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Thursday, August 10, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Lanes

Im sorry if this is offensive but the toll lane project completely offends me and so many others that live in this area. Why not just widen I-77? Bad idea from the start and the way it's been handled from the ones who pushed this deal is offensive to so many people.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:48 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Help us

Hello,

I ask that you please cancel the toll contract. In general I am not opposed to tolls. Having lived in New York, Chicago, and St Pete Florida tolls are something I am used to. But and it's a big but in fact a but so big Sir Mix A Lot would like it, the tolls in those places had A. set prices that were affordable and B. for the most parts alternate routes that may add a few miles to your commute but still relatively traffic free C. for NY and Chicago there were great mass transit options to avoid tolls and roads. With these tolls prices have high caps, if any. No alternate routed that aren't even more backed up, have you tried to drive Statesville Road from exit 28 to 23 lately??? Probably not because walking would be faster. Have you taken the train from Charlotte to Cornelius lately, it is absolutely fantastic...wait sorry was dreaming for a moment, it doesn't exist.

Right now I live in Cornelius and work Uptown and most days ride the bus. Even on the bus traffic sucks. Soon my office is moving to Ballantyne. I need an option to get to work without paying \$20 each way or it taking forever to get to work. Frankly I can't afford those tolls and the added time will create strains for my family. Living in a city as large as Charlotte I shouldn't have to deal with this. Get rid of the tolls and give us a "free" lane (I pay taxes so it isn't even free really but that's a whole other email i will spare you from).

Sorry this is getting long. Aside from the direct personal impacts I mentioned this is a horrible contract. Whoever signed it should be fired, bye McCory!! It leaves on the hook for way too much downside risk without any upside potential and no relief to traffic. It has bad impacts to business and every day folk like me. I know the traffic causes me to go uptown less except for work but they make me do that. I won't even get into how horrible and unsafe the construction has been.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:52 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject:

As a resident of Cornelius, NC, I am totally opposed to the toll lane project. I will never travel in a toll lane on I-77. The towns in North Mecklenburg County were all opposed to the toll lane project, but the way the CRTPO is set up, the towns and the residents are not represented fairly. Charlotte has way too much say in the way roads in the area are built. That disparity resulted in a go-ahead with this ridiculous project. It will not relieve traffic congestion on I-77. If the contract is not changed to make at least one of the express toll lanes into a free lane then this project will end up going bankrupt like the Spanish company has done in other states.

It's a shame that the public doesn't get to vote on massive issues such as this. Whoever believes this is a good project or that it will solve the traffic problems in North Mecklenburg County has no clue. Please change the outcome of this very bad project to something that will actually help those of us who live on this end of the county.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:10 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Lane

I am a Charlotte Resident. The I-77 toll lane is the dumbest thing I have seen. One it is going to limited growth in the Lake Norman area and the contract allows for no other relief for traffic for 50 years. This is going to push more growth into SC and NC will loose. I know this because I am thinking about moving my business out side of Charlotte and it has me thinking SC is the way I am going to go to grow my business. We move special trucks in and out of Charlotte Daily and we all cringe when we have to send trucks north up 77. The state should own up that is made a mistake in allowing the toll road and buy out the contract.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:27 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 toll lanes

This has been a disaster from the start. We are already paying taxes to support roads, and the toll fees i have heard are extremely high. Ultimately hope this is reversed or the partner goes bankrupt on this project.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

If the state of NC would use the highway trust fund for only highways, than we would not need toll lanes. But, this shows we can't trust our politicians! There should be NO toll lanes!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:02 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77

This is perhaps the worst contract by a state agency I have EVER witness. A high school student could have negotiated a better outcome for the citizens who live along 77. I certainly don't object to the widening, it's the tolls for years, the inability to widen any parallel highways (115 and 21) Can't widen 77 again for what 30 years??? I know many people who are leaving the area just because of the traffic, which with this deal is only going to get worst.

You really screwed up on this one!!!!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC 28078
C: 704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:43 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Feedback

I am very glad to see that the state hired an outside company to analyze the I77 project and its contract with Mobility Partners. I feel the state did a very poor job communicating with the public and allowing the public to provide feedback on this terrible deal. I live in Mooresville and my community is greatly impacted by this project. I also don't think it's fair that the city of Charlotte has so much sway with issues that impact my community 25+ miles away and in a different county.

I would like to see this contract canceled even if it requires a cancelation fee of \$300m. This is the fault of the NC government, their poor decisions, and their inability to listen to the people.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28115

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:18 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Lane Feedback

Several ideas:

1. Renegotiate terms to avoid penalties. Negotiate that one new lane become a free lane and one lane remain a new toll lane. Have the NCDOT find funding of a negotiated rate of return to the contractor in lieu of the anticipated toll revenues so that the public gets use of this one lane fee and revenues only from the second lane.
2. Cancel the contract and make these lanes free. It's pathetic that this contract ever became a reality. Confirm with Pat McCrory.
3. Negotiate "free" zones for residents in the Lake Norman area that use I-77 for local travel only between exits 36 and 23. The lake boundaries severely limit travel options i.e. alternate routes for many to local work or school or commerce locations. Virtually no significant road projects have happened in Cornelius, Huntersville, Davidson, Mooresville, and immediate areas in decades despite a massive amount of population growth in these zip codes that have exploded the tax base.
4. Lake area residents are often identified by the I-77 exit number they live on or are traveling to over other common identifiers or landmarks (which speaks to the need for I-77 being a critical corridor in daily lives). See #2 above.
5. Get executives of major employers in uptown Charlotte that are dependent on the commuters of I-77 that they employ to become part of a task force to negotiate better terms or find alternate funding. This could become a project renegotiated and thus rebranded by local ingenuity and resources into a project that unifies our bedroom communities to our Charlotte host. Currently, we are greatly divided, especially when you bring up when I-485 was widened in south Charlotte before the north leg of I-485 was ever even started.
6. No matter what, renegotiate the contract clause that does not allow added lanes for 50 years. A foolish term that restricts balanced growth within our entire MSA. All of us in Charlotte deserve better terms than this. Seriously?! We should be able to just keep on widening I-77 with even more lanes to compete with the toll lanes.
7. If some form of the toll contract remains, negotiate that an equitable share of the toll revenues be reallocated directly to fund mass transit to this same area of north Mecklenburg and Iredell being negatively stifled by this toll contract. Give the North Charlotte residents some transportation options, please. Come on guys

8. Approve funding for the uptown soccer stadium with a contingency to add a tax to tickets that will fund replacing the toll road contract with free lanes used by many to get to the games. This would also be added to the Panthers, and to the Hornets, and NASCAR tickets, as well as venue tickets at the convention center, and other spectator events, and etc. It's amazing how Charlotte can find a way to fund professional sports yet fumble so miserably on basic infrastructure needs that are so over due. I realize this is a "chicken or egg" argument, so bring both of these items with you to lake Norman when we meet to discuss all this. Let's plan for Exit 28 on Friday afternoon at 4pm.

9. Default on the contract upon completion of all lanes and make them sue the state for performance or some remedy. Neither the state or the contractor will win a dime but the road will ultimately belong to the state and we all will be driving on free lanes while the attorneys make lots of money arguing their way through all this hot mess. This is how the legal system works for the rest of us forgotten commoners.

10. Only charge tolls to trucks and travelers that pass through all exits on 77. Thank them in a proper southern way with a sign "Bless your heart and thanks for coming through our cozy little town and y'all come back anytime now, ya hear".

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Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: ■
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:25 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cornelius resident very opposed to toll project

My family moved here two years ago. In that time, we have nearly become prisoners in our city. I77 is backed up so often that we work to not get on i77, which is almost impossible when traveling from Cornelius to most places. In addition, the construction has poured traffic onto our side roads. The highway has become so dangerous that I traded in my minivan for a Suburban, for fear of my four children after driving through the hazardous i77 construction zone. This project is a current mess and leaves our children with a legacy of debt to a non-American company. How is that possible? It's definitely not acceptable. The only responsible option is to cancel the contract immediately.

Sincerely,

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Cornelius, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Friday, August 11, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: ■
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 12:38 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lanes: no

It is beyond me how the toll lane project was approved.

As a resident of Cornelius for 18 years who also has a business in Cornelius, it astonishes me that the citizens most affected were given zero voice.

Among the adversely affected: workers who commute to and from Charlotte daily for work, residents of any of the towns who have family or work or doctors in any of the other towns or in Charlotte (especially given the associated prohibition against widening Hwy 21 or 115), truckers and businesses in Charlotte that rely on trucking...Then let's talk about Cintra's "variable cost" model, such that workers and regular commuters don't know from day to day what they'd pay, and can't count on using the lanes to get to work to support our economy.

This was a terribly conceived project that citizens have repeatedly and consistently opposed, and no one will take public responsibility for bringing into effect. Charlotte is not a tourist town, it's a business center, and how this wasn't put to a vote is beyond me. Add, the number of accidents caused by the construction. The attached story of the consultant's report is one of the first sensible analyses I have seen.

