



**\*\*\* TRAFFIC ADVISORY \*\*\***

**Overnight Detours Coming to I-77 near uptown Charlotte**

**Charlotte, N.C. (February 14, 2017)** – As crews work on the construction of the I-77 Express Lanes near uptown Charlotte, an overnight detour is planned from February 15 through February 19 between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange to continue work on the Oaklawn Avenue bridge.

The detour location is as follows:

**Oaklawn Avenue Bridge – Please see attached detour map:**

This detour will occur on I-77 southbound on Wednesday night, February 15, Thursday night, February 16 and the weekend nights of February 17 to February 19 from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Southbound traffic will be detoured just north of the I-85/I-77 interchange to I-85 southbound to Brookshire Boulevard and back on I-77 southbound. Please be advised that ramps leading to this portion of I-77 during the hours of the detour will be temporarily closed. Crews will be wrapping up demolition work of the northwest corner of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge as part of the construction of the new Oaklawn Avenue bridge part of the I-77 Express Lanes project. The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. The east part of the bridge will be wider, providing space under Oaklawn Avenue for a future greenway connection.

Traffic on the Oaklawn Avenue bridge will be detoured to the La Salle Street bridge on Wednesday night, February 15, Thursday night, February 16 and the weekend nights of February 17 to February 19. This detour will take place on Wednesday night, February 15 and Thursday night, February 16 from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Friday, February 17 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 18 from 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, February 19 from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Motorists are encouraged to pay attention when approaching the work zone, obey the posted speed limit and work zone signs, and allow extra time to reach their destinations safely.

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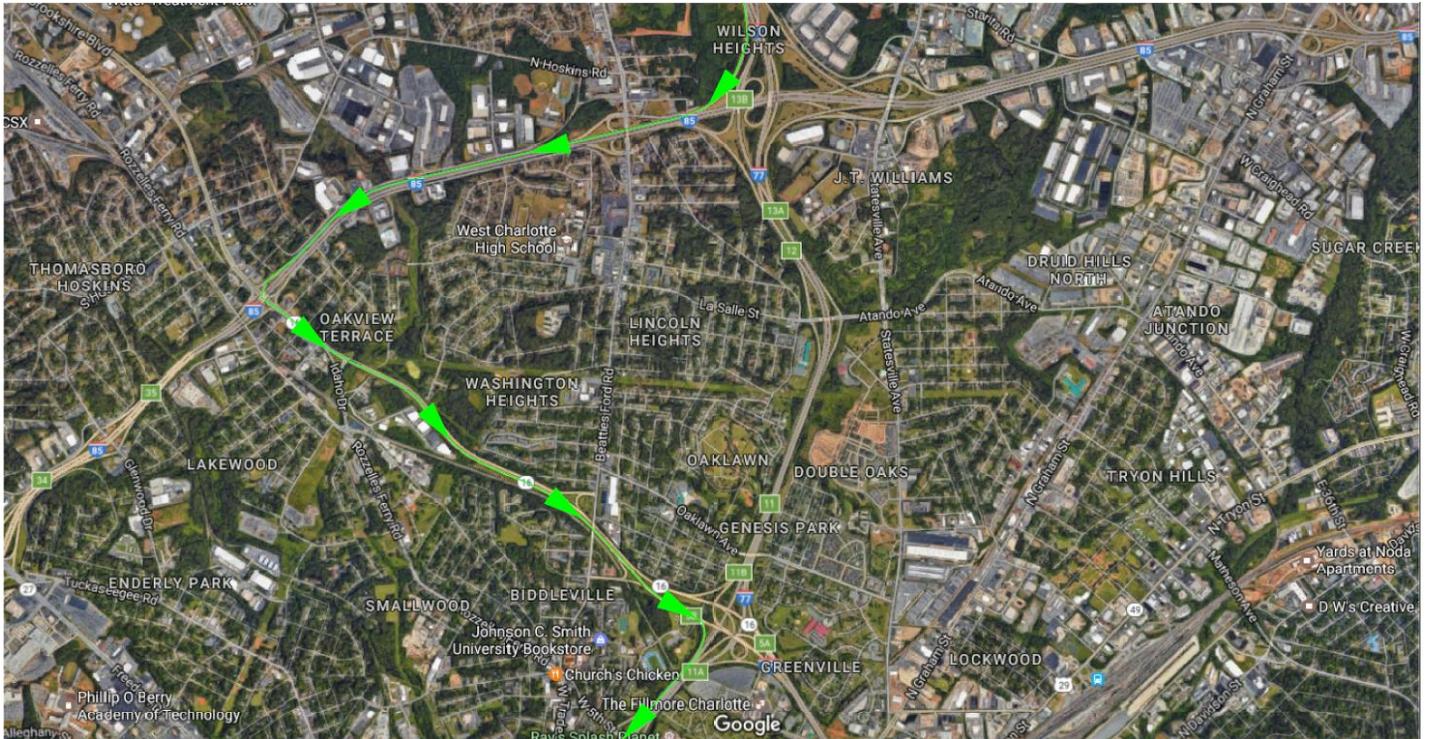
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Once the project is complete, dedicated express lanes will run adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes. The number of general purpose lanes will remain the same as today. Drivers will have the choice of using the express lanes to avoid travel delays, the general purpose lanes or a combination of both. Vehicles with three or more occupants (including the driver) and equipped with a transponder may use the express lanes for free. The full 26-mile project is slated to be completed in 2018.

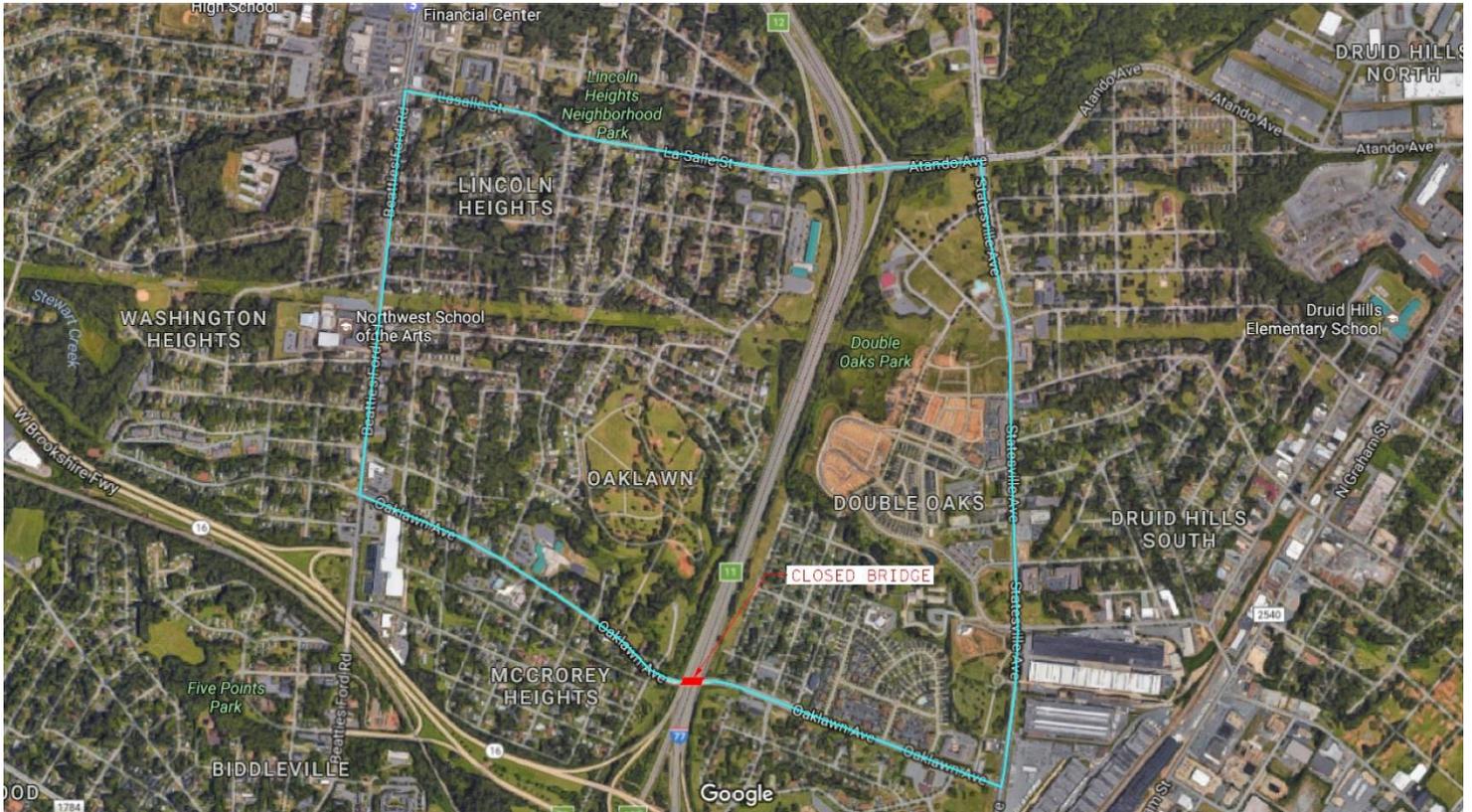
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# I-77



## I-77 Southbound Detour

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## Oaklawn Avenue Bridge Detour

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