



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

**Construction Crews Prepare To Place Beams on New Bridges at I-77/I-85 interchange
*Detours Scheduled on I-85 as Beams Are Lifted***

Charlotte, N.C. (February 9, 2017) – Crews will begin placing beams on the bridges over I-85 at the I-85/I-77 Interchange as part of the I-77 Express Lanes project. To allow crews to safely place these beams, a southbound detour on I-85 will take place overnight Thursday, February 15 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. and a northbound detour will take place Friday, February 16 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting. Please be aware that additional detours will take place in the next couple of weeks to complete these operations.

During the detours, motorists travelling southbound on I-85 will take Exit 38 to I-77 South towards Columbia. Once on I-77 southbound, drivers will be directed to take Exit 11B/Brookshire Freeway to I-85 South to continue travelling southbound on I-85.

Motorists travelling northbound on I-85 will take Exit 36/Brookshire Freeway to I-77 northbound. Once on I-77 northbound, drivers will be directed to I-85 North to continue travelling northbound on I-85. Motorists travelling southbound on I-77 to I-85 northbound will take I-85 southbound to Exit 36/Brookshire Freeway to I-77 northbound. Once on I-77 northbound, drivers will be directed to I-85 North to continue travelling northbound on I-85.

Please follow the detour signs and be advised that all ramps leading to these detours will be closed.

See attached detour maps.

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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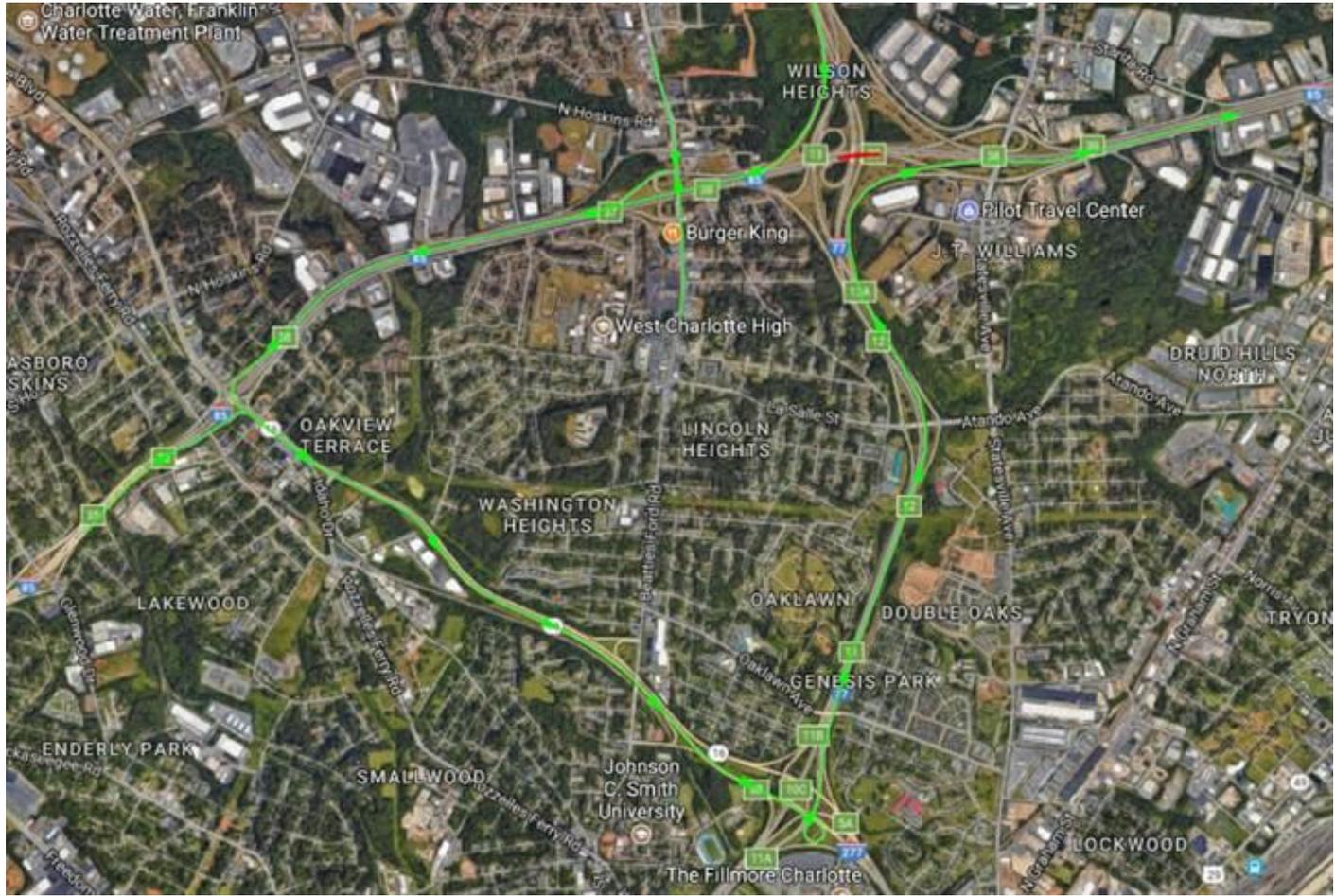
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Once the project is complete, dedicated express lanes will run adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes. The number of general purpose lanes will remain the same as today. Drivers will have the choice of using the express lanes to avoid travel 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 26-mile project is scheduled to open before the end of 2018.

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I-85 Northbound Detour



I-85 Southbound Detour

