



Construction Update – April 17, 2026

Highway and project ID	USH 51 (5845-16-73, 74 & 83)
Project limits, location	Stoughton - Madison Harrison St to Roby Rd Roby Road to S CTH B/AB
Project length	1.288 miles & 3.624 miles
Overall schedule	March 24, 2026 – Oct 27, 2027
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Note: Updates are shown in red below.

Project Description: The work under this contract shall consist of excavation common, excavation rock, excavation marsh, select crushed material, base course dense, concrete pavement, HMA pavement, monotube cantilever sign structures, concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, concrete barrier, storm sewer, culvert pipe, permanent signing, traffic control, pavement marking, lighting, temporary traffic signals, traffic signals, sanitary sewer system components, water distribution system components, MGS guardrail, wall concrete panel mechanically stabilized earth, concrete masonry culverts (pedestrian underpasses), concrete masonry retaining walls, and all incidental items necessary to complete the work as shown on the plans and included in the proposal and contract.

Overall traffic impacts/holiday work restrictions: In 2026, USH 51 will be open to traffic for the vast majority of the time. There will be a short-term closure (max of 21 calendar days) that will be allowed for the utility work in Stoughton and a short-term closure of STH 138 (max of 14 calendar days) during the construction. Detours will be provided during these closures. Additionally, there will be several nighttime closures of USH 51 north of Stoughton for the placement of pipe culverts across the road during the off-peak hours in 2026. These closures will be short term (i.e. one night). Due to this, no detours will be provided during these activities and traffic will simply have to find their way. These nighttime closures will be limited to 3 separate nights during the 2026 construction year. The reconstruction in 2026 will run from Harrison St to S Quam Road in 2026 and this work will be completed in 2026 and fully open to traffic in 2027. The work for 2027 will consist of the reconstruction of USH 51 from S Quam Road to CTH B/AB. USH 51 through this stretch will be closed to traffic in 2027 and a detour will be provided. Access will be maintained to the local residents / business owners though this will change throughout the 2027 construction year. Emergency access will always be maintained through the work zone for the duration of the project although this will change at various times as well. There are several provisions regarding the maintenance of local and pedestrian traffic through the construction zone during the duration of the project.

The following holiday and special event work restrictions are contained in the contract. No work will occur during the following dates/times that will impede the free flow of traffic:

Projects 5845-16-73 and 5845-16-83

- Noon Thursday, May 14, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026 for Syttende Mai
- Noon Friday, May 22, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026 for Memorial Day
- Noon Friday, July 3, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 6, 2026 for Independence Day
- Noon Friday, September 4, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026 for Labor Day
- Noon Wednesday, November 25, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2025 for Thanksgiving

Project 5845-16-74

- Noon Thursday, May 14, 2026 to 6:00 AM Monday, May 18, 2026 for Syttende Mai;
- Noon Friday, May 22, 2026 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2026, for Memorial Day
- Noon Friday, July 3, 2026 to 6:00 AM Monday, July 6, 2026, for Independence Day
- Noon Friday, September 4, 2026 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, September 8, 2026, for Labor Day
- Noon Wednesday, November 25, 2026 to 6:00 AM Monday, November 30, 2026 for Thanksgiving
- Noon Friday, May 28, 2027 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, June 1, 2027, for Memorial Day
- Noon Friday, July 2, 2027 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, July 6, 2027, for Independence Day
- Noon Friday, September 3, 2027 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, September 7, 2027, for Labor Day
- Noon Wednesday, November 24, 2027 to 6:00 AM Monday, November 29, 2027 for Thanksgiving.

Work completed since last update:

Obviously, the amount of rain that we have had at the site over the past week has affected the progress on the schedule. The contractors were able to complete the work to add the drain in the paved median just north of the STH 138 roundabout. They were also able to work on applying some pavement markings between Harrison and Kings Lynn Road. After this work was completed on Thursday, they shifted the traffic to the far north side of the roadway between Harrison and McDonalds. This is the configuration that traffic in this area will stay in now until the completion of the reconstruction of the south side of the roadway.

The contractors worked on installing a new sanitary line down South Harrison. They needed to finish this work down to USH 51 for access reasons prior to the closure of a section of USH 51 next week. The contractors are also working on a small amount of grading on the north side of the road for the widening required on the north side of the road in the Kings Lynn area. Again, due to the condition of the site, this is really the only grading work that was completed on the project this week.

On the 74 ID north of Roby Road, the contractors placed a minimal amount of fill that came from the sanitary work on South Harrison. Due to the wet conditions, this is literally the only work that was performed on the 74 ID in the past week.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

The contractors will be working on breaking and removing pavement on the south half of the

roadway from South Harrison to Hamilton in preparation for the utility work that will occur next week. Starting early next week, USH 51 will be closed just east of South Harrison to the west side of Van Buren (STH 138) for the utility work. The contractors will begin the work necessary to install the new utilities (sanitary sewer, water main, etc) in this area. This closure is anticipated to run through at least May 1, 2026. Please note that poor weather or potential unknown conflicts could extend this closure.

The contractors will also be working on some grading on the north side of the road in the Kings Lynn area so that they can finish the widening required in this area. Once this is complete (grading, paving and pavement markings), all traffic in this area will be shifted to the north side of the road for stage 2 construction as well.

The contractor will be working on switching to stage 2 from McDonalds through the roundabouts all the way to Roby Road next week

In the rural portion of the project, the contractors will resume working on pumping Halverson's pond for the placement of fill in this area. They will also resume the placement of fill on the east side of the road north of Roby Road so that traffic can be shifted to the east through this stretch so the work on the underpass just north of Roby Road can proceed. The goal would be to make this switch sometime next week.

USH 51 is mostly open to through traffic in the work zones and will remain this way for most of the 2026 construction. There are a few short-term closures allowed for 2026 and there will be a signed detour in place for these. USH 51 will be closed to through traffic in the 2027 construction season. There is a signed detour in place for the 2027 construction season.