

# I-77 Express Lanes:

## August 2017 Construction Update

Progress on the I-77 Express Lanes continues and is on track to help make travel easier in the Charlotte and Lake Norman region. Below is a look at the construction activities slated for August:

- Subgrade stabilization is taking place from Exit 36 in Mooresville to the south. Stone placement and pavement operations will follow.
- Crews are placing asphalt near Exit 31 in Mooresville.
- Construction crews will place girders in the next few weeks on the new portion of Reeds Creek bridge over Lake Norman between Exit 33 and Exit 35 in Mooresville.
- Construction activities continue on a sound barrier wall on the west side of I-77 between Exit 33 and Exit 31 in Mooresville.
- Crews poured the deck on the first half of the new Griffith Street bridge in Davidson at Exit 30. Once completed, the new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- The construction of a permanent concrete barrier that will separate the northbound and southbound express lanes continues near Exit 28 in Cornelius.
- Crews will shift traffic on I-77 just north of Exit 23 on Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 to the inside median. This four-month traffic shift will allow crews to finish building the outer portions of the pedestrian culvert that will provide space under I-77 for a future greenway connection in Huntersville.
- A permanent detour is in place on Hambright Road for approximately 18 months while crews build the new Hambright Road direct connector bridge to the I-77 Express Lanes. The new bridge will feature two lanes in each direction, one turning lane in each direction for easy access to the Express Lanes, and bike lanes and sidewalks for improved connectivity.
- Grading operations continue in the median between the I-85/I-77 interchange and Exit 18 in Charlotte.
- Preliminary construction activities continue at the Lakeview Road bridge. A new direct connector bridge will be built at this location that will feature two lanes in each direction, one turning lane in each direction for easy access to the Express Lanes, and new bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Crews continue working on the road widening of the area between LaSalle Street and the I-85/I-77 interchange. Once improvements are completed, the northbound ramp from LaSalle Street will have a dedicated lane coming from the ramp to I-85 northbound.
- The first girders are now in place on the new on the half of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge. Overnight detours will continue taking place near uptown Charlotte between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Freeway-I-277/I-77 interchange to allow crews to continue working on the rebuilding of the Oaklawn Avenue and LaSalle Street bridges.

All of the 26-miles of the I-77 Express Lanes project are currently under construction. Safety is our number one goal. 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.

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.

A variety of bid opportunities are available for interested companies. If you know of anyone interested, please ask them to visit the contracting opportunities section on our website for details on how to apply.



Crews placing asphalt near Exit 31 in Mooresville



Grading operations in the median between the I-85/I-77 interchange and Exit 18 in Charlotte



Construction on the Oaklawn Ave. bridge



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