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Plans for next two ramp closings on I-135 at Newton

Here is the latest ramp closing update, including some revision of plans, as part of an ongoing ramp patching project along I-135 at Newton:

- The ramp from southbound I-135 to First Street/Broadway will close at 7 a.m. Monday, May 16, and reopen on Wednesday, May 18.
- After that ramp reopens Wednesday, the northbound I-135 ramp to eastbound U.S. 50, on the north side of Newton, will be closed. The ramp is expected to reopen by 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 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 from northbound I-135 to eastbound U.S. 50 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.

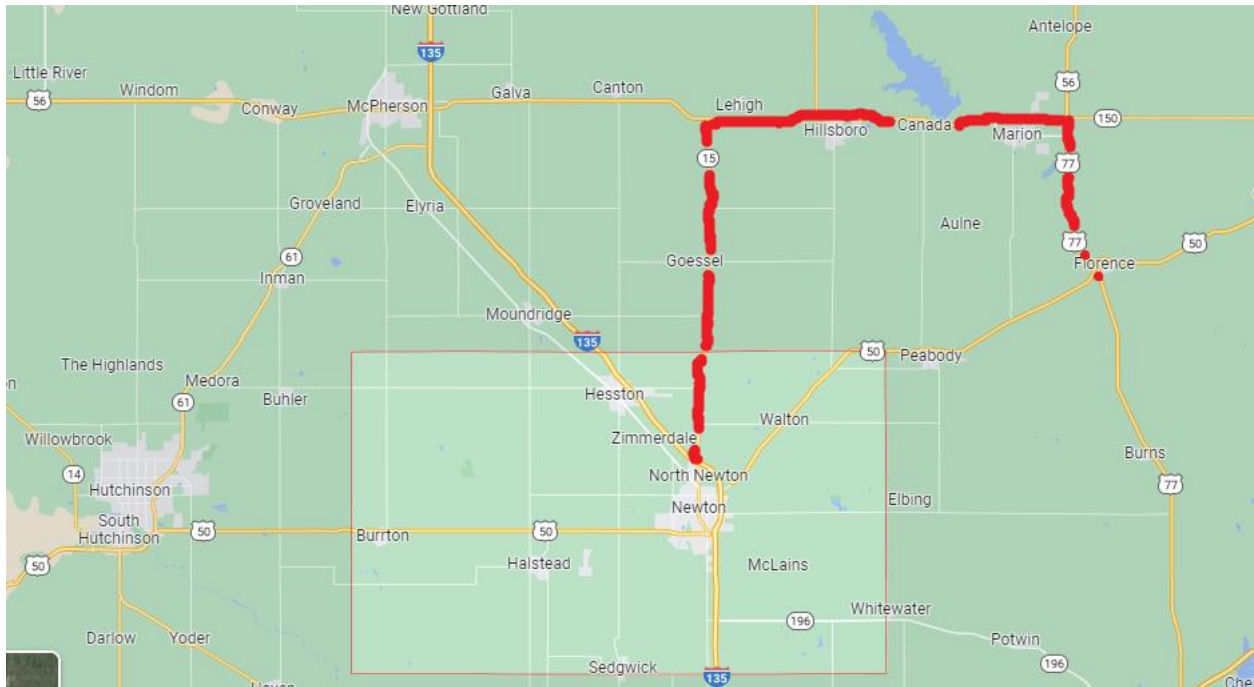
The work is part of a continuing ramp-pavement patching project on U.S. 50/I-135 interchanges on the south and north sides of Newton. The project also involves patching on I-135 ramps at First Street and Broadway in Newton.

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 a reduced speed.

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 map below shows the suggested detour route, marked in red.



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