

# I-77 Express Lanes:

## December 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 December:

- Crews started resurfacing work of the general purposes lanes from Exit 36 to the end of the project, two miles north of Exit 36.
- Construction crews continue placing asphalt and permanent concrete barrier between Exit 31 and Exit 36 in Mooresville.
- Noise barrier walls are underway in Mooresville, Cornelius, Huntersville and Charlotte.
- Crews continue working on the retaining walls and the foundation of the structures that will support the new second half of the Griffith Street bridge at Exit 30. Once completed, the new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Construction crews continue placing permanent concrete barrier that will separate the northbound and southbound express lanes south of Exit 28 in Cornelius.
- Crews will shift traffic within the next week to the median from Exit 25 to the Westmoreland overpass to continue with the resurfacing work of the general purpose lanes in this area between Huntersville and Cornelius.
- Crews completed the eastern portion of the Torrence Creek pedestrian culvert, reaching the 70 percent completion mark of this culvert construction. Work has now moved to the west side of the culvert. Once completed, this pedestrian culvert will provide space under I-77 for a future greenway connection in Huntersville.
- Soil stabilization and stone placement continue between Exit 23 in Huntersville and the I-485/I-77 Interchange.
- Crews continue working on the bridge footers and columns at the Hambright Road bridge in Huntersville. This new bridge will feature two lanes in each direction, one turning lane in each direction for direct access to the Express Lanes, and bike lanes and sidewalks for improved connectivity.
- Crews continue working on the foundation support and retaining walls of the Lakeview Road direct connector bridge. This new bridge 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 are completing stone placement between Cindy Lane overpass and Lakeview Road overpass in Charlotte. Crews recently started paving work in this area.
- Crews continue working on structures that will support the different bridges just north and south of the I-85/I-77 interchange area in Charlotte. Five new bridge structures will be built in the area and three structures will be widened and improved.
- Crews continue working on widening roads between LaSalle Street and the I-85/I-77 interchange in Charlotte. Once improvements are completed, the northbound ramp from LaSalle Street will have a dedicated lane coming from the ramp to I-85 northbound.
- Construction crews continue working on the foundation support for the new LaSalle Street bridge in Charlotte.
- Crews continue working on the bridge deck of the first new half of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge. Once the whole bridge is completed, the new bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Crews placed the first beams on the tallest bridge of the project, the ramp from I-277 westbound to I-77 southbound at the I-277-Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange.

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.



Paving operations between Exit 31 and Exit 33 in Mooresville



Columns work at the new Hambright Road Direct Connector in Huntersville.



Crews working on bridge structure at the new Express Lanes bridge over I-85.



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