

Construction Update – May 13, 2026



Highway and project ID	USH 51 (5845-16-72 & 79)
Project limits, location	Stoughton - Madison Spring Road to Fifth Street
Project length	1.495 miles
Overall schedule	March 24, 2025 – June 15, 2026
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Note: Updates are shown in red below.

Project Description: The work under this contract shall consist of excavation, base course, concrete paving, HMA paving, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm sewer, water main, sanitary sewer, retaining wall, traffic control, pavement marking, permanent signing, traffic signals, lighting 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: USH 51 will be closed to through traffic. There is an official signed detour for the project that used STH 138, STH 59 and IH 39/90. Emergency access will always be maintained through the work zone for the duration of the project. 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:

- From noon Thursday, May 14, 2026 to 6:00 AM Monday, May 18, 2026 for Syttende Mai

Work completed since last update:

The contractors set all of the brackets for the formwork required for the “cap” of the retaining wall. They have formed up a large portion of the cap that they will pour tomorrow.

The contractors worked forming and pouring a lot of the remaining sidewalk and driveway aprons for this stage – especially on the north side of the road between Hillside Ave and 6th Street

The contractors worked on the grading that is needed for stage 3 of the project to get ready for the final restoration.

The contractors set the new light poles on the north side of the road from CTH N to the RR tracks.

Anticipated work schedule for next week:

Next week, the contractors will finish forming and pouring the rest of the “cap” for the retaining wall. They may be able to set the railing on the retaining wall by the end of the week.

The contractors will be working on saw cutting / cleaning out the joints in the concrete pavement so that they can be sealed.

The contractors will finish the grading and shaping for the placement of sod in the terrace and the final seeding of the topsoil behind the sidewalk.

USH 51 is closed to through traffic in the work zone from the west side of Church Street to 5th Street. The current closure will remain in place until the work is completed up to 6th Street. The city has adjusted the local detour for the current closure.

Note that the roadway will be opened to traffic through the work zone for Syttende Mai.