

Construction Update – May 14, 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 Thursday, May 14, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026 for Syttende Mai
- Noon Friday, May 22, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026 for Memorial Day
- 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 Thursday, May 14, 2026 to 6:00 AM Monday, May 18, 2026 for Syttende Mai;
- Noon Friday, May 22, 2026 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2026, for Memorial Day
- 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:

The contractors worked in a lot of areas in the past week. They finished running the new watermain from Van Buren up to Gjertson. They also worked on running the new watermain from West Main back to Gjertson. They also worked on hooking up the new water laterals to the new watermain between South Harrison and Van Buren.

The contractors worked on installing the new storm sewer on the south side of the roadway in the South Harrison intersection.

The contractors worked on digging the new pond along Holts Road and graded out for the new roadway between Jackson Street up to Jung Seeds. The contractors also continued to work on filling along the west side of the roadway between Rutland Dunn Townline Road and CTH B. The contractors were also working on cutting down the hill on the west side of the roadway north of CTH B and this material was hauled both to the north and south where it was placed and compacted for the new roadway off the west side of the roadway.

The contractors worked on placing and compacting fill in the area of the marsh excavating at the Halverson Pond location.

The contractors finished paving the widening of the roadway between Roby Road and CTH B and shifted both lanes of traffic over to the east side of the roadway through this area. After the traffic shift, the contractors worked on placing temporary concrete barrier through the Rutland Dunn Townline Road area

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

Next week, there will be a lot of the same work occurring as well as some new changes. On the far north end of the project, the contractors will continue placing borrow in the marsh excavation area until this area is filled up. The contractors will continue grading in the area north of Roby Road to South Quam Road.

In the area of the new underpass just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road, the contractors will be working on installing sheet piling for the construction of the south half of the new structure.

In the city, the contractors will be working on underground installation of facilities. Most of this work next week will consist of storm sewer installation.

The contractors will be grading the “city” portion of the project as the underground facilities are installed.

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.