

Construction Update – October 16, 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 rest of 2026. 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 Wednesday, November 25, 2026 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2025
for Thanksgiving

Project 5845-16-74

- 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 in the segment between Harrison and Silverado, the contractors placed pavement markings for the traffic shift and then shifted the NB traffic to the NB lanes and shifted the SB traffic to the middle of the roadway for the work remaining on the south side of the road. The contractors removed all of the temporary asphalt used to widen the roadway. They also worked on pouring all of the curb & gutter on the mainline in this segment.

In the stretch between STH 138 and Roby Road, the contractors worked on installing all of the new light bases and traffic signal bases needed on the east side of the NB lanes. They also worked on placing topsoil in the median between the NB & SB lanes, in the terrace between the road and the 10' path and behind the path on the east side of the roadway.

The contractors finished the last of the work needed for the new pedestrian underpass just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road / Greenbriar. They then worked on backfilling the new box culvert and began the construction of the retaining walls that will be placed on the east end of the new underpass.

The contractors also worked on the last of the grading needed for the new NB lanes north of Roby Road to the northern limits for this year. They finished the excavation for the mainline and placed aggregates for the new roadway foundation. They also worked on spreading topsoil on the east slopes through this entire stretch. Lastly, they completed all of the grading and aggregate placement that they can do on CTH B at this time.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

In the stretch between Harrison and Silverado, the contractor will be working on installing the traffic signal bases and the bases for the new light poles on the south side of the roadway. They will also be working on forming up the curb & gutter on the sideroads on the south side as well.

In the segment between STH 138 and Roby Road, the contractors will be working on placing topsoil for the east side of the NB lanes. They will also be working on painting the permanent pavement markings in this stretch to get ready to shift NB traffic to the new NB lanes. This will likely occur early to mid-week next week.

North of Roby Road, the contractors will continue to work on backfilling the new pedestrian underpass and the construction of the retaining walls off the east end of the ped underpass. This work should be completed next week.

The contractors will also continue to work on placing topsoil on the slopes where needed on the north end of the project.

The contractor will be closing CTH B on Monday. Once this is closed, they will be working on the remaining grading and aggregate placement for the rest of the CTH B reconstruction and for the USH 51 mainline through this area. CTH B will be open to the Stoughton Clinic but there will be no access off of or onto USH 51 from CTH B for the next 3 or 4 weeks.

Special access notes

1. All roads on the north side between Harrison and Silverado are open to traffic.
2. Jackson Street on both sides will have access to USH 51 but will be limited to right in / right out on both sides as the middle of the intersection will be closed off after the switch next week.
3. Greenbriar is closed and will remain that way for a considerable amount of time yet (up to two months)
4. Access on and off USH 51 from CTH B will be closed for one month while we reconstruct this side of the intersection. The date of the closure is 10/19/26. CTH B will remain open to Stoughton Clinic but there will be no access to USH 51.

USH 51 is open to through traffic in the work zones and will remain this way for rest 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.