



## **I-77 Mobility Partners Announces Schedule for 2019 Opening of I-77 Express**

*Developer shares updated project timeline, still on schedule for opening express lanes ahead of contractual deadline*

Huntersville, NC – I-77 Mobility Partners today announced an adjusted timeline for the opening of the I-77 Express project.

The northern section of the project, from just north of Hambright Road to exit 36 in Mooresville is scheduled to open within the first quarter of 2019, with the entire 26 miles currently slated to open in summer 2019, ahead of the October contractual deadline with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

“I-77 Mobility Partners set an ambitious goal for itself to open lanes by the end of 2018. In collaboration with Sugar Creek Construction and NCDOT, we have made significant progress to improve this important corridor. We are adjusting our timeline due to factors like expanded project scope and unforeseen weather events,” said Javier Tamargo, CEO of I-77 Mobility Partners. “We are proud that the express lanes project will still be delivered much faster than traditional road construction and financing would have allowed. We appreciate the public’s attention to safety in the work zone, which is always a priority for I-77 Mobility Partners. We look forward to opening the lanes in 2019 and offering drivers a new transportation option from uptown Charlotte to Mooresville.”

Additional work to improve the roadway for drivers in both the express and general purpose lanes has expanded the project scope from the original contract and impacted the project timeline. Other unforeseen operational challenges also contributed to the timeline adjustment, such as supply chain events and the unusual amount of extreme weather experienced by the region.

I-77 Mobility Partners has worked closely with NCDOT in determining project improvements and adjusting timelines to accommodate the broader scope of the project and these other factors. I-77 Mobility Partners will open the express lanes in a timely manner and in sections, as needed, that will offer the most effective use of the lanes for motorists.

I-77 Express will operate in toll segments, with each segment’s rate announced prior to the segment entry point. Motorists can always visit [www.i77Express.com](http://www.i77Express.com) to see the applicable toll rates and to learn more about how to use the express lanes. Drivers may also obtain a transponder by visiting [www.ncquickpass.com](http://www.ncquickpass.com) or the customer service center located at 8015 W. W.T. Harris Blvd. in Charlotte.

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