-235 over US 54 will CLOSE for 75 days.** **NEW**
- **Traffic on WB & EB US 54 is reduced to two lanes in each direction from Hoover to West streets.**
- **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.** starting the construction of an auxiliary lane.
- **The EB US 54 Exit Ramp to West Street CLOSED May 8 until late 2017.**
- **Traffic on Maple St. under I-235 has returned to two lanes in each direction.** When bridge work resumes (late summer) it will again be reduced to one lane in each direction.
- **US 54 from Hoover to West Street (under I-235), is reduced to two lanes in each direction (until October).**
- **The SB I-235 Ramp to WB US 54 is closed until late summer 2017 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 using SB I-235 to EB US 54 to Edwards then to the WB US 54 Ramp.
- **Elder Street is closed at Maple.**

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.***
- ***A U-turn (with traffic signal) ½ mile east of Webb Road on EB US 54 is in operation.***
- ***A U-turn on WB US 54 at Webb Road is in operation.***
- ***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 Media Contact: Jeri Biehler 316/652-2728

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.***
- ***Single lane traffic for WB US 54, from K-96 to Zelta, for adjacent construction of a storm water box structure under US 54.***
- ***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.***

City of Wichita Pawnee Street project

Work on **Pawnee under I-135 will affect KDOT ramps**. No significant impact at this time.

City of Wichita K-42/Southwest Blvd. project

Started on June 5, **EB & WB traffic on K-42 between Hoover and West Street is reduced to one lane each direction** for pavement improvements.

- The project will replace the asphalt surface and repair the concrete pavement under the asphalt. There will be no turn restrictions at the I-235 interchange. The estimated completion is August.

City of Wichita K-96/Greenwich Ramps

On Monday, July 17, concrete repairs to two ramps will close a lane on each ramp but traffic will be able to move past the work zone. The ramps affected are **EB K-96 exit ramp to Greenwich (left lane) and WB K-96 exit ramp to Greenwich (left lane)**. The work should be completed in one week and lane closures should open the week of July 24. **NEW**

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