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## I-77 Express Experiences Rapid Growth Since Opening of Full Corridor

*More than 25,000 different vehicles using the express lanes daily*

**Charlotte, NC** – Thousands of drivers are benefiting from improved travel times and speeds since the opening of the entire 26-mile corridor of I-77 Express between uptown Charlotte and Mooresville. From November 17 through December 31, 2019, the average speed during the morning rush hour drive increased by **12 percent** and the afternoon rush hour saw speeds improve by **16 percent** when compared to average speeds during the same time period for the last three years prior to opening (*peak travel periods are from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM and from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM*).

That means drivers gained back on average an extra eight minutes or 23 percent of their mornings and 11 more minutes or 31 percent of their evenings when driving the whole corridor. Though the express lanes provide the fastest speeds and shortest driving times in the corridor, these travel improvements have impacted both express and general purpose lanes.

I-77 Mobility Partners opened the entire length of I-77 Express the evening of November 16, providing drivers the full benefit of this useful travel alternative in the Charlotte and Lake Norman region. In the first six weeks that drivers have used all 26 miles, more than **1.3 million trips** have been taken by over **315,000 vehicles**.

<b>315,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>1.3 M</b>	<b>52%</b>
Unique vehicles used I-77 Express	Unique vehicles used I-77 Express every weekday	Total trips taken on I-77 Express	Percentage of I-77 Express users with a transponder

“The private investment in I-77 Express has been instrumental to deliver this project much sooner for the State of North Carolina and motorists, while also improving the general purpose lanes and existing infrastructure along the corridor.” said I-77 Mobility Partners CEO Javier Tamargo. “The early adoption of I-77 Express is a key indicator that drivers seek choices to get places quicker and more reliably. We are excited to offer a service that helps improve their quality of life.”

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 capture an image of your vehicle’s license plate. NC Quick Pass then mails 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.