

I-77 Express Lanes: July 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:

- Noise barrier wall construction is ongoing in various locations between Exit 36 and Exit 31 in Mooresville.
- Crews are working on widening the outside of the roadway along the corridor in Mooresville and Cornelius.
- Resurfacing of the general purpose lanes on I-77 between Exit 33 to Exit 31 in Mooresville is occurring. Expect lane closures in this area beginning at 8 p.m.
- The south side of the Griffith Street bridge in Davidson is complete. Traffic will shift to this side in the next week as crews complete the sidewalk on the north side of the bridge.
- Construction crews are working on the roundabouts near the Griffith Street bridge in Davidson.
- All of the beams for the new Hambright Road direct connector bridge are in place as crews are now working on forming the bridge deck.
- The final layer of pavement is going on the general purpose lanes south of Exit 23 and north of Exit 25 in Huntersville.
- The outside section of the Colonial bridge north of I-485 is nearing completion. Crews have started to work on the inside section of the bridge concurrently.
- 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.
- Beams for two bridges going over I-77 northbound will soon be lifted into place this month.
- The first new half of the new LaSalle Street bridge will open the weekend of July 14th along with the new, longer on-ramp from LaSalle Street to I-85 and I-77 northbound. Motorists can now take the on-ramp all the way to I-85 without having to merge.
- Demolition of the remaining half of the LaSalle Street bridge will take place through the end of July.
- The third phase of the Irwin Creek relocation is underway in the Charlotte area.
- Crews are preparing to place the first beams for the longer bridges under construction at the I-277 and I-77 interchange.
- Noise wall construction is underway in several locations along the corridor in Charlotte.

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.



Crews working on the roadway in Mooresville



Crews working on the new Hambright Road direct connector bridge in Huntersville



Crews working on ramp structures at the I-277/I-77 interchange in Charlotte