

# I-77 Express Lanes: January 2018 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 January:

- Construction crews continue placing asphalt between Exit 31 and Exit 36 in Mooresville.
- Crews continue working on noise barrier walls from Mooresville to Huntersville.
- Crews continue working on the bridge footers and columns that will support the new second half of the Griffith Street bridge. 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 from Exit 28 in Cornelius to Exit 36 in Mooresville.
- Crews will shift traffic in early spring to the median lanes from Exit 25 in Huntersville to the Westmoreland overpass at mile marker 27 in Cornelius to continue resurfacing work of the general purpose.
- Construction crews continue working on the two director connectors. At the Hambright Road direct connector in Huntersville, crews are working on the bridge footers, columns, and caps. Retaining walls and support structure for the new direct connector bridge at Lakeview Road in Charlotte are going up near the Lakeview Road overpass. Once completed, both will feature two lanes in each direction, turning lane in each direction for easy access to the Express Lanes, and new bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Crews continue working on noise barrier walls between Exit 16 and Exit 18 in Charlotte.
- Concrete walls are being constructed for the new cut and cover underpass that will carry the I-77 Express Lanes north of the I-85/I-77 interchange.
- Crews continue working on the columns and support structures of the different bridges in and around the I-85/I-77 interchange area in Charlotte. Four new bridge structures will be built in the area and three structures will be widened and improved.
- Construction crews continue widening roads and placing asphalt 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. Crews also started noise barrier wall construction in the area and are working on the columns and abutments for the new LaSalle Street bridge.
- Crews are paving on the east side of I-77 just south and north of the Oaklawn Avenue overpass. Traffic will shift in the upcoming weeks to the permanent on ramp from I-277 westbound to I-77 northbound.
- Crews poured half of the bridge deck of the first new half of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge in Charlotte and will finish pouring concrete for the second half of the bridge deck within the next couple of weeks. Once the whole bridge is completed, it will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Crews continue working on the tallest bridge structure of the project, the ramp from I-277 westbound to I-77 southbound at the I-277-Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange.
- Overnight detours continue near uptown Charlotte between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Freeway-I-277/I-77 interchange to allow crews to work on the Oaklawn Avenue and LaSalle Street bridges. Overnight detours occur periodically on I-85 at the I-85/I-77 interchange area to allow work on the bridge structures over I-85.

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 working on the bridge footers and columns for the new second half of the Griffith Street bridge in Davidson



Crews working on the permanent concrete barrier that will separate the northbound and southbound express lanes near Mooresville



Crews working on concrete walls for the new cut and cover underpass just north of the I-85/I-77 interchange



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