

Construction Update – August 20, 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 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

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- 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:

In the past week, the contractors have been working on various aspects of the project. In the segment between Harrison and Silverado, the contractors completed the installation of the underground of the new storm sewer and completed the remaining work for the watermain improvements. Except for Hamilton sideroad, they also completed the excavation for the north half of the roadway and they have placed the aggregates needed for the new roadway foundation.

The contractors broke and removed the old pavement between Jackson and Roby and have started the work for the underground installation of the storm sewer on the east half of the roadway in this stretch.

The contractors placed the curb & gutter needed for the next stage on both sides of the roadway from Rutland Dunn to CTH B.

The contractors paved the shoulder and the turn lanes for the new SB lanes between CTH B and South Quam Road. The contractors have started placing the new curb and gutter on the median side of the new pavement from South Quam Road headed back to CTH B.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

The contractors will continue to work on the underground storm sewer installation between Jackson and Roby. This work will continue until it is completed in this section which is scheduled for the end of next week.. The contractors will be excavating and placing aggregate in this stretch following the storm sewer as it is available. Along with the grading, the contractors will be installing conduit for the new lighting along with the grading in this segment

The contractors will finish a minor amount of gradin and then will be working on trimming the grade between Harrison and Silverado to get ready for the paving operations. Paving operations are scheduled to resume in this segment next week.

There will be several items of work scheduled for north of Roby Road in the next week. The contractors will be working on paving the curb & gutter along the median side of the new pavement from South Quam Road to CTH B. The contractors will be working on pouring concrete pavement in various locations (SB tie in at Roby, Rutland Dunn, CTH B). The contractors will be working on finishing the topsoil placement in various areas. Lastly, the contractors will be working on temporary asphaltic pavement and permanent asphaltic pavement in various locations in this area as well to get ready for the traffic shift in this segment.

USH 51 is open to through traffic in the work zones and will remain this way for most of the 2026 construction. USH 51 will be closed to through traffic in the 2027 construction season. There will be a signed detour in place for the 2027 construction season.