



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

**Northbound HOV Lane to close on I-77 in Charlotte**  
*Motorists encouraged to be extra cautious and drive safely in work zone*

**Charlotte, N.C. (March 22, 2017)** – As work continues on the I-77 Express Lanes project, motorists will notice a change in their daily commute with the closure of the northbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane from the I-85/I-77 interchange to the I-485/I-77 interchange in Charlotte. Closing the northbound HOV lane between the I-85/I-77 interchange to the I-485/I-77 interchange will allow crews to create space to work on the future direct connector at the Lakeview Road overpass and set a temporary safety barrier.

**WHAT:** Closure of the northbound HOV lane from the I-85/I-77 interchange to the I-485/I-77 interchange.

**WHEN:** First week of April 2017. **Weather permitting.**

Two locations will be designated on I-77 northbound between the I-85/I-77 interchange and WT Harris Boulevard for motorists to safely pull over if necessary. The first location will be north of mile marker 15 between Cindy Lane and Sunset Road. The second location will be near mile marker 17 just before the Lakeview Road overpass.

Throughout the construction process, I-77 Mobility Partners and contractor Sugar Creek Construction seek to minimize the impact of traffic changes by scheduling specific activities during non-peak drive times. When the project is complete, the HOV lanes will become part of the I-77 Express Lanes.

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 I-77 Express Lanes are 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 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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