



**\*\*\* TRAFFIC ADVISORY \*\*\***

### **INSTALLATION OF OCCUPANCY DETECTION SYSTEM BEGINS ON I-77 EXPRESS**

**Charlotte, N.C. (January 24, 2020)** - As part of our continuous effort to provide the best service to our customers, we are implementing a new technology along I-77 Express. Crews are currently installing an occupancy detection system to ensure the correct use of I-77 Express by all drivers. The occupancy detection system will determine the number of persons in a vehicle and compare it to the setting on a vehicle's transponder, so the proper tolls are charged for travel on I-77 Express. Any facial images captured will automatically be blurred by the cameras for privacy purposes.

As a reminder, a vehicle with three or more people can declare as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV3+) and be exempted from tolls using a switchable NC Quick Pass transponder with the HOV3+ feature activated or declaring HOV3+ status through the NC Quick Pass app no less than 15 minutes before traveling on I-77 Express. Before every trip on I-77 Express, ensure your declaration setting always matches with your current vehicle occupancy.

Drivers who declare HOV3+ incorrectly could face a fine by law enforcement who patrol the lanes. In the coming weeks, you will also notice additional signage on the toll area to remind drivers that the proper use of I-77 Express is enforced by cameras.

To receive traffic advisory information and the latest information on the project, we encourage people to sign up for our e-newsletters: <https://www.i77express.com/about-us/contact-us/>. You can also follow us on social media at:

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I-77 Express runs adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes. The number of general purpose lanes remains the same as today. Drivers have the choice of using the express lanes to avoid travel delays, the general purpose lanes or a combination of both.

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