

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS ON THE I-77 MANAGED LANES PROJECT IN
IREDELL AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES

TIP Project Nos. I-3311C, I-5405, & I-4750AA

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold two public information sessions in October about the I-77 Managed Lanes project in Iredell and Mecklenburg counties. The project will help reduce traffic congestion and improve travel time reliability on 26 miles of I-77 from the Brookshire Freeway (Exit 11) to N.C. 150 (Exit 36), using managed lanes.

The sessions are scheduled for:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 8: Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215 N. Main St., Mooresville
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Oct. 9: North Mecklenburg High Media Center, 11201 Old Statesville Rd.,
Huntersville
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Citizens attending the sessions will be able to see the project's updated design, learn the next steps and meet the team from Cintra, the firm responsible for designing, building, financing, operating and maintaining the project. Several 'information stations' will be set up for attendees to learn more about the project's timeline and financing, along with general details about managed lanes and dynamic pricing. NCDOT representatives will also be available to answer questions and receive comments.

The sessions will be held open house style, meaning the public can drop in at any time between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. NCDOT and Cintra will take the comments received from participants into consideration as work on the project develops. Please note: there will be no formal presentation.

The I-77 Managed Lanes Project will do two key things:

- Currently, I-77 has one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, commonly known as a carpool lane, in each direction within parts of the project's boundaries. The project will convert those HOV lanes to managed lanes.
- Crews will also build a second managed lane alongside the converted HOV lane on I-77 North and South.

There will be two managed lanes on I-77 in each direction, except in the area between Exits 28 and 36. Here, one managed lane will be built in each direction. The existing general purpose lanes will always remain free of charge. Crews will not add or take away any general purpose lanes as part of the project; however, they will resurface these lanes to preserve the pavement and provide motorists with a smoother ride.

Vehicles with fewer than three people in the car will be charged a toll to ride on the managed lanes. The managed lanes will be free to buses, motorcyclists, and vehicles carrying three or more people.

Anyone interested in additional information may contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085, or via email at publicinvolvement1@ncdot.gov. Comments may be submitted until Oct. 22.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these sessions. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible, so arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

