

# I-77 Express Lanes: November 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 November:

- Crews are placing asphalt from Exit 31 to Exit 36 in Mooresville.
- Construction crews placed the bridge deck of the Reeds Creek bridge over Lake Norman between Exit 33 and Exit 35 in Mooresville.
- Crews continue working on the new noise barrier wall in Cornelius and Mooresville.
- Traffic is now travelling on the first half of the new Griffith Street bridge under construction in Davidson. Demolition of the old Griffith Street bridge is complete. 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 poured the first concrete slab on the outsides of the Torrence Creek pedestrian culvert. Once completed, the pedestrian culvert will provide space under I-77 for a future greenway connection in Huntersville.
- Soil stabilization and stone placement are taking place now for the new roadway between Exit 23 in Huntersville and the I-485/I-77 Interchange.
- Crews are working on the bridge footers and columns at the Hambright Road bridge in Huntersville. The 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 bridge in Charlotte. A new direct connector bridge into and from the express lanes will be built at this location.
- Noise barrier walls near Lakeview Road are now under construction.
- Crews continue work 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. Overnight detours will periodically take place on I-85 at the I-85/I-77 interchange as work continues.
- Crews continue working on 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 are continuing to build the bridge deck of the first new half of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge. The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Overnight detours continue to take place near uptown Charlotte between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Freeway-I-277/I-77 interchange to continue work on the Oaklawn Avenue and LaSalle Street bridges.
- Work continues to progress on new ramp and bridge structures for the express lanes 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.



Demolition of the old Griffith Street bridge



Work on bridge columns at the new Hambright Rd. direct connector



Aerial view of activities in the Uptown Charlotte area



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