

I-77 Express Lanes: February 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 February:

- The first traffic shift near uptown Charlotte is now complete. Crews are working on traffic control and preliminary construction activities, preparing the area for upcoming traffic shifts and roadway construction between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Fwy-I-277/I-77 interchange.
- Traffic control and preliminary construction activities have started for the construction of the new Oaklawn Avenue bridge. The new bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. The east part of the bridge will be wider, providing space under Oaklawn Avenue for a future greenway connection.
- Traffic control activities and placement of temporary concrete barrier are commencing just south of Gilead Road (Exit 23) to the I-485 interchange. Pedestrian culvert work is progressing just north of Exit 23 in Huntersville.
- Crews will continue with paving activities from the Stumptown Road overpass to Exit 25 (Sam Furr Road) as temperatures allow.
- Construction crews continue working on the new permanent concrete safety barrier wall separating the northbound and southbound express lanes just north of Exit 28 (Catawba Avenue) in Cornelius.
- Preliminary construction and traffic control activities started at the Griffith Street Bridge in Davidson (Exit 30). The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Drainage and grading activities continue from Exit 30 in Davidson to Exit 36 (Plaza Drive) in Mooresville.

The majority of the I-77 Express Lanes 26-mile project will be under construction during 2017. 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 our website www.i77express.com and click on the contract opportunities tab for details on how to apply.



Traffic shift on I-77 near uptown Charlotte



Pedestrian culvert work near Huntersville



Permanent concrete barrier work near Exit 28 (Catawba Ave) near Cornelius



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