If you check your files, you will see I rarely communicate about any issue at all. I deal with people all day, and I have not met one resident of our area who thinks it's a good idea. Not one.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

<https://www.google.com/amp/amp.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article166582457.html>

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 1:59 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 toll lanes

I live in huntersville and I am against the project. The apparent cost to use the toll lanes is prohibitive and to make the job lane require 3 people in the care is ridiculous. Please stop the project. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 6:48 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Break The Contract

I just moved from uptown Charlotte to Mooresville and I'm furious over this toll. Our government should've been responsible enough to use the people's money to pay for free lanes. NCDOT should get out of this horrible contract at any cost.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 6:53 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll Lanes

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Mooresville. I support the I-77 toll lanes for the following reasons:

1. The NC legislature has always been controlled by politicians from rural areas who are jealous of the Charlotte area. They hate the Charlotte metro area whether they are Dems or GOP.
2. The legislature would have never funded this project without the toll lanes.
3. The legislature will never pay the \$300 million plus to buy this project out.
4. The private contractor has built this road probably twice as fast as the State would take to build it.
5. If someone does not want to use the toll lanes they don't have to. It is a matter of choice.
6. If someone doesn't like driving I-77 to work, they should move closer to where they work.
7. If the taxpayers have to pay in full for this road, the taxpayers are simply subsidizing rich people who want to live at the lake but work downtown. There is a cost benefit analysis to everything, including where you want to live.
8. Car drivers need to start bearing some of the true societal costs of the use of their vehicles. If we subsidized transit like we do cars, then I could ride a train from Mooresville to DC in three hours.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 7:07 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Tolls on I-77

Please be sure to tell the public what it would cost and how long it would take to change the toll lane project. If NCDOT does not have revenue from tolls, it cannot afford the road.

It is my understanding that if we do not build the additional lanes and toll them, it would be 50 years before the NCDOT would have the money to widen the road.

Also, please lay out what the terms of the contract are concerning income to the contractor. What if toll revenue exceeds projections? Would the toll contract be shortened?

One option is to allow carpools of 2 or more to use the lane for free. This is a good idea.

I recognize the importance of tolling to pay for roads in NC when the Legislature will not raise taxes to pay for infrastructure improvements. Be patient and when the road opens, I think protests will quiet down somewhat.

[REDACTED]
Charlotte NC 28226
(704) [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 7:10 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Lane Feedback

To whom it may concern,

The toll lanes are a terrible idea. We don't need toll lanes. We need public lanes. Toll lanes will decrease economic development. Toll lanes as I understand it actually are poorly designed (the exit for the toll lanes don't match the exit ramps? So to get off at exit 27... I'd have to exit the toll lane by exit 30. So confusing)

Please make the I-77 lanes public. The extra lanes are much needed but tolls are not the solution. I'd rather keep what we have now and let the state raise funding vs having toll lanes for 50 years.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 7:19 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls

No tolls on i77

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 7:22 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lanes

Suggest that at least one new restricted lane be for I-77 traffic driving through Charlotte with very limited exit along distance from I-85 to I-40 as this through traffic could move at 70 mph while other local lanes use same distance to " jockey" on and off from entry lanes to outer lanes and back to exit lanes in only a mile or two which causes all of the terrible backup. This would push local drivers to maybe get on the fast lane then exit 5-10 miles from most desired location then use local roads north or south to get to more desired neighborhood. The lanes out also be made to reverse morning and night so heaviest traffic gets use of two or mor additional lanes? This is how Chicago moves heavy traffic on I-90!

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 7:41 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll road

I find it very disappointing the NCDOT has refused to listen to the concerns of local lake Norman residents on the I77 toll road. This project should have never been awarded and started in the first place. Now we have a mess on our hands with a 1/2 finished toll road that no one wants. As painful as it is, you need to cancel the contract. Better to stop now than to be locked into a 50 year problem. Cancel the contract and Finish the lanes as free access lanes.

Here's a thought - If you want tolls, I suggest you go to the border of South Carolina and set your toll there. That would make more sense to raise revenue. People that choose to work in Charlotte, use our roads but buy their cheap gas in SC and pay the lower SC taxes - put your toll booth there!

Cancel the I77 toll road.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 8:32 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll

Buy out contract! Never should have given toll lanes to Cintra. Citizens NEVER approved. Charlotte ignored those most impacted. Horrible stuff! Too political instead of practical. A fifty year contract???

Ridiculous.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 8:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lane Opposition

Good morning,

I have lived in NC for 20 years—the first 16 in Mooresville, NC and the past 4 in Charlotte, and I have seen the way it has grown. I-77 has gone from okay, to bad, to absolutely terrible. The 4 lanes around the lake are just not enough for the volume even on a Saturday afternoon. The traffic on I-77 keeps non-Charlotte people out of Charlotte and Charlotte people out of Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson and Mooresville, which all have a lot to offer and are growing like crazy. Charlotte is full of young people eager to jump-start their careers, that's part of its appeal to recent graduates—with traffic on I77, no one wants to spend 2 hours a day to commute to the large companies like Lowes, Ingersoll Rand or Newell Brands. I77 MUST be widened between exit 23 and exit 36, "the bottleneck"—a toll lane is not enough, and it's only going to get worse.

It's incredible to me that our government has let this project get as far as it has considering the outrage of the people the toll lanes will actually effect. Our tax dollars are going to a project that none of us will benefit from—instead we will be charged more money (that will not go back to our state) to travel on a road that should have been widened 10 years ago.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

O: 704. [REDACTED] || C: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 8:52 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lanes are fatally flawed

The currently envisioned I-77 toll project, at least the portion north of Charlotte, is **FATALLY FLAWED**. And I mean fatally in that more motorists will die! The prospect of 8 to 9 points where the toll lanes have cross-over with non-toll lanes northbound, and a similar number southbound, has disaster spelled

all over it. Toll lane drivers will be urgently attempting to get off the tollway and across 1-3 lanes of non-toll traffic to reach their ultimate I-77 exit. Not only will it significantly INCREASE CONGESTION on the non-toll lanes, all that lane changing will result in INCREASED ACCIDENTS, with the inevitable INCREASE IN DEATHS! Until the construction started, the major slowdown in traffic was occurring as on-ramps dumped traffic onto the interstate. The proposed design will only aggravate that issue, causing significantly more congestion and I fear, significantly more accidents.

And to restrict adding more non-toll lanes (without penalty) for 50 years will guarantee even more pain for an area that is already suffering with insufficient traffic infrastructure. There is a reason this project is so widely criticized -- it never was a good long-term solution. Best option, it should be scrapped in favor of non-toll lanes, without all of the cross-over elements.

Or, another overly simple alternative might work. Perhaps the proposed southbound toll lanes could instead be express lanes all the way to I-85. There could be entry points, but no exits until I-85 and I-277.

And change the current HOV lane to a non-toll lane both directions. And northbound, minimize exit points to a very few (e.g. to reach exits 25, 28 and 36). That would make it more of an expressway northbound as well. The "expressway" traffic would hopefully offload enough of the volume to make the non-toll lanes tolerable again. Just an idea. I'm sure there are better ways to accomplish the main objective, that fewer cross-over opportunities would lead to better traffic flow with fewer accidents, and fewer deaths.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:27 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lanes

You asked for feedback --

No one wants toll lanes, and I doubt anyone will use them. Frankly they're a complete waste of money. I lived in Davidson right off exit 30 for 16 years and moved last year to the east side of Mooresville in part to get away from I-77. Every time I have to drive it it's a complete mess. Yesterday it took me 45 minutes to get from Mooresville to exit 23 - at around 10 a.m.

Toll lanes are not the answer. We need to make these new lanes general purpose lanes. Spending the millions and millions of dollars it will take to make this happen does not make me happy, but it's better than putting up with unused lanes for the next 50 years while the congestion in the general purpose lanes just gets worse.

Those of us who live in the north side have already lost the Red Line, which would have been helpful to relieve some of the congestion on weekdays, but to have unused toll lanes just adds insult to injury.

[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:08 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Mercator Report

Please, please cancel the CINTRA contract. I vote and pay taxes and am seriously considering moving to South Carolina if the I77 situation does not improve. I never thought I would ever consider leaving this beautiful state. Please cancel the contract.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll road feedback

I want to express my opinion against toll roads, especially on the I77 corridor. I feel that the extra lanes will do the most good where they can serve all motorists equally. I wouldn't mind an HOV lane, as long as compliance is enforced.

I find it insulting and frustrating that the Charlotte Regional Transit Authority can push the project through in spite of tremendous public outcry and dissenting opinions and votes from nearly every other local government body in the area. On top of that, how is it equitable that tax dollars will pay for a project only to turn it over to a foreign company to manage and reap profits.

