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Northbound I-135 ramp to eastbound U.S. 50 to close at Newton

The northbound I-135 ramp to eastbound U.S. 50 on the north side of Newton is expected to be closed for a patching project beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, May 16.

The ramp is expected to reopen by 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation project.

Local motorists will still have access to eastbound U.S. 50 from Old Trail Road.

While the ramp is closed, KDOT is offering the following route as a detour (see map below): from northbound I-135 to K-15, north on K-15 to U.S. 56, east on U.S. 56 to U.S. 77, then south on U.S. 77 to U.S. 50 at Florence.

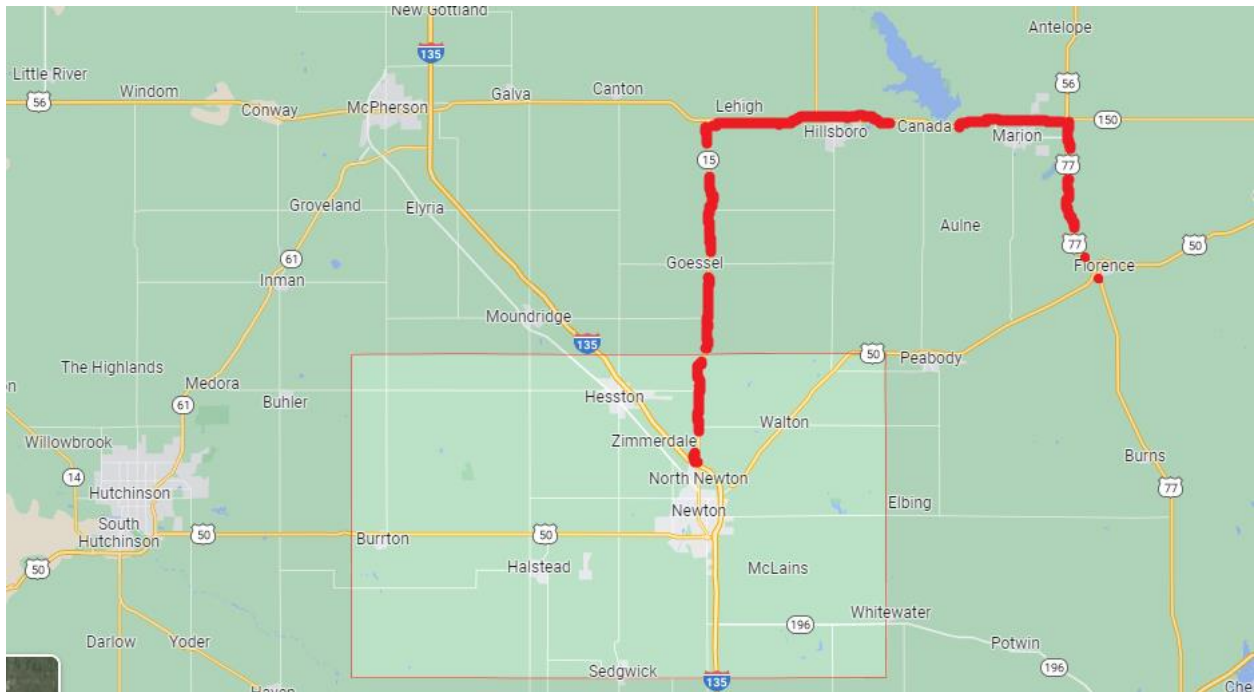
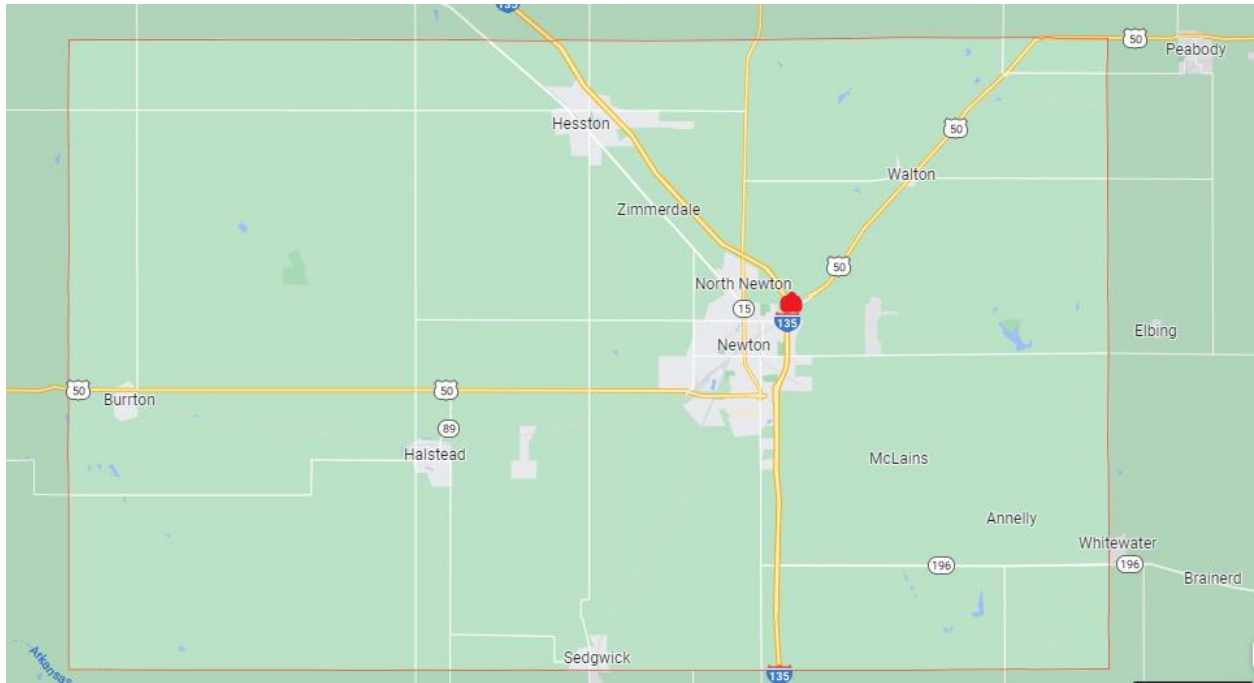
The work is part of a continuing ramp-pavement patching project on U.S. 50/I-135 interchanges on the south and north sides of Newton. The project also involves patching on I-135 ramps at First Street and Broadway in Newton.

The project is expected to end around late July. Only one ramp will be closed at a time. A single lane closure may be needed on sections of I-135 and U.S. 50. Motorists will be directed to drive at reduced speeds.

KDOT will continue to provide updates on when each ramp will close as the project progresses.

Vogts-Parga Construction, of Newton, is the primary contractor for the \$1,179,492 project.

The maps below show the approximate project location, marked in red, and the suggested detour route, marked in red.



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