



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

New traffic patterns, lane shifts planned for I-77 near uptown Charlotte

Motorists encouraged to be aware, drive safely in work zone

Charlotte, N.C. (January 18, 2017) – As work continues on the I-77 Express Lanes project, motorists will notice some new traffic patterns and lane shifts with preliminary activities this weekend on I-77 near uptown Charlotte. Throughout the construction process, I-77 Mobility Partners and contractor Sugar Creek Construction seek to minimize the impact of traffic changes by scheduling specific activities during non-peak drive times.

WHAT: New traffic patterns as part of the closure of the southbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the I-277-Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange.

WHEN: Weekend of January 21 – January 22 at 10:00 p.m. **Weather permitting.**

Closing the southbound HOV lane between the I-85/I-77 interchange and the I-277-Brookshire Freeway/I-77 interchange will allow crews to remove the permanent concrete safety barrier that divides the highway, set temporary safety barrier walls, and place new pavement markings. Once traffic is in this new pattern, clearing, traffic control activities and roadway construction will get underway. The new traffic pattern is scheduled to be in place for approximately 12 months.

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.

Once the I-77 Express Lanes are 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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