If possible, please pay the penalty and take our road back!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:49 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the Development of Toll Roads

Hello:

I take I-77 everyday for my commute into Mooresville, NC. This toll lane and highER occupancy HOV lane (from 2 to 3 people) is going to CREATE more traffic and be a disservice to residents in surroundings areas, visitors, and the trucking industry. The constituents of this area DO NOT want this toll lane and the work should either be stopped or funded by the tax payers for use without tolling. Please STOP DEVELOPMENT.

My drive time during development has grown from 25 to work and 35 home to 35 to work and 45-50 minutes home. The difference is significant. The HOV lane will make it worse. It already is not used by many people. An increase to 3 people will push those who actually use it into the 2 existing lanes...thus creating more traffic (and more demand for the toll lane...this only benefits the private entity...not the American people).

Thank you.

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Grandin Road, Charlotte, NC 28208

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:50 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Lanes

Stop the Project and/or turn them in to FREE Lanes. Toll lanes will not help out the community!

[REDACTED]

Gear Machinery

T: 704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:00 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lanes in Mecklenburg and Iredell counties

As a concerned citizen of Mooresville, NC of Iredell County who has been using I-77 on and off for the past 39 years to travel to work in Charlotte and into the city of Charlotte for pleasure I have 3 major complaints.

One, who gave permission to give away the current HOV lane to Spain? My wife and I own 5 vehicles. None of them carry more than 2 people. Under the rules now, set by Spain, I can never use the new toll roads for free. The nerve of local government to do this as I have no say so on what goes on in Mecklenburg County.

Second, while construction is going on, Spain as blocked off the right and left shoulders and narrowed the width of the travel lanes on I-77 in construction zones where a disabled vehicle cannot pull over or an emergency vehicle cannot reach an accident site quickly. That should be against the law.

Third, for people like myself and many others who will not be able to afford the expensive toll fees, we are being inconvenienced the most by construction while never seeing benefits of better traffic flow.

After all this is completed I just can't wait to see the toll payers get bottle necked at I-77 exit 28 North when 2 toll lanes drop to one. I imagine the scene will look like I-77 at exit 23 North today where traffic goes from 3 lanes to 2 today.

Since gas has become cheaper and I suspect it will stay that way for a while due to increased domestic oil production. RAISE THE DAMN GAS TAX to cover the cost so everyone can use these new lanes.

Thanks for listening,

[REDACTED]

Senior Finish Chemist

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28205

704-[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:00 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel contract

I am writing to give feedback on the I-77 toll. No toll road should EVER be the undertaken without the full support of the local communities that will be affected by it . The vast majority of the citizens who live in the communities from Exit 36 to Exit 18 (Mooresville, Davidson, Cornelius & Huntersville) adamantly oppose this project. Gov. McCrory got 36,000 fewer votes from these communities because he would not listen to the citizens regarding the I-77 toll.

The economics certainly do NOT make sense from any viewpoint. I am so opposed to this that I will NEVER use the toll lanes and I assure you I have spoken to hundreds of other citizens who feel the same way.

The ONLY reason this was approved in the first place is the elected officials of affected communities were told this was their ONLY option. Either put up with congestion for many more years because there were no funds available from DOT or have a toll. Now we see funds available for highway expansion everywhere in the state except on a major corridor of I-77.

The time to correct this travesty was a year ago. It is only going to get worse. The citizens are demanding and imploring you to do the right thing. Please represent us and cancel this contract NOW not later.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:28 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lane Cancel Support

I am writing in support of a full cancelation of the I77 toll lane project. As a long term Cornelius resident, I see the clear need for additional traffic capacity, which will not be resolved under the toll lane strategy. These additional lanes must be completed and be free for residents in order for our community to be able to continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:34 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes in Charlotte

Please stop this nonsense. I have had many job opportunities that require me to commute up I-77 and I have rejected those options because 77 is a mess, not worth the headache, and just getting worse. Toll lanes will NOT help.

Similarly, I commute on south I-485 and EVERY DAY, I waste an hour and a half of my LIFE that could instead be spent being productive, spending money on products and services in Charlotte, enjoying time with my family, etc. Instead, taxpayers were tricked into paying for lanes we CANNOT USE. It is SHAMEFUL and a waste of LIFE.

Please help Charlotte be the "Queen City" - an example of what TO do, not the "MEAN City", because road raging commuters are so frustrated with this unnecessary traffic.

PLEASE give us daily hours of our LIVES back!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 12:33 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lanes

Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback on the I-77 toll project.

Being a daily commuter to and from Charlotte via I-77 north I strongly urge this project to cease and be turned over to the state for completion. The financial burden, not to mention the precedent it sets for further toll lanes in our area, far outweighs any benefits.

There is absolutely no reason this can not be funded with our tax dollars and I for one would be willing to pay a higher gas tax by a few cents to fund the project. I sure many others feel the same way.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Charlotte NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 12:39 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 FEEDBACK

The people and taxpayers if this state would be wise to return to all state highway construction project being handled with state inspectors doing the states inspection and enforcement of state highway construction projects and doing away totally with all public private partnerships for ever as it currently stands public private partnership are almost always fraudulent and bad non specification work that is allowed to be performed due to the collusion between contractors and ncdot's upper executive level management all need to be arrested fraud against the taxpayers if this state. Thank you

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 12:43 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: i77 public feedback

Throughout the revelations to the public concerning the proposed toll lanes around Charlotte and the possible repercussions of removing the state from the contracts, the main questions on my mind were:
1) Why were these contract "agreements" ever done in the first place, especially with a foreign company with history of bankruptcies and mismanagement? Where was the due diligence protecting the public funds being committed for the next 50 years??!!
2) Yes, we have a representational form of government, but why was the public not part of the debate when the financial and physical consequences were so dire and severe? Do we not have a right to express our opinions prior to entering

such an expensive contract??!! and 3) What were the financial gains for the agreeing parties, the contractors AND the politicians??!!

[REDACTED]
Rock Hill, SC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 12:50 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 Toll Lanes

As a Lake Norman resident, I am writing to express my displeasure with the I77 toll lane project. The project was rammed thru by the NCDOT in the face of intense public pressure, especially in the northern communities that will be most affected by the project. The public never had a chance to provide meaningful feedback and the NCDOT only provided lip service to the public's concerns. It seemed as if NCDOT had its mind made up and didn't really care what the public thought. To ignore all of the northern communities and allow the city of Charlotte to make the decision was one of the worst displays of government decision making that I've ever seen. I also believe Gov McCrory's refusal to step in and manage the process was the reason he lost the election and if Gov Cooper does the same thing I believe he'll also only serve one term. The resistance is so intense and widespread that I believe the public will boycott the toll lanes causing the project to be unprofitable which will eventually result in a bankruptcy. I will NEVER use the toll lanes even if I have to sit in traffic for an hour!

NCDOT and the Governor should be ashamed of themselves.

[REDACTED]
-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 1:10 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lane feedback

First of all, the lanes that are being added from I-277 to I-485 are not even needed. That portion is a waste of money. I travel the entire stretch of the toll lanes from I-277 beyond exit 36 all the time at different times and days including weekends. The need for additional lanes comes where the current lanes diminish to 2 lanes. Traffic moves just fine until you get to I-485 to where it starts to narrow down when going north. The only real backup in the past has been where I-277 exits onto I-77 and the I-85 interchange area. If those 2 interchanges were improved, that would take care of the issues closer into Charlotte. And I am not sure the toll lanes will really improve that and more money will probably need to be spent in the future. My feeling is the toll lane company would not build the lanes unless they started and end in Charlotte proper. And that is the only reason the toll section starts and ends where it does.

The other issue I have with the whole project is not only the lack of involvement in the community but the fact that we still don't know how they will operate or exactly what they are doing as far as ramps and new interchange improvements. We are still in the dark and this project is probably 50% complete. Not acceptable.

Thank you for allowing feedback and please find a way to stop these tolls and give us general purpose lanes that have been needed in the Lake Norman area for 20 years or more when the first widening project started. That project was supposed to add another lane between Charlotte and Mooresville, but got peeled back because of funds. We have been waiting too long and so have all the travelers not only from this area but other states that use our highways.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 1:42 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Lanes

I have lived in NC for over 50 years and I-77 toll lanes project is one of the worst public works project I have ever seen. This project was the reason for Gov. McCrory's defeat in 2016, and could do the same for Go. Cooper. It could also doom the economy of north Mecklenburg. I am a Civil/Structural Engineer, (NCPE #5059). I have worked on NH and DE Highway Departments and on NJ Turnpike widening before coming to NC.

Here are my suggestions:

1. Cancel the I-77 Mobility contract and pay the price for stupidity and arrogance NC DOT, Charlotte members of the Advisory Board, and McCrory.

The amount needed to pay Mobility Partners could come from DOT funds, I-77 Bonds or special property tax on Mecklenburg residents. I think the residents of North Meck towns should pay 5% tax surcharge for up to 10 years and Charlotte resident pay 2.5% for the same duration.

