



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

OCCUPANCY DETECTION SYSTEM BEING ACTIVATED ON I-77 EXPRESS

Charlotte, N.C. (April 7, 2021) - I-77 Mobility Partners is implementing its occupancy detection system on April 12 as part of ongoing efforts to provide the best service to customers. The I-77 Express occupancy detection system will help ensure customers are using the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV3+) discount appropriately by verifying the occupancy of vehicles declaring HOV3+ status. Inaccurate or improper use of HOV3+ status can reduce toll lane capacity and inflate dynamic toll pricing, unfairly increasing tolls for other vehicles in the express lanes.

First announced in January 2020, the occupancy detection system will use cameras to verify the number of persons in the vehicle declaring HOV3+ status to ensure tolls are charged fairly for travel on I-77 Express. Facial images captured will be redacted for privacy purposes. The occupancy detection system allows enhanced tolling accuracy in addition to law enforcement patrolling the corridor.

Vehicles with three or more occupants can travel for free by declaring HOV3+ status to receive a full discount 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 travelling on I-77 Express. Before every trip on I-77 Express, drivers should ensure their vehicles occupancy declaration accurately reflects the number of current passengers.

Additional signage has been installed near the express lanes to remind drivers that the proper use of I-77 Express is enforced by cameras.

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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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