

I-77 Express Lanes:

May 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 May:

- Widening of the Reeds Creek bridge over Lake Norman between Exit 33 and Exit 35 in Mooresville continues with the construction of its foundation.
- The foundation for the new Griffith Street bridge in the median of I-77 at Exit 30 is complete and now crews are working on the northwest side, constructing a mechanically stabilized earth wall that will hold the frame supporting the bridge. The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Paving operations continue between Exit 23 in Huntersville and Exit 28 in Cornelius. Restriping and placement of a temporary safety concrete barrier are in place from I-485 to just south of Exit 23 in Huntersville.
- The northbound HOV lane is now closed between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the I-485/I-77 interchange.
- Earthwork activities are occurring by the Lakeview Road overpass.
- Work continues to progress at the cut and cover underpass at the I-85/I-77 interchange. Restriping and placement of a safety concrete barrier are almost complete from the I-85/I-77 interchange to the I-485/I-77 interchange.
- The demolition of the northern part of the Oaklawn Ave. bridge is complete. The new and improved bridge will contain bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. The east part of the Oaklawn Avenue bridge will be longer, providing space under Oaklawn Avenue for a future greenway connection. Construction crews also finished the demolition of the north half portion of the LaSalle St. bridge.
- Overnight detours continue to take place near uptown Charlotte between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange to continue work on the Oaklawn Avenue bridge and LaSalle Street bridge.

The majority of the I-77 Express Lanes 26-mile project will be under construction in the coming months. 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 our website www.i77express.com and click on the contract opportunities tab for details on how to apply.



Foundation work at Reeds Creek bridge over Lake Norman



MSE (mechanically stabilized) wall construction at Griffith Street bridge



Demolition of the northern half of the LaSalle Street bridge



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