

Construction Update – July 30, 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

Project 5845-16-74

- 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. They finished the concrete work that was required to shift traffic between Silverado and Harrison.

The contractors paved the temp asphalt widening on the south side of the roadway and then placed the temp asphalt curb for the shift. The contractors also paved the binder lift on most of the sideroads on the south side of the mainline.

The contractors painted the lines and moved the traffic signals at Kings Lynn and Van Buren and shifted traffic.

The contractors worked on paving the 10' concrete path from Roby Road to the top of the hill on Rutland Dunn Townline Road. They also worked on paving the curb & gutter along the new pavement between Jackson and Roby

The contractors continued to work on the coping (cap at the top of the wall) for the retaining walls at the west side of the pedestrian overpass. This work is almost finished.

The contractors worked on pouring the curb & gutter that is needed in this stage for the future roundabout at CTH B.

The contractors finished the restoration work for most of the exposed topsoil on this stage.

The contractors are now working on the removals of the existing pavement, curb & gutter, sidewalk, etc on the north side of the roadway between Silverado and Harrison now that the traffic is located on the south side of the roadway.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

The contractors will continue to work on the removals on the north side of the roadway between Harrison and Silverado. They will also begin working on the underground utility installation (water, sanitary sewer & storm sewer). The grading operations and aggregate placement for the north side of the road will follow the utility installation.

The contractors will continue to place the rest of the concrete pavement, curb & gutter, 10' path between Jackson and Roby. They will also be working on the Jackson Street intersection so that this can be open with the future traffic shift in this segment.

The contractors will be working on trimming the grade for concrete pavement north of Roby Road. After the trimming is completed, the contractors will be working on paving the new concrete for the SB lanes north of Roby Road headed to the north. The placement of curb & gutter will follow the paving.

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.