2. Widen and improve NC 15 from Charlotte to Mooresville, with bypasses around Huntersville, Cornelius and Davidson. If the DOT could widen US 321 and NC 16(with bypass around Denver), both excellent projects, why not NC 15?

3. Use Eminent Domain to purchase the railroad tracks and build northern end of Blue line. You get tons of Fed money for this project.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Weir [mailto:jcweir@icloud.com]

[REDACTED], August 11, 2017 6:34 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll lanes

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe these toll lanes are a mistake for many reasons. Why do we want to tie ourselves to a Spanish company that has a history of bankruptcy and unhappy clients, us. I have never been told just how toll lanes will speed traffic, doesn't make sense. We pay gas tax use it, was this decision made by the same genius who thought two lanes in each direction on 485 in southern Mecklenburg County was a good idea.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28270

Sent from my iPhone, Go Gators☑

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 8:19 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel I-77 Contract

Sec. Trogdon & NCDOT,

I cannot tell you how many hours I've spent on I-77 sitting in endless lines of trucks, cars, wreckage & dirt storms. Dodging plastic, metal debris, tires, fenders and various other construction goodies. Two lanes of absolute hell that will never get better thanks to a few greedy politicians who signed an illegal, 50 year contract with Cintra. All the residents and users of this interstate ever needed was one or two extra FREE lanes of travel.

Unfortunately, there aren't many families who will want to purchase my home in Cornelius due to the hellish condition of our main artery of travel and the "back roads" that stay clogged. Honestly, I can't wait to leave North Carolina. My college aged sons cannot wait to leave North Carolina because of the constant congestion on every road with no hopes of it ever getting better. I feel sorry for the business owners here, it's only a matter of time before they will give up and move elsewhere.

I guess my opinion really doesn't matter as I've written countless letters over the past seven years trying to make someone, anyone, understand what this contract has meant to my family's quality of life. Bottom line is...All we ever needed was one or two extra FREE lanes of travel on I-77, it's as simple as that.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:35 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lane

What an incredibly bad deal for the people of NC it is to allow a company from Spain to control and profit from a public road. Makes one wonder who's pockets are getting padded from this debacle.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

Sent from my iPhone
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Feedback

Shame on the State of NC that in the largest urban area in the State, on the main highway that runs through the largest city in the State, that this stretch of highway was not widened a decade ago. Then to make matters worse the solution that they come up with is this toll lane debacle.

[REDACTED]

980-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 11:03 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Terminate the I-77 Toll Lanes Contract

To Whom this may Concern,

The contract the NCDOT has agreed to is an unbelievable demonstration of thought and lack of consideration of the traffic problems it will create on alternate routes which will not be allowed to be widened by the terms of the agreement. The whole process by the state was short sighted, and is viewed by citizens as being steamrolled through the approval process without consideration of public opposition against the project.

[REDACTED], CSI, CCPR

President | [REDACTED] (D) 704. [REDACTED] (P) 704 [REDACTED] (C) 704. [REDACTED]

Saturday, August 12, 2017

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 1:13 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel It

Cancel It,

DOT has much work to do with how it allocates money. Do away with districts and focus on the PUBLIC NEED. I-77 should have always been a High Priority for a Public Funded widening. Take politics out and rely on traffic flow to fund future projects.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Huntersville NC, 28078

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 6:11 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: i77 report

Finally!! Someone is giving voice to how EVERYONE feels about the toll road on i77!! North Carolina is one of the fastest growing states. We need MORE lanes and locking into a 50 year contract is not the right decision. Somebody got in bed with the devil when they agreed to this mess. Please add more lanes now.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 7:33 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Managed lanes on I-77

The the Strategic Transportation initiative, STI, considers the highest priority for road projects to be congestion relief. The proposed managed Lanes north of Charlotte on I-77 will guarantee congestion and in fact, REQUIRES congestion to be sustainable. Forcing this option on the people of North Mecklenburg is an egregious Injustice to the taxpayers. It will be a financial disaster for the area and Financial loss for the entire state of North Carolina.

The taxpayers of North Mecklenburg we're told there was no money to improve this road, yet toll-free projects are under construction and planned throughout the state!

The concept of merge zones has been shown to be dangerous to motorists and will be a catalyst for road rage like we have never seen.

The congestion caused by the managed lanes will force traffic on to local roads including neighborhood streets. Estimates by a UNCC traffic expert predicts seven additional fatalities per year, repeat seven additional FATALITIES per year with the current plan.

To move forward with this project is an unspeakable failure of the NCDOT and state of North Carolina.

Please consider amendment to the contract including conversion of one planned managed lane to a general purpose lane. This will significantly reduce congestion, encourage carpooling/mass transit and provide reliable travel times.

Continuing with a bad decision is another bad decision.

Respectfully yours,

Lifetime citizen on NC

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:24 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Cc: webteam@wbtv.com

Subject: Charlotte-area toll lanes

I am a resident and business owner residing in and doing business along the I-77 corridor subject to toll lanes.

I am writing to express my dismay and disappointment with the process and obvious arrogance of all who ignored the public outcry over the draconian terms of the I-77 toll lanes project.

The length and restrictive terms of the deal, especially the moratorium on parallel capacity, is unconscionable and smacks of corruption. Nearly every person I have spoken to about this issue firmly believes that money changed hands and that perception erodes confidence in government. The ability of citizens to conduct their lives and for businesses to operate in this area will be impaired. As time marches on, the restriction on adding capacity on parallel routes will bring the area between Mooresville and Charlotte to an economic halt. Businesses are already relocating out of the area and that's bad for the tax base and employment.

This is an unspeakably bad deal and every bureaucrat who touched this deal should be ashamed. The citizens of this state are not serfs in some vast imperial bureaucracy, we are free citizens of the Republic and deserve far better than a middle finger from our elected officials. Raise my taxes and pay the Spaniards off; then see if you can claw your way back to some semblance of good governance.

Thank you

[REDACTED], President
[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:28 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lanes

Please cancel the 50-year contract with Cintra on the I-77 toll roads from hell. Cintra is a corrupt Spanish company that is going bankrupt around the country leaving taxpayers to pay even more than ever expected. No one I know or talk to will ever use the toll lanes so it is a given fact that Cintra will go bankrupt in a few years like they have in Texas, Indiana, Illinois and other places around the country and the world.

We need General Purpose lanes here on I-77; one of the busiest highways in the state of NC and the SE. Greensboro, Raleigh, Asheville and other areas of the state receive more general purpose lanes every year. Pay the \$289 million now and take back our highway from Cintra. Finish the lanes as general purpose lanes. We in North Mecklenburg have been paying an extra ½ cents sales tax for many years to pay for the general purpose lanes.

Please just fix it. Do the right thing and cancel the 50-year BAD Cintra contract. The Citizens of this area will not give up. We have opposed the toll lane project from the beginning and still do now. We will always oppose it and will boycott the I-77 toll lanes.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 10:26 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 Tolls

So, the elected officials of our great state enter an agreement with a foreign country for several hundred million dollars and 50 years of control over one of the busiest highways in North Carolina. They do so without any public input or ability to intervene.

What could possibly go wrong!

I absolutely don't care what it will cost those imbisials to cancel, but cancel you must!

No tolls on I 77 ever. If you do put them there I will never use them, ever !

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 10:42 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Lanes

PLEASE CANCEL the toll lanes immediately! Just take a look at all the other badly managed toll lane projects by this company. They are complete disasters. Additionally, tax money is going to projects in other areas of the state (Winston-Salem for example) for FREE road improvements/lane additions that don't need it! CANCEL! CANCEL! CANCEL!!! NOW! DO NOT SPEND 1 MORE MUNUTE ON THIS LUDICROUS PROJECT!!!

[REDACTED]
LKN Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 10:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: toll

This was the worst deal ever made in NC. It needs to be eradicated or I-77 when completed and drivers find out only the rich have won there will be truly a real Hornets Nest. Imagine Friday afternoon with the free lanes backed up 10 miles and only a few luxury cars on the toll lanes.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 12:27 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback on I77 Tolls

NO to tolls. You either have gas taxes or tolls; not both.

Concerned tax payer.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28269

412 [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 12:55 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the toll lanes and go back to the drawing board

I am one of the constituents who never wanted the toll lane project.

Until the original defect of not enough lanes crossing Lake Norman is rectified, the entire project should be scrapped or bought out and completed as general purpose lanes.

The State of North Carolina was derelict in its duty to the traveling public by not expanding the bridges in the greater Charlotte area a decade ago.

Further, the legislature of the State of North Carolina was derelict in its duties by allowing this project to move forward without substantial comment from the public or consideration of said public comments.

As the project stands, we have been given a solution that does not fix our problems and only serves to funnel local taxpayers' taxes and personal income into the pockets of a greedy corporation.

