



# I-77 Express Lanes: July 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 June:

- Soil stabilization is taking place in the areas between Exit 36 and Exit 31 in Mooresville. Crews are preparing to start asphalt placement at Exit 31 by September.
- Construction of the new portion of Reeds Creek bridge over Lake Norman, between Exits 33 and 35 in Mooresville, is steadily progressing. The first beams on the new section of this bridge are scheduled for installation by September.
- Preliminary construction activities for a noise barrier wall have started on the west side of I-77 between Exits 33 and 31 in Mooresville.
- Crews placed the first beams on the new half of the new Griffith Street bridge in Davidson. Overnight detours are taking place weekly in this area to safely allow crews to work on the bridge deck.
- Construction crews continue placing asphalt in areas between Exit 23 in Huntersville and Exit 28 in Cornelius. The construction of the permanent concrete barrier wall that will separate the northbound and southbound express lanes continues near Exit 28 in Cornelius.
- Crews completed the backfilling operations of the first portion of the Torrence Creek pedestrian tunnel located in the median of I-77 just north of Exit 23. Soil stabilization activities are next in line to prepare the area for stone placement and ultimately asphalt. Traffic in this area will be shifted in the near future to the inside (median) while crews finish building the outer portions of this pedestrian culvert. This culvert will provide space under I-77 for a future greenway connection.
- Grading and erosion control activities continue between the Hambright Road overpass in Huntersville and the I-485/I-77 Interchange. The Hambright Road bridge will close around mid-July as crews begin constructing a new bridge with a direct connection to the I-77 Express Lanes.
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- Crews are building the foundations of the first half of the new Oaklawn Avenue bridge in Charlotte. Placing beams is the next step in the construction process. The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides.
- Crews continue working on road widening between LaSalle Street and the I-85/I-77 interchange. Embankment and drainage work is complete on the eastside of I-77. Crews are now preparing to start soil stabilization in this area. Once improvements are completed, the northbound ramp from LaSalle Street will have a dedicated lane coming from the ramp to I-85 northbound.
- Construction of the first columns of the ramp from I-277 westbound to I-77 southbound is underway in Charlotte. Crews are conducting grading operations of a portion of the I-77 southbound lanes by the Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange to bring the travel lanes up to the new grade.
- 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 continue working on the Oaklawn Avenue bridge and LaSalle Street bridge.

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.



Soil stabilization activities near Exit 35 in Mooresville



Aerial view of activities in the Uptown Charlotte area



Rebar cages for the foundation of the new Oaklawn Avenue bridge



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