

I-77 Express Lanes: June 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:

- Construction of the end bents for the Reeds Creek bridge over Lake Norman is occurring between Exit 33 and Exit 35 in Mooresville. These bents will support the bridge's beams.
- Construction crews will raise the beams for the first half of the newly constructed Griffith Street bridge at Exit 30 in Davidson on June 15 and 16. Overnight detours will be in place during this period. Once the beams for the new bridge are in place, crews will be preparing the bridge deck for the future roadway across the bridge. Nightly detours (Monday to Saturday) will continue to take place every week for the next several weeks starting on Monday, June 19 from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Crews are putting the final touches on the permanent concrete barrier that will separate the northbound and southbound express lanes just south of Exit 28 in Cornelius.
- Paving operations continue between Exit 25 in Huntersville and Exit 28 in Cornelius.
- The first portion of the Torrence Creek pedestrian culvert located in the median of I-77 just north of Exit 23 is almost complete. Soil stabilization activities are ongoing to prepare the area for stone placement and asphalt. Traffic in this area will be shifted to the inside (median) in the next few weeks while crews finish building the outer portions of the pedestrian culvert. This culvert provides space under I-77 for a future greenway connection.
- Grading and erosion control activities are occurring by the Hambright Road bridge in Huntersville. This bridge will close around mid-summer as crews build a new bridge that will have direct connection to the I-77 Express Lanes.
- Earthwork activities are taking place by the Lakeview Road bridge in Charlotte. This newly constructed bridge will also have a direct connection to the I-77 Express Lanes.
- Crews are continuing to build the foundation of the first half of the new Oaklawn Avenue bridge. The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides.
- Demolition of the north half portion of the LaSalle Street bridge is complete. The northbound ramp from LaSalle Street to I-77/I-85 is closed for construction. When this ramp reopens, it will have a dedicated lane all the way to I-85.
- Crews are forming columns for the new connector bridge from I-277 westbound to I-77 southbound.

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.



Construction of the new Griffith Street bridge in Davidson



Backfilling activities at the Torrence Creek pedestrian culvert just north of Exit 23 in Huntersville



Forming columns at the new bridge from I-277 westbound to I-77 southbound in Charlotte



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