

Construction Update – May 29, 2026



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| 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, 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 worked in several different areas again. They had 3 separate pipe crews working in various sections of the city mostly installing new storm sewer but they also installed some more new watermain as well. This underground work will continue for the next couple of weeks until this work is completed from Harrison Street to Rutland Dunn Townline Road.

The contractors worked grading in a few areas as well. They graded out the south half of the roadway from Kings Lynn Road to the roundabout. They are also working on grading from King Street to the east. The contractors also continue to cut and fill material in various locations north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road.

The contractors worked on removing the house in the NW quad of Rutland Dunn Townline Road. The contractors are also excavating in this area as well.

The contractors drove the temporary sheet piling for the pedestrian underpass just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road. They also drove a lot of the sheet piling that will be required to "hold up" the new west side of the roadway for the stage 2 construction. Note that the grade in this area is going to be raised several feet with the completed roadway. The contractors have just started the work required to construct this underpass and will be working on this over the next few weeks.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

Again, next week, the contractors will be working on much of the same work as they week. They will continue to have multiple pipe crews on the project working on installing storm sewer.

The contractors will be grading the sections of the project within the city limits whenever and wherever the underground work is completed. This work will involve placing the new aggregate for the new roadway.

The contractors will continue to work on the grading on the project north of Roby Road through the South Quam area. They will be working on cutting, hauling and placing fill for the new roadway in general in the area between Rutland Dunn Townline Road and South Quam Road.

As stated last week, we have now fully settled into stage 2 of the project so a lot of the work that you will see over the next couple of weeks will be very similar. The exception to this is that the second mainline closure has been scheduled for the installation of the utilities between Van Buren and West Main Street for June 1, 2026 – June 10, 2026. This stretch of USH 51 will be completely closed off to traffic for 10 days while the contractors work on installing the utilities through this area that simply can not be done with traffic on the mainline.

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.