Blessings,
[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 2:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll lane project

Please, if anyone in power is listening, listen to the people & stop this rip-off of a project right now! Every part of this deal is ridiculous, from the foreign toll company, to the variable toll rates, to the fact that this project will do nothing to relieve traffic congestion. But the most egregious part, in my mind, is the fact that this deal will handcuff our area for FIFTY YEARS!! No new public access lanes for 50 years?? What moron thought that would be a good idea? Obviously someone who has never driven I-77.

Full disclosure - I live on the north side of Charlotte but very rarely drive north on I-77. In fact, I make it a point to avoid the area due to traffic. So I am protesting this not so much because of its effect on me, but rather as a concerned citizen who cannot believe that this project, which is totally lacking in merit, was actually approved.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 3:57 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Toll lanes!

My husband and I both agree the I77 Toll Lane Project should be canceled right away. There's enough evidence supporting that Cintra is corrupt and they were dishonest about many aspects of the contract. I'm sure The NCDOT's team of attorneys could get us out of the contract without paying much. We the taxpayers should have the right to decide how our money is spent to improve roads and infrastructure. Where is our tax money going? It's absolutely ludicrous to let developers keep building more single-family housing and apartments, etc. with no concrete plan in place to relieve congestion on the roads here! In other states the developers are responsible for paying to widen roads when planning large projects. With more and more people moving to this great area, we need a better plan in place for sure!

[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 6:40 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads

The 77 project is a joke. Kill the toll road(s)!

[REDACTED]
Charlotte

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 7:14 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Dear Sir/Madam:

Certainly you have heard the most common issues. I will not rehash them. I am concerned about on transportation (trucking and shipping both import and export). Of course everyone is concerned about the issues that surround the 50 yr. contract. These have long term revenue implications for Charlotte and the state of North Carolina.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC 28117

Sunday, August 13, 2017

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 10:06 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 contract

The the Strategic Transportation initiative, STI, considers congestion relief as the highest scoring criteria. Why would the NCDOT approve a managed Lane project north of Charlotte on I-77 that will guarantee congestion? This project REQUIRES congestion to be sustainable. Forcing this option on the people of North Mecklenburg is an egregious Injustice to the taxpayers. It will be a financial disaster for the area and Financial loss for the entire state of North Carolina.

The taxpayers of North Mecklenburg were told there was no money to improve this road, yet toll-free projects are under construction and planned throughout the state!

The concept of merge zones has been shown to be dangerous to motorist and will be a catalyst for road rage and accidents.

The congestion caused by the managed Lanes will force traffic on to local roads including neighborhood streets. Estimates by a UNCC traffic expert predicts seven additional fatalities per year, repeat seven additional FATALITIES per year with the current plan.

To move forward with this project is an unspeakable failure of NCDOT's responsibility.

Please consider amendment to the contract including conversion of at least one planned managed lane to a general purpose lane. This will significantly reduce congestion while still encouraging carpooling/mass transit and provide reliable travel times. This is a reasonable request

If this was YOUR option for traveling to work you would be outraged!

Continuing with a bad decision is another bad decision!!!

Respectfully yours,

Lifetime citizen of NC

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: Sam Grundman [mailto:samuel@yodas.ws]

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 12:10 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Express Lanes

To whom it may concern,

I would like to let you know that the public-private partnership constructing and managing the I-77 Express Lanes is not a good project, but that does not mean you should stop building NCDOT-controlled toll lanes elsewhere in Charlotte. The big problems with the current Express Lanes project are non-issues with NCDOT toll lanes: our money going to a foreign firm, tolls used to pay profits instead of road maintenance and construction, construction being done in a danger and haphazard manner, little public input on planning. So, please keep working on adding toll lanes on I-485 and Independence Blvd and please buy out Centra so NCDOT will construct, own, and operate the toll lanes on I-77.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
336-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Karl Dambra [mailto:yankinn73@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 1:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

I have been opposed of this mess since day one. I live in Mooresville and drive the interstate every day and watch all the NY, Ohio, Pennsylvania, WV, NJ and so on plates. They all beat down the roads for free while I pay my share.

Wouldn't it make sense to put tolls at the state borders? So citizens like myself can roam the state at free will on the taxes I pay?

Put a toll at I 95 at the Virginia and SC line. Tolls at I 77 at the same borders. I40 at the Tenn. line. I85 at the SC line. Charge as other states do \$1.00 per axle. It would pay for I 77 in no time and while at it we can widen the desperately needed 150 from Mooresville to lincolton. Omg get with it people. This isn't rocket science.

-----Original Message-----

From: mike ryan [mailto:mail4mikeryan@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 2:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads on I-77

To whom it may concern:

I'd like to express my vehement opposition to the toll road under construction on I-77. I live in Mooresville, NC and drive to the Charlotte-Douglas airport for work. Even though I-77 is a shorter distance and a faster drive (on the rare occasion traffic is light), I WILL NOT pay a Spanish company for the right to use a road in the United States. If the goal of this toll plan was

to force people away from using I-77 through inconvenience or excessive expense, then well done, it will work as designed. If the plan was to improve the quality of life for citizens and improve the revenue and tax base of businesses along the route, then it will be a miserable failure. We live close to exit 36, but avoid going anywhere South of Exit 31 and stopped frequenting any businesses that require using I-77. It's not worth the aggravation, and needing to pay a toll to avoid sitting in traffic would further curtail our use.

Along with the canceling of this project, I'd like to see an investigation into the people that approved it. They must have been completely incompetent, or benefiting in some way from its approval. The best interests of the people living along this corridor were poorly considered, and should have had a voice in this decision. Bite the bullet, kill this pending disaster now, and do what's right for the people that use I-77.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:07 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 toll project

The recent Mercator Study Highlights the negative feelings of everyone I know towards the current toll project. I am unaware of a single individual or business in the Mount Mourne/Mooresville area that is or was in favor of the project. I cannot understand how the project received approval with so much opposition. The widening of I-77 should have occurred years ago and still needs to occur instead of the current toll fiasco.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville. N.C.28115

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 6:13 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: NC Quick Pass

Why not do what other states do and pay for road upgrades with in-state tolls? It would be costly to buy out the Spanish contract; but in the long run, it might be worth it to **use our own NC Quick Pass to have toll lanes or even toll roads** like Richmond had for I-95 way back when. The NC Quick Pass is accepted in most other states, and we accept theirs.

Washington, DC uses their EZ Pass for separate toll lanes *or* even just the left lanes on a road where there is not room for separate lanes. They even have the structure to encourage carpooling by having HOV lanes for free (although you still have to have the EZ Pass for those lanes even if there is no charge).

WV used tolls to pay for I-77 through the mountains, took them off, and put them back on because the road needed upgrading.

Many Northeastern states have always had tolls. Why not use the method which has worked elsewhere?

[REDACTED]

Concord, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 6:30 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please cancel the toll lanes

If time had been put in to actually study the region you would see that almost all waking hours it takes an hour to an hour and a half to travel a measly 20 miles. It would be one thing if the region had acceptable other routes to get places, but as it stands the natural barrier (lake norman) prevents other routes from being developed. One GP lane from 85 to at least 25-28 is really not too much to ask. Just axe the contract and let's take a minute to punt.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville NC, 28115

(704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 6:37 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Don and Sally meredith huntersville

Why are we being punished with toll lanes when No One else is affected in all of Charlotte. No one has tolls. Why I77?

Sent from my iPad

Monday, August 14, 2017

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:34 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll Road

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thanks for your solicitation of remarks as it relates to the the current toll project on I77. This response is a personal response, not one necessarily promoted by our organization.

Make no mistake, I77 must be enabled for a more expeditious ingress and egress to Charlotte. I realize that the current model of transportation funding provides very limited resources for all projects. Until I hear, or am convinced, of an alternative to aid in that north/south travel, I support this project. The method proposed has been successful in other locations and we fully expect success to be implemented here. I completely understand, appreciate and comprehend that it will be MY choice in how I opt to travel this interstate. Under the current pattern, I have no choice but to wait in traffic for a drive that SHOULD take 45 minutes but, through congestion, might take twice that long. Under the revised plan with the toll road, I can opt to travel, at no cost, with similar timeliness issues OR I can OPT to pay to get to/from Charlotte more quickly. Either way, it is my choice. As I understand it, we could wait for several years for this project to climb up the STI ladder and eventually get funded/built or we can go the route as has been determined with the current project and expedite the entire process. I support the project

[REDACTED]

President

[REDACTED]

Statesville, NC 28677

Chamber Phone 704-[REDACTED]

Direct Line 704-[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:50 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll Lanes

I am against toll lanes. Please try to re-negotiate the contract to replace toll lanes with free lanes to relieve congestion.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

Finance and Membership Coordinator

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28204

704-[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:57 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll Lanes

The toll lanes should never have been started. They quite simply will not be successful and will eventually cost more than the widening of 77 beginning at Charlotte. Doing it right in the first place is ALWAYS the best course of action.

