

# I-77 Express Lanes:

## September 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.
- Noise barrier wall construction and overhead sign installation is ongoing in various locations between Exit 36 and Exit 31 in Mooresville.
- Final paving in the express lanes is occurring during the night time hours in the Mooresville area.
- Milling of the bridge deck on the Lake Norman bridge continues through September between Exit 33 and Exit 35.
- The new roundabout on the west side of the Griffith Street bridge in Davidson is scheduled to be finished at the end of September. Completion of the roundabout on the east side of the Griffith Street bridge is anticipated by the end of October. Final asphalt and signage will be put in place when construction of the roundabouts concludes.
- Crews are also constructing the new sidewalks on the north side of the Griffith Street bridge. When the bridge is complete it will have sidewalks, bike lanes and illumination in both directions.
- The final layer of pavement for the express lanes is being placed from Cornelius to Huntersville.
- Overhead signs are being installed in the Cornelius area.
- Widening outside of the roadway along the corridor in Cornelius continues from north of the Westmoreland overpass to Catawba Avenue. Traffic will temporarily shift to the middle as work is finished in the general purpose lanes.
- A minor traffic shift on northbound I-77 near Mt. Holly/ Huntersville Road is anticipated in September for approximately two months. Traffic will be temporarily shifted to the shoulder.
- Steel installation and concrete deck pouring operations for the Hambright bridge will occur through the end of the month.
- The new half of the LaSalle Street bridge is open to commuters. Construction of the new portion of the LaSalle Street bridge is expected continue through October.
- Work continues on the remaining portion of the cut and over underpass that will carry the express lanes northbound through the I-77 and I-85 interchange.
- Expect an upcoming two-month closure of the direct connector ramp from westbound I-277 to southbound I-77, which is tentatively scheduled for September 29. This closure is needed as crews construct the new southbound ramp directly beside it.

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.



Inspecting asphalt at Southbound widening near Exit 33



Installing signage and widening the roadway near Exit 28 in Cornelius



Constructing the cut and cover underpass near the I-77 and I-85 interchange



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