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I-77 Express Launches Extended Vehicle Pilot Program

Program permits use of larger two-axle vehicles and single-axle trailers in I-77 Express lanes

Charlotte, NC – I-77 Mobility Partners is leading a three-year pilot program in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation that will allow more types of vehicles to experience the travel benefits of I-77 Express. On February 8, 2021, larger two-axle vehicles and vehicles pulling single-axle trailers can begin using the express lanes.

Revised I-77 Express regulations will add a new classification of "Extended Vehicles" that will allow larger vehicles that have previously been restricted to access the express lanes. Extended Vehicles are two-axle motor vehicles whose length exceeds 22 feet or that are pulling a single axle trailer.

The pilot program offers a wider variety of businesses and individuals throughout the region to begin using I-77 Express for a reliable drive time to move goods using larger vehicles like vans, two-axle box trucks and/or flat-bed trucks. Similarly, service-based businesses (e.g. lawn services, mobile car washes, etc.) that rely on single-axle trailers will also be able to use the express lanes to regain valuable travel time and get more work done each day.

"I-77 Express has proven its ability to give drivers faster commute times and more time in their day. This new pilot program on I-77 Express will be a gamechanger for many businesses in our area," said I-77 Mobility Partners Chief Operations Officer David Hannon. "When a business can move a product or travel to perform a service in a reliable drive time, it makes them more efficient. Efficiency ensures more time for more business, and more business generally equals increased profits."

Toll rates for extended vehicles using I-77 Express are multiplied based on the displayed rate. Multipliers are listed <u>here</u>. For more information about vehicle classes and what qualifies as an extended vehicle, click <u>here</u>.

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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.