

Construction Update – October 1, 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, despite Mother Nature being somewhat less than cooperative, the contractors still made some good progress on the site. They continued to work on pouring curb & gutter, sidewalk / 10' path, pedestrian ramps and driveway aprons between Harrison and Silverado. The lion's share of this work has been completed on the north side of the road through this stretch.

The contractors worked on forming and pouring concrete for the side roads at Hamilton and on the east side of Jackson.

The contractors worked on installing conduit and digging, forming and pouring the light bases for the new street lighting and traffic signals between Harrison and Silverado.

The contractors have been working on placing topsoil in the terrace area and behind the sidewalk in the stretch between Harrison and Silverado.

The contractors finished grading and placing aggregate in the area of the new 10' concrete path on the east side of the roadway between Kwik Trip and Roby Road and they worked on pouring portions of this path in the past week. They also worked on pouring the curb and gutter along the sides of the new NB pavement in this area.

The contractors finished the grading between Roby Road and Greenbriar and have placed the aggregate needed for the new roadway in this stretch.

The contractors continued working on the pedestrian underpass just north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road. They finished forming and pouring the walls for this structure and have started forming and placing rebar for the deck of the eastern portion of this structure.

North of Rutland Dunn Townline Road / Greenbriar, the contractors have finished the vast majority of the grading required for the new NB lanes and are working on placing aggregates on the grade for the new roadway foundation. This work involves crushing the old concrete pavement for some of the aggregates in this portion of the roadway.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

In the stretch between Harrison and Silverado, the contractor will finish pouring any curb & gutter, sidewalk and driveway aprons that are left on the north side of the roadway. The contractors will continue to place any needed topsoil on the north side of the road in this stretch. The contractors

will also be working on cleaning out and sealing the joints in the concrete pavement in this stretch as well. The contractors will also be working on placing some of the permanent pavement markings for the NB lanes and they will be paving the asphalt connections between the new concrete on the side roads and in the parking lots. The goal (weather provided) is to move the NB traffic back to the north side of the roadway so that they can begin removing the temp asphalt on the south side of the road by the end of next week.

The contractors will continue to work on installing conduit, light bases and traffic signal bases and cabinets between Harrison and Roby.

Between Kwik Trip and Roby Road, the contractors will be working finishing as much of the 10' path and the curb & gutter as they can place at this time.

The contractors will continue to work on the pedestrian underpass north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road. They will finish forming and pouring the deck portions of the underpass. Note that the falsework has to remain in place for one week after the last pour for the deck.

The contractors will be working on finishing any of the remaining grading left north of Rutland Dunn Townline Road / Greenbriar and will continue to work on placing aggregates for the new roadway foundation in this area.

Special access notes

1. Van Buren on the north side is open
2. Hamilton is currently closed and will remain closed for approximately one week
3. Kings Lynn is open to traffic and will stay that way for a while yet
4. Jackson Street to the east is closed and will remain that way for approximately one week.
5. Greenbriar is closed and will remain that way for a considerable amount of time yet (up to two months)
6. Access on and off USH 51 from CTH B will be closed for one month while we reconstruct this side of the intersection. The target 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.