



I-77 Express Lanes:

March 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 this month:

- Crews continue resurfacing the I-77 general purpose lanes from mile marker 37 to Exit 33 in Mooresville.
- Crews continue working on the median barrier wall at various locations between Exit 30 in Davidson and Exit 36 in Mooresville.
- Beams were placed on the second half of the new Griffith Street bridge at Exit 30 in Davidson. Crews are now working on the deck structure of this bridge.
- Panels for a noise barrier wall between Stumptown Road and Exit 23 in Huntersville continue to be installed.
- A traffic shift is now in effect on the southbound lanes of I-77 from the Westmoreland overpass in Cornelius to Exit 25 in Huntersville to allow resurfacing of the general purpose lanes.
- Construction of the walls for the pedestrian culvert north of Exit 23 is underway. Once complete, this pedestrian culvert will provide space under I-77 for a future greenway connection in Huntersville.
- Paving activities are taking place by the new Hambright Road bridge direct connector bridge between the I-85/I-77 interchange and Exit 23 in Huntersville. A northbound traffic shift on I-77 will occur in the next few weeks near this area to allow crews to continue building the new Hambright Road direct connector to the I-77 Express Lanes. Crews are also working on the columns, column caps and retaining walls for this bridge.
- Construction crews are working on the column caps for the new direct connector bridge at Lakeview Road. Beams for this bridge will be placed in the next month.
- Construction of noise barrier walls between the I-85/I-77 interchange and Exit 18 continues in Charlotte.
- Drainage crews continue working in the median between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Lakeview Road direct connector bridge. Soil stabilization will begin in this area next.
- Stone placement, the first layer of the roadway for the express lanes, started in the median between the Cindy Lane overpass and Exit 16.
- The roof deck construction is ongoing on the north side of the underpass that will carry the I-77 Express Lanes just north of the I-85/I-77 interchange.
- Construction crews have successfully placed beams on the new bridges over I-85. Work continues on the columns and support structures of additional bridges just north and south of the I-85/I-77 interchange area in Charlotte. Four new bridge structures will be built in this area and three structures will be widened and improved.
- Traffic shifts are expected in the next month between the I-277-Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange and the I-85/I-77 interchange.
- Crews completed the retaining walls of the first new half of the LaSalle Street bridge and the columns and column caps are almost finished. Placement of beams for this bridge is expected within the next month.
- Vehicles and pedestrians are now using the new portion of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge in Charlotte. Demolition is underway on the other half.
- Crews continue working on the columns and column caps of the bridge-ramp from I-277 westbound to I-77 southbound, 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.

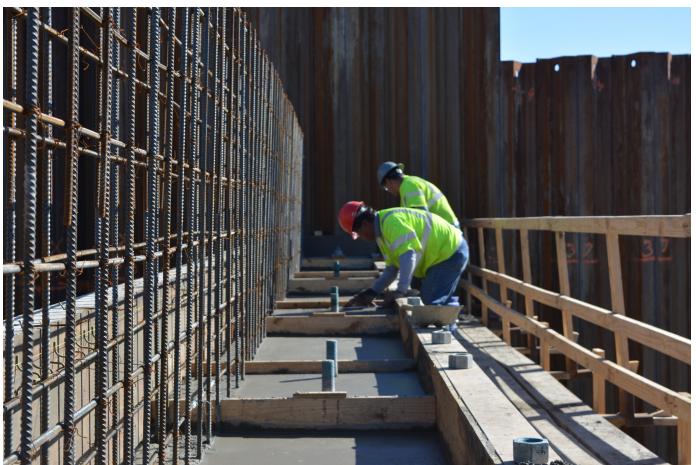
A variety of bid opportunities are available for interested companies. If you know of anyone interested, please ask them to visit the contracting opportunities section on our website for details on how to apply.



Forming the permanent concrete barrier north of Exit 30 in Davidson.



Crews paving by Hambright Road bridge direct connector.



Crews pouring concrete for abutment at the new LaSalle Street bridge.



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