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### **Northern Section of I-77 Express Opens June 1**

Drivers to begin using express lanes from Hambright Road in Huntersville to Exit 36 in Mooresville

**Charlotte, NC** – I-77 Mobility Partners announced today that the northern section of the I-77 Express lanes project, from Hambright Road to Exit 36 in Mooresville, will open on Saturday June 1, beginning at 10 a.m.

With Saturday's opening, drivers will gain their first experience on the express lanes, which are operated and maintained by I-77 Mobility Partners, as part of a public-private partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

"We are excited for drivers to start using this section of the express lanes, as we offer a new transportation choice along the I-77 corridor," said I-77 Mobility Partners CEO Javier Tamargo. "The private investment in I-77 Express has been instrumental to deliver this project and other infrastructure improvements along the existing portion of I-77 sooner for the State of North Carolina and motorists."

I-77 Express runs adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes. Drivers will have the option of using the express lanes for more reliable travel times, the general purpose lanes or a combination of both. The number of free general purpose lanes remains the same. The express lanes have signage one-quarter mile ahead of each segment that clearly displays the transponder toll rate applicable to drive that segment. The toll rate displayed when entering I-77 Express is the price motorists will be charged for that segment.

Drivers can take a virtual ride now on I-77 Express by visiting [www.i77express.com](http://www.i77express.com).

During the first 180 days of operations, beginning June 1, rates are defined for every 30-minute period of each day and will not change in real time. This allows I-77 Express drivers to get used to the facility, knowing the applicable rate for their trip beforehand.

Customers will receive a promotional rate, which is an average 25 percent rate off toll rates until the full opening of I-77 Express. The toll rates displayed on the toll rate signs for each segment of I-77 Express will reflect the promotional rate. Customers can learn more about toll rates [here](#).

Dynamic pricing will apply after the first 180 days from the opening of traffic on I-77. During dynamic mode, toll rates may change as often as every five minutes to accommodate changes in demand for I-77 Express. Toll rates will be based on segment length, time of day and demand for I-77 Express.

Using a [NC Quick Pass](#) transponder is the fastest, easiest way to pay for tolls in North Carolina and other states that accept SunPass, Peach Pass and E-ZPass transponders. For customers without a NC Quick Pass, SunPass, Peach Pass or E-ZPass transponder, cameras will capture an image of your vehicle's license plate. NC Quick Pass will mail a bill to the vehicle's registered owner through the Bill by Mail program.

To receive the latest information on I-77 Express, we encourage you to sign up for e-communications at <https://www.i77express.com/about-us/contact-us/>

I-77 Express also shares updates on social media on Facebook at [I-77 Express](#) and on Twitter [@I77Express](#)

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About I-77 Mobility Partners:

I-77 Mobility Partners LLC is financing, developing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the 26-mile I-77 Express corridor as part of the first-ever public-private partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.