



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

**Detours Planned on I-77 Northbound April 9 as Crews Build the
New Lakeview Road Direct Connector Bridge**

Charlotte, N.C. (April 6, 2018) – Detour on I-77 northbound will be in place overnight on **Monday, April 9** from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. to allow crews to safely work in the median of I-77 as they continue building the new Lakeview Road Direct Connector bridge. During the detour, motorists travelling northbound on I-77 will take I-85 north to the I-485 outer loop. Once on I-485, drivers will be directed approximately six miles to the I-77 Huntersville entrance ramp to continue travelling northbound on I-77. Please be advised that the entrance ramp to I-77 North from Sunset Road will be temporarily closed during the hours of the detour. The northbound ramp at W.T. Harris Boulevard will remain open to traffic.

Please see attached detour map.

Construction of the new direct connector bridge is occurring in phases. The new half of the Lakeview Road direct connector bridge is being built first. Crews will then take down the existing bridge in order to build the second half of the new bridge. Once completed, the new direct connector bridge will feature two lanes in each direction, a dedicated turning lane onto the I-77 Express Lanes in each direction, and bike lanes and sidewalks for improved connectivity.

Motorists are encouraged to pay attention when approaching the work zone, obey the posted speed limit and work zone signs, and allow extra time to reach their destinations safely.

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Once the project is complete, dedicated express lanes will run adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes. The number of general purpose lanes will remain the same as today. Drivers will have the choice of using the express lanes to avoid travel delays, the general purpose lanes or a combination of both. Vehicles with three or more occupants (including the driver) and equipped with a transponder may use the express lanes for free. The full 26-mile project is slated to be completed in 2018.

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