

Construction Update – July 9, 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 finished the rest of the underground installation for the water and storm sewer from King Street to Roby Road. The contractors also worked on adjusting water valves and manhole castings for mainline paving.

The contractor worked on installing storm sewer from Roby Road to the north to CTH B

The contractors finished the grading and aggregate placement from Jackson Street to Roby Road and from Roby Road to the north to just south of Rutland Dunn Townline Road.

The contractors finished the MSE walls at the west end of the pedestrian underpass just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road.

The contractors trimmed the grade from South Harrison to the match point at the roundabout at Silverado and worked on trimming the grade from Jackson Street headed to the north.

The contractors finished the excavation needed for the marsh on the west side of the road in the area of Halverson Pond and worked on hauling in the fill needed for this area.

The contractors poured most of the 10' path on the west side of the roadway from Jackson Street to Roby Road.

The contractors placed the new concrete for the mainline paving from Van Buren to the roundabout at Silverado.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

Next week, the contractors will work on pouring concrete on the north side of the slab that was poured this week from Van Buren to Silverado. They will pave more concrete on the north side of the new slab from Silverado back to Van Buren and they will pave the new concrete from Van Buren to the match point east of South Harrison.

The contractors will continue to work on pouring the 10' path on the west side of the road north of Roby Road.

The contractors will finish the storm sewer installation north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road to CTH B if this stretch isn't finished yet. They will then continue to work on installing storm sewer north of CTH B as well.

The contractors will be working on grading and placing aggregate in the area of Rutland Dunn Townline Road and to the north once the storm sewer work is complete.

The contractors will continue to haul fill material into the area of the marsh excavation at the north end of the project by Halverson Pond.

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.