

# Construction Update – June 19, 2026



<b>Highway and project ID</b>	USH 51 (5845-16-73, 74 & 83)
<b>Project limits, location</b>	Stoughton - Madison Harrison St to Roby Rd Roby Road to S CTH B/AB
<b>Project length</b>	1.288 miles & 3.624 miles
<b>Overall schedule</b>	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, 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 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:**

This week, the contractors finished making the last of the sanitary and water laterals connections in the area between Gjertson and West Main Street and began working on installing the new watermain between King Street and Kings Lynn.

The contractors finished the last of the storm sewer work in the area of West Main. They then graded out and placed aggregate on the new grade of the south half of the road between Pine Street and West Main Street. They also graded out the south half of the intersection of Kings Lynn Road. They also worked on grading out and placing aggregate on the south half of the roadway between West Main and Gjertson.

The contractors continued to work on placing the new storm sewer between Jackson and Roby Road.

The contractors placed aggregate on the new SB lanes just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road up to CTH B and finished placing aggregate on the grade in the area of South Quam Road.

The contractors poured the top of the pedestrian underpass just north of Rutland Dunn and finished the head wall for the west end of this structure. This completes the work for the pedestrian underpass for this stage.

The contractors shifted traffic on the north end of the project by Halverson Pond and installed concrete barrier on the west side of the roadway for the marsh excavation that needs to take place on the west side of the roadway – the same as the process that was completed on the east side of the road.

### **Anticipated work schedule for next week:**

Next week, the contractors will be working on some of the same items of work along with some new items. They will continue to work on installing storm sewer on the leg of the project between Jackson Street and Rutland Dunn Townline Road. They will perform the grading activities and the placement of aggregate in this stretch as the underground work is completed.

The contractors will work on grading out and placing aggregate the south half of the intersection at Van Buren and on the mainline grade between Gjertson and West Main Street.

The contractors will be working on installing the new watermain and the new storm sewer for the south half of the roadway between King Street and Kings Lynn Road. The grading activities in this stretch will follow the completion of the installation of the underground facilities.

The contractors will be working on the excavation needed to start installing the MSE walls that run north and south off the west end of the newly constructed pedestrian overpass just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road.

The contractors will resume working on the marsh excavation at the north end of the project by Halverson Pond. They will move the barrier on the east side of the roadway out to the edge of the existing shoulder. This barrier will remain in this position through the winter until work resumes next year. The contractors will work on the marsh excavation on the west side of the roadway in the same manner that they performed this work for the east side of the road earlier this year.

As has been the case, the contractors will be working on grading and placing aggregate anywhere on the project as the rest of the underground work is completed. Obviously, they are getting the south portion of the roadway ready for concrete 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.