NEGOTIATE WITH THE CURRENT CONTRACTORS TO WORK ON DOING THE NECESSARY WORK ON A RECONFIGURED PLAN!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:05 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: widen i-77 project

I cannot attend the August 24th 6:30pm meeting in Mooresville.

However, I would like to add my two cents to this ordeal. (and it is an ordeal).

Buyout the project and make the lanes general-use and lower the speed limits to prevent unnecessary bottlenecks. Maybe even put traffic lights on the onramps to keep traffic flowing.

And keep trying for the RedLine extension.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Feedback

Disappointed that this Toll Project even went through. I for one will NEVER use the toll lane. PERIOD. I will sit in traffic, like I ALWAYS do, before I give any money to travel in a guaranteed 45mph (LOL) toll lane. Bankrupt the project. Wait... that has already happened with CINTA!! No other roads can be built around the lake? How did this get passed???? unreal.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:52 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA toll lane project

Gentlemen:

There is a solution I have not heard mentioned re the toll road.

1. Negotiate with CINTRA to get a figure they would accept for canceling the project.
2. Since CINTRA was going to be paid the tolls over a period of 50 years, negotiate the payment for cancellation TO BE PAID TO THEM OVER A PERIOD OF 50 YEARS. So instead of \$300,000,000 to be paid by North Carolina IMMEDIATELY, CINTRA would still get the full sum, but it would be stretched out over the 50 years. So there should be less reluctance on their part to accept cancellation of the project and less money from the N.C. budget on a yearly basis. I figure it would be \$6,000,000 due annually.

3. Keep the toll lane configuration as is—two lanes—but make the tolls \$1.00. This would help offset the payment to CINTRA and the cost of completing the road work. For a 5-day work week the cost roundtrip would be \$10.00, or \$40 a month. Most anyone commuting to Charlotte can afford \$40.00 a month to get to Charlotte faster and avoid all the traffic jams.

4. The above will require a lot of refiguring, but it will allow CINTRA to save face and will honor the contract N.C. made with them—but with negotiated modifications for payment.

It is a WIN-WIN on both sides.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Charlotte, NC 28210-2209
(704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:16 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

WE LIVE IN MOORESVILLE NC. MY WIFE A HAS DOCTORS IN CHARLOTTE. IF DR APPT IS 10 AM WE MUST LEAVE HOME BY 6AM. WHEN APPT IS 2 PM WE MUST LEAVE HOME NO LATER THAN 10 AM. THE TOLL LANES SHOULD BE CANCELLED AND LOOK IN ANOTHER DIRECTION FOR THE SOLUTION. LISTEN TO THE TAXPAYERS FOR ONCE. I'M BEGINNING TO BELIEVE GOVERNMENT IS CORRUPT AT ALL LEVELS. LOOK AT THE FIASCO INVOLVING COSTCO'S ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TO MOORESVILLE. PLEASE CANCEL THIS AND START OVER.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
MOORESVILLE NC 28117-8491

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:25 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Lane Feedback

Dear NCDOT,

I currently live in Cornelius and have since 2015. Previously, I lived in Mooresville for 9 years. My husband and I are currently living in an apartment and building a home in Cornelius. Therefore, we plan to reside in this area for years to come so this issue is extremely important to me.

I have followed the developments and stories as they pertain to the I-77 widening and toll lanes. From the beginning, I was opposed to the toll lanes. BUT, I was opposed to ANY widening of I-77. I believe, support and advocate for mass transit, rather than widening the interstate. When people have to sit in

traffic, they WILL choose other methods of transportation, which ultimately benefits our communities in many ways (health, environment, etc).

HOWEVER, now I believe that the construction on the I-77 toll lanes should progress and be completed. There seems to be a great deal of uncertainty as to the costs of terminating the project and the contract. I support finishing the project and then evaluate the outcome when completed. At that time, make a decision as to what direction we should take as a community.

AND, most importantly, allow all residents effected by this change, to be heard and allowed to provide feedback, as you have with this opportunity.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:40 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No tolls

Please cancel the toll lane contract

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 1:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: toll

I fundamentally disagree with the need for a Toll road of any kind on 77. A simple widening of the highway to 3 lanes would suffice, and NO ONE I have every spoken with is in favor of it—not a single person. PLEASE drop this foolish waste of money and time.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:21 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Re: Toll Lanes

To whom it may concern:

I understand that you are now asking the public for their opinions on the I77 Toll Lanes. I think it's too little too late but I'll give my input anyway.

I've lived in Charlotte for 56 years. I've never seen such a mess as this. I can only say that since the public wasn't given the chance to weigh in on the original plan, we should have some say now that changes are being considered. It is way too late in the game to consider scrapping it, so we know that is out of the question. If the public does have a say, then we should be given a break by freeing up an express lane at no cost from Mooresville to Charlotte.

I raised my family in Huntersville, and have always worked in Charlotte. My daughter now lives in Mt Ulla, and I have many other family members in Mooresville and Troutman. It used to take me 30 minutes to get to Mt. Ulla before this debacle. It now takes me 1hr 1/2. We don't see as much of each other due to this mess. Adding tolls to these roads are not fair to long standing tax paying citizens. There should be some way to grandfather in residents that have lived in the area for 25 years or more. They should be able to register their vehicles so you know who they are and allowed to use the toll lanes at no cost. I know that will never happen because SOMEONE won't get their CUT. Gone are the days where people were concerned about their fellow man. Now they are more concerned about how much they can make off of them.

I don't foresee this ending in favor of the public, but I felt I needed to put my 2 cents worth in.

Have a nice day

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:35 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lanes

I would like to express my concerns for this project as developed.

The project was bid with only (1) bidder that also supposedly was very involved in writing said specifications. That is obvious as to the way the bid favors the bidder more than the taxpayer. Also, the original plan was for additional free lanes from Exit 36 to Exit 19. What is the benefit to anyone if after all this money is spent, people still cannot commute between Charlotte and Mooresville without paying a toll, or sitting in traffic as we have been doing for many years?

Trucks and ICC can not use these additional lanes, so that slows their progress down and affects many more people.

What kind of feasibility study was done to see the impact on local businesses and their revenue? Many are reporting lower business as people just don't want to have to drive the dreaded I77 for a shopping trip or to see clients.

Please, cancel the contract and make the additional lanes free general purpose lanes. This is for the taxpayers, travelers, Freight and trucking industry, local businesses and everyone involved.

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[REDACTED] Sales Administrator / Charlotte Division
Phone: 980-[REDACTED] Fax: 980-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:34 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Mercator Advisors Report - Feedback

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback. I am encouraged that alternatives to the current I-77 toll plan are being explored. The Mercator Report offers several options...

I strongly recommend that your next step be to narrow your focus and obtain final pricing for termination of the contract with Cintra. This is the only viable option as any efforts to reduce or modify tolling will only result in additional revenue shortfalls and financial failure for the partnership. As the report states, it may take significant time to organize the legal/financial aspects of the cancellation. Time to get this work started.

In the meantime, a priority should be to complete the road work as quickly and safely as possible while eliminating the tolling infrastructure expenses.

I have no confidence in the "ingress/egress" design of the plan as it relates to the North Mecklenburg/South Iredell segment. Gridlock will continue in an area that is critical to inter/intra state commerce. The Mercator Report does not factor in the loss of business revenue that will undoubtedly occur as transportation companies look to alternative routes.

Our state is in a much stronger financial position than when the Cintra deal was negotiated. Please do not stand behind process as the reason for not prioritizing I-77 and changing course on a bad deal. The most recent election results and continued negative feedback should no longer be ignored.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

This toll lane fiasco BOGGLES my mind. It is more tangible evidence of just how corrupt politics and elected officials can be when there is money and power to be had. The people that have steered this toll lane ship into existence have stabbed every area tax payer in the in the back. Just BOGGLES my mind that this been allowed.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 7:31 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Scrap the toll lane on I-77

I am not in favor of a toll lane. We want free lanes and roads in North Carolina.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 7:40 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll lanes

I am not at all in favor of a toll lane for I-77 at all. Roads and highways should remain free to travel. Our gas tax we pay everytime we fill up should be adequate for any improvements that are needed. If not, then shame on our state government who spones off money to other facets of government.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:18 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 tolls

Hello,

I am emailing you to state the obvious. The toll lanes on I77 are being created to make a profit and will not elevate traffic in general. The majority of the people traveling to work daily will not be able to afford the toll lanes. Lexus lanes which they have rightfully been called, are the rich persons express lane to there corporate work place.

The north south trucking corridor will be restricted to the general purpose lanes and this will cause side by side trucks which cannot start as fast as cars meaning the general lanes will always be congested and tolls will be expensive.

The lake Norman area is one of the fastest growing areas in North Carolina. 50 years of development expansion will only increase the use of I77 since there is no other option to travel north-south from I485 to Statesville. This contract will cost the state more over time than anyone can project.

Cancel this contract and make these lanes general purpose lanes and restrict the new lanes to cars since they have not been built to support trucks.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:03 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll lane debate

Has anyone looked into the possibility that the contract with Cintra was entered into illegally, either by not allowing public debate and oversight or by proving that the public officials who signed this heinous contract were bribed into their signing this agreement??

Time to play dirty, just like those who signed the "agreement" that puts the public into 50 years of debt and ties our hands for additional lane widening.

[REDACTED]
Rock Hill, SC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:04 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 TOLL LANES = BAD IDEA

To whom it may concern at NCDOT:

I for one am **totally against** toll lanes on I-77.

For the past 34 years I've driven from Mooresville to Uptown Charlotte and back daily. Until the installation of HOV lanes, the commute was approximately 30 minutes. Since then, the commute has escalated to over an hour.

(FYI - I would consider the HOV lane project an epic fail as I have witnessed its lack of use all hours of the day.)

The lack of suitable lanes on I-77 to handle today's traffic is both costly for our citizens & an environmental hazard, vehicles (especially the hundreds of tractor trailers) moving at a snails pace and idling in a 25 mile stretch of highway.

High density housing in areas adjacent to the interstate should be carefully reviewed and limited until adequate transportation systems like additional lanes and mass transit are in place.

Please discontinue this notion of toll lanes on I-77 and provide us with the additional lanes we've so patiently awaited.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mooresville (I-77 exit 33)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:23 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Do the right thing

Some , if not all, on and off lanes are so short you can't get up to freeway speed to merge into traffic. That would help a lot to keep traffic moving. I have not heard straight up the cost of anything. Dem's said we don't know what's in it until we pass it! And you could keep what you had!
NUMBERS 6:24-26 too many hands in the pot ruins the soup .

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:09 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

My opinion is to cancel the i77 contract and pay the buyout for cost... just wanted my voice heard.
Thanks

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:33 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll road-against

I am against the toll road or at least have it be a standard fee on only a fast lane or something. Not across the board. I will definitely go the long way to avoid random tolls.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:38 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lanes

I live at exit 31, Langtree. I have to travel I77 almost every day thru the gauntlet of exit 31 thru exit 23. The extra lanes have been needed for years. I greatly resent being asked to pay for additional lanes with a toll. I already pay tax on every gallon of gas which I thought should pay for roads. If more money is needed to add lanes then **raise gas taxes!** Don't ask Charlotte if these should be toll lanes, why should they care if Huntersville, Cornelius and Mooresville residents have to pick up the cost. Additional gas tax is the most fair way to finance NC roads. Everyone pays a share of cost based on how much they use the roads and how much gas they use. If you must raise additional money more than sales tax brings in then charge a fee for all the hundreds of thousands of vehicles that enter our state on interstate highways at the state line! Much of this traffic on I77 and I85 are non-NC residents passing thru our state getting use of our roads without paying.

I never understood why Raleigh had both an inner belt and outer belt completed before Charlotte, with a larger population, got an outer belt. Charlotte's outer belt should have been built with more lanes between exit 23 and 28 when built as well as Southeast Charlotte. I consider toll lanes just one more example of unfair treatment coming out of Raleigh. I will do my best to keep any elected official out of office that support toll roads.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:50 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Lane Study Feedback

As a resident of the northern third of Mecklenburg County, I urge the NCDOT to find solutions to the I-77 widening project that do not penalize visitors and commuters to Charlotte to the benefit of a single corporation.

I find that I avoid traveling to Charlotte at any time, not just rush hours, unless absolutely necessary, which was not my intention when I moved here from out of state 7 years ago. Then, I expected to (and initially did) enjoy Charlotte restaurants, museums sporting events and entertainment - all elements that I don't even consider now, and expect not to consider after the completion and implementation of the toll lanes.

The project as approved to date casts the NCDOT in a negative light, and makes us believe that our government in Raleigh is both disinterested in the Charlotte region's best interests and untrustworthy in its administration of the public's resources.

Revising this project would go a long way in restoring confidence in our state government's agencies, and would set a wonderful example for others that a mistake made can be recognized and remedied, rather than merely defended, which sadly seems to be the case to date.

thank you,

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:51 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 study

I support the recommendations of the study to cancel the contract and make the expanded lanes Free general purpose lanes or Free HOV-2 lanes. As you can see the recommendation supports this, and with the "found" \$2 billion the NCDOT now has, it seems prudent to start spending the money on this side of the state.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:57 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lanes

NO!!!! This is really bad deal for us locals!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:00 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 cancel the contract w/ Cintra

Cancel the toll road and contract with Cintra.

We are considering moving our machinery dealership to another area due to the travel time on I-77. We don't foresee any improvement for traffic flow on 77 and especially parallel roads to lower the cost of freight, labor and to expedite shipping. The toll roads will not be of a benefit to us.

~ [REDACTED]

704 [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:02 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Cc: Thomas McCune <tm@cfsjets.com>
Subject: TOLL LANE SCAM

First, CANCEL THIS SCAM!!!

How our "educated"??? officials passed this plan is so thoughtless, there can only be one explanation.

"CORRUPTION"

Any representative who approved this 50 yr. SCAM should be voted out of office, Anyone.

Those not elected, should be fired !!!

In all my years of doing business, I never heard of anyone agreeing to a 50 yr. contract with a foreign company, with questionable history, and no way out !!! Are they really that stupid. Unbelievable

"CORRUPTION"

The public was never informed. We were lied to, told it was the only way for us to get roads, that we were to late to stop it, etc. Shameful.

If this SCAM is not cancelled, those involved should pay a high price. THEY SHOULD LOSE THIER JOBS!!!!

p.s. How about looking at their tax returns for the next 10 yrs.

[REDACTED]

Chairman/CEO

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:06 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 feedback

I drive this road daily. I had to sell my home in southern Mooresville and move to Cornelius because the traffic on i77 made getting to my daily activities impossible, sometimes taking an hour to get to my kid's school that is six minutes away. Businesses are suffering. I spend my money online more often than local businesses because of traffic issues. Two free lanes is not enough to support the amount of traffic coming through this corridor. Cancel the toll contract. Create two more free lanes from exit 23-30. If

that's not possible, create one toll lane and add one more free lane through Northern Mecklenburg County. Please help.

██████████
Cornelius NC

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:12 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Please cancel the contract!! It will hurt the economy and the housing market in this area. Where is our gas tax money going? Or our vehicle tax money? Why should we have toll roads and no one else in the state does? Is Charlotte always going to be treated like a red head stepchild???

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:16 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll project

Amazing to me that a project that 93% of taxpayers were vocal AGAINST in a public vote 3 years ago still got approval to move forward. I would love to know the truth about the palms that must have been greased to get this steaming pile of waste on-track. No doubt that somebody, somewhere is loving it. Also no doubt that that person isn't sitting on I77 in bumper to bumper traffic this morning. 1%-ers don't travel that way.

Toll roads profit from traffic- not from alleviating it. This project was never about providing a reasonable means of transit to the taxpaying citizen of this region; it was about profiting from their misery and sending those profits to a foreign company with a sketchy track-record. Every one of you people that signed on for this should never be allowed to hold public office. You're all a disgrace. I'm glad Pat McCrory lost his job, and Roy Cooper will, too, if this project keeps moving forward. This region has 80,000 people that use that highway regularly, and every politician that refuses to touch it will start their next race 80,000 votes in the hole. I hope all of them get voted out. This toll project is a glaring example of what's wrong with politics in the country. 'For, of and by the people'. Yeah.... right.

Stop this disgrace of a project and widen the road.

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:23 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback for Mercator Advisors report

I was happy to read that the Mercator's report laid out the option to terminate the express lane agreement. We are residents of Davidson, NC and it's clear why there is a lot of traffic on i-77. Additional (beyond only 2 that have been here for decades) general purpose lanes should have been planned years ago and the express lane agreement was just a bad band-aid for years of insufficient planning.

People that live in this area are much more directly impacted by the express lanes than people in South Charlotte or other areas of NC that only sometimes use i-77. For example, someone in South Charlotte going to the mountains once a month may not have a hard time paying the unspecified price of the toll. However, those that use the highway regularly to take their kids around would take a large hit.

Express lanes would make it harder to do business in our area. For example, I have heard directly from a successful business owner that (they are moving their business to a different part of CLT) if they stayed in this region they would have to start subsidizing transportation costs.

Lastly, I would encourage NCDOT to help CRTPO come up with a transportation plan. It's clear to me that CRPTO have ran out of good ideas and if they had their way would have tolls everywhere.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:29 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Road study

NCDOT Feedback:

All public feedback has fallen on deaf ears. A very select few pushed the contract and decision making of this project and in my opinion is the biggest scandal and waste of tax payers money and future cost to residents in NC history. Gov McCrory lost his re election due to it, and my guess is Thom Tillis will too.

