

I-77 Express Lanes: August 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 are resurfacing the general purpose lanes on I-77 between Exit 33 to Exit 31 in Mooresville. Expect lane closures in this area beginning at 8 p.m.
- Noise barrier wall construction is ongoing in various locations between Exit 36 and Exit 31 in Mooresville.
- Signage along I-77 is being installed during the night time hours in the Mooresville area.
- Crews will start milling the deck of the Lake Norman bridge later in August between Exit 33 and Exit 35.
- Construction is ongoing for a shoulder drain on the Lake Norman causeway.
- Two new roundabouts on the west and east sides of the Griffith Street bridge in Davidson are under construction.
- Crews are completing the new sidewalk on the north side of the Griffith Street bridge. When the bridge is complete, it will have sidewalks, bike lanes and lighting.
- Work on a retaining wall just north of Exit 28 on the northbound side of I-77 in Cornelius is complete. Construction of a new noise wall begins next.
- The final layer of pavement for the new express lanes is being laid from Cornelius to Huntersville.
- Crews are working on widening the outside of the roadway along the corridor in Cornelius. Traffic will temporarily shift to the middle as work is finished in this area of the general purpose lanes.
- Final layer of pavement between Exit 25 and Exit 23 in Huntersville is now complete. Drivers are now using the resurfaced general purpose lanes again.
- Work is underway on the new Hambright Road direct connector bridge as crews prepare the bridge deck for future concrete.
- The bridge deck for the outside section of the Colonial bridge north of I-485 is complete. Crews continue to work on the inside section of this bridge.
- The new half of the LaSalle Street bridge is now in use. Crews demolished the other half and will now begin constructing the new portion of the bridge.
- The new northbound on-ramp from LaSalle Street to I-85 is also open. There are now three lanes that head northbound on I-77 and two lanes that go northbound on I-85.
- Crews are working on the second span of the Lakeview Road Director Connector bridge. The first new half of the bridge is currently scheduled to open in August.
- Work finished on the largest part of the cut and cover underpass that will carry the express lanes northbound through the I-77 and I-85 interchange. Crews are beginning work on the remaining portion.
- Noise wall construction is underway at several locations in the Charlotte area.

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 on the shoulder drain along the Lake Norman Causeway



Direct connector ramp under construction at Hambright bridge in Huntlesville



New bridges being built at I-77 and I-85 interchange in Charlotte



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