



***** TRAFFIC ADVISORY *****

**Detours Planned on I-77 Southbound as Crews Build the New
Lakeview Road Direct Connector Bridge**

Charlotte, N.C. (January 2, 2019) A detour on Southbound I-77 will be in place overnight on Thursday, January 3, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. to allow crews to safely work in the median of the interstate to continue building the new Lakeview Road Direct Connector bridge.

During the detour, motorists traveling southbound on I-77 will take I-485 Inner/East loop to I-85 South. Once on I-85, drivers will be directed to continue traveling southbound on I-85 and then take Exit 38 to I-77 Southbound. Please be advised the southbound ramps at W.T. Harris Boulevard will be close to traffic. Please be advised that ramps leading to this portion of I-77 during the hours of the detour will be temporarily closed. Motorists traveling westbound on W.T. Harris will be directed to take Reames Road to Sunset Road. Motorists traveling eastbound on W.T. Harris will be directed to Statesville Road to Sunset Road.

Please see attached detour maps.

Construction of the new direct connector bridge is occurring in phases. The new half of the Lakeview Road Direct Connector bridge is being built first. Crews will then take down the existing bridge in order to build the second half of the new bridge. Once completed, the new direct connector bridge will feature two lanes in each direction, a dedicated turning lane onto the express lanes in each direction, and bike lanes and sidewalks for improved connectivity.

***Detours are subject to weather conditions and major special events in the area.

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.

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Once the project is complete, dedicated express lanes will run adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes. The number of general purpose lanes will remain the same as today. Drivers will have the choice of using the express lanes to avoid travel delays, the general purpose lanes or a combination of both. Vehicles with three or more occupants (including the driver) and equipped with a transponder may use the express lanes for free.

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I-77 Southbound Detour