Based on the public outcry, research proving the negative impact on our region the only solution is to stop the contract now and install the general purpose lanes that would have fixed the problem at half the cost!!!! And serviced the constituents that pay taxes here.

Toll roads are a guarantee the general purpose lanes will be a constant log jam for the next 50 years, the avg working class citizen that live and work in our area cannot afford the toll lane projected fees. The select few that are weathly around the water front will be majority of who uses it. So those in charge decided to spend 800 million on lanes for a few.....that is stupid. Those that vote for an supported the toll many are not living and traveling here! Atrocity. Stop the Toll Road and install GP lanes.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:32 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Roads

This project is a very bad idea and I feel someone's pockets got lined to allow this to happen. We pay a very high gas tax the should enable up to do that project without a foreign company being involved.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:34 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

This project has been forced upon the residents of this area! We have begged, voted, hired lawyers to no avail! No one would listen! Cintra is corrupt company, that is not my opinion, that is fact! Most all their toll roads have gone bankrupt, leaving their own country and the states in the US that worked with them holding the bag! Why would we sign a contract with a Company for tolls for which this state gets 0 monies from! Why! We (I live in Davidson, NC) have lived through this nightmare for 3 years! Really just considering getting out of this state and out of this mess! There is no way I77 could ever meet the requirements for cars using the toll lanes per day, so we'll just be fined every month out of our tax dollars! The road should have simply been widen, but done a bit more safely. The deaths on I77 because of entrapment are horrible! We can't widen our access roads (NC 115, NC 21) because it's not allowed in the Cintra contract! We are trapped in our towns! The infrastructure should have been considered first before all this building was allowed anyway! This needs to be stopped! NO TOLL ROAD! Think of the people for once!!

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:36 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No tolls please

Simply put, I don't think the tolls will work long term. I make good money but still every month our family tends to spend more than we actually make. I don't feel confident that enough citizens will be willing to give up something to utilize the tolls to the degree of paying off a 660M debt Cintra will "apparently" have at the conclusion of the construction. The frustrating part for me is watching all the tax revenue being generated by this development from residential property and massive Corporate deals like Lowes headquarters yet the infrastructure in our area hasn't been updated to support the growth. How about that old saying, "If you build it, they will come" definitely doesn't apply here. This area has been built by tax payers and yet the DOT has not come to support it yet pushed back on us again to pay for it in the form of tolls. I will admit this is the ideal area to force tolls on the general public. Those of us that live between exit 23 and 42 are forced to use the interstate to commute north and south. It's really sad though that you are exploiting this fact.

[REDACTED]
Vice President – [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----**From:** [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:39 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll road

Please cancel the contract and use public dollars. The current contract is corrupt and will cost more in the long run than actually using public dollars.

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:45 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads

We-the-people have paid for I77 one time via our taxes.
Now we-the-people are going to have to pay again IF the tolls persist and remain in place.
I have my home for sale in Cornelius, NC and have had it on the market in this booming RE market and am unable to sell it due to the issues/tolls/costs with I77.
Apparently the homework was NOT done PRIOR to spending taxpayers money (so what else is new with gov-co?) These tolls need to be cancelled immediately and I'm reading there will be NO fine!

Please CANCEL these tolls IMMEDIATELY!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:50 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll road

Please get rid of the entire 'toll' idea. Turn I.77 into a 6 lane road, no toll. Please also consider SOON plans to extend 6 lanes to I.40

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:52 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Project

I will put this as simply as I can. The I-77 toll project has already hurt the local economy with big and small companies relocating away from the area. People have been killed because of the dangerous construction practices. The whole numbers changing "shell game" played by the NCDOT and the politicians on the cost of the project leaves many wondering who got paid off on this bad deal for Lake Norman residents.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:54 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Kill the toll lanes

To whom it may concern,

Please, for the love of all that is holy, let the horrifying abortion that is the idea of toll lanes on I-77 in the Charlotte area die a peaceful death. As a citizen of NC I happily pay higher taxes than I would if I moved to SC in the form of inspection fees, registration fees, vehicle fees, and income taxes and I do it happily for one reason. I expect decent roads in return for those taxes. To have the NCDOT tell me that I should pay them twice for the same job is insulting and demeaning.

If you do decide to move forward with this project, presumably because you've had your brains surgically removed, know that I will NEVER use the toll lanes. Even if I had been shot in the stomach, and the toll lanes were empty and there was a twenty mile traffic jam on the non-toll lanes, I'd tell the ambulance driver that it isn't that crucial and I can wait. Read that last sentence again. Let it sink in that I just said that I'd rather bleed out, painfully, to death rather than use a toll lane.

In conclusion, just in case I haven't made this abundantly clear, I'm opposed to the toll lanes with every fiber of my being. I will never use them, I will actively encourage others not to use them, and I hope they rot away from a lack of use. If they are built I wish them to become so

costly to maintain due to lack of use that Cintra goes bankrupt and shuts down. Terrible, terrible, idea making toll lanes. Thanks for your time.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:55 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Project

My husband and I live in Cornelius and we must use I-77 everyday to go to work. We have been following the toll project closely and strongly believe that if the Cintra contract is not cancelled it will have a material negative impact on us personally and on the entire Lake Norman area. Our vote for Governor Cooper last November was largely based on his pledge to terminate this dreadful contract.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 10:04 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Road comment

We have been of the opinion from the start of this toll project that it did not take a genius to see that traffic flows freely 24 hours a day from exit 19 south to Charlotte, where 3 lanes, plus an HOV lane have existed for years. The same is true for the north bound lanes from Charlotte north to exit 19. There must have been other questionable factors involved that caused NCDOT to ram through a contract with only a single foreign firm, which had a bad reputation in other parts of the U.S. and other countries. Had NCDOT just added even one additional public lane years ago and planned for a second public lane later, this mess and high cost would have been avoided.

Having said that, we are firmly in support of your "option a", terminate the CA, complete the express lanes using public funding now and ensure that all lanes are for public use. If the new lanes are inferior for the use by heavy vehicles, restrict them to the right two lanes.

Thank you for allowing our opinion to be heard.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC 28031

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 10:04 AM

It is WRONG to not consider public opinion which is STRONGLY against this contract!! How dare the politicians enter into a 50 year contract with a foreign company that literally hurts the local people.

CANCEL THE TOLLWAY!!!

[REDACTED]

Health Educator/Coach/Nutritional Counselor

847-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 10:54 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please Stop Toll Lanes

I drive this every work day. Traffic is so bad that my Charlotte commute of 22 interstate miles (exit 33 to 11) takes me close to 90 minutes. It is one thing to tolerate the mess for lanes that everyone can use, but quite another to live through it for toll lanes too expensive for every day use. There is no way this was one "in the public interest." Cintra is going to end up bankrupting and leaving us with the bill anyway, so just stop it now.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:06 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll road

I'm a citizen of Charlotte. I was born here and I will likely die here. I am opposed to the toll road and in light of the recent study on it that has just come out I ask that the toll road project to be scrapped.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:17 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I 77 toll feedback

as a Cornelius NC resident I have been and continue to be against the I 77 toll roads. I agree with the report just released that the State of NC Dot rammed this project thru without regards to the public input or a more comprehensive study on actual cost of building the roads. Cintra's history in the US is not or has not been stellar with two bankruptcies on the two projects they have completed,

Indiana and Texas. Long term consequences for NC financial support to Cintra's profit place additional unknowns for the public in future years to come, ie, 50 years!

Additionally, the NCDOT actually signed the contract earlier than required further reducing public input.

CANCEL THE CONTRACT.

THANK YOU

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC 28031

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:25 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77

PLEASE BUY OUT/CANCEL CINTRA TOLL CONTRACT! It undermines travel, growth, commerce in Mooresville and surrounding areas!!!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:32 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Update on Cintra's I-77 Contract and Tolling

Secretary Trogon,

Below is a copy of a letter that we are sending today to Governor Cooper and others, urging that definitive action be taken to amend or cancel the poorly-conceived contract with Cintra for the I-77 widening and subsequent tolling. As someone who can help make this "right," we look forward to hearing from you regarding your position and steps that you will take. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC 28078

August 15, 2017

The Honorable Roy Cooper
Governor, State of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301.

Re: Cintra I-77 Contract

Dear Governor Cooper:

My family and I are 16-year residents of Huntersville, and I've lived in the Charlotte area since 1993. As residents, commuters, taxpayers, and voters, we are writing to ask your support in doing all in your power to address the ill-conceived, poorly-vetted contract with Cintra for the I-77 toll road project.

The Mercator report, released last week, touches on the many reasons that this contract and project need to be addressed. That said, there are many *additional* reasons why this was a poorly conceived and executed deal from the start, not just for the state of North Carolina and its citizens, but particularly for the residents of the area who are forced to use I-77 frequently, if not daily. Among them:

- The admission by many in local governments, since opposition began, