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**Traffic Shift Scheduled on I-77 Northbound Between the Brookshire Freeway/I-77 Interchange and LaSalle Street**

**Charlotte, N.C. (April 20, 2017)** – As work continues on the I-77 Express Lanes project in the Charlotte area, motorists will notice a new traffic pattern as crews shift northbound traffic lanes approximately 2,000 feet to the east on I-77 near the Oaklawn Avenue bridge between the Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange and LaSalle Street, weather permitting. This permanent traffic shift will take place Friday, April 20, at 10:00 p.m. and will allow crews to safely continue building the new bridge for Oaklawn Avenue. Temporary concrete safety barriers will separate the northbound and southbound lanes while construction of the new Oaklawn Avenue bridge continues in the median.

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 open at the end of 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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