



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

**Construction Begins on Second Phase of Pedestrian Culvert**

**Charlotte, N.C. (August 15, 2017)** – A traffic shift on I-77 will take place near Exit 23 in Huntersville as part of the construction of the new I-77 Express Lanes. Crews will shift traffic to the median of I-77 in both northbound and southbound directions for approximately 2,000 feet. Traffic shift operations will occur overnight from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19. This traffic shift will be in place for approximately four months.

This traffic shift will allow crews to continue the pedestrian culvert work just north of Exit 23 in Huntersville. This pedestrian culvert will provide space under I-77 for a future greenway connection in this area.

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.

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.

For the most up to date information about the project, we encourage people to sign up for our e-newsletter and follow us on social media, using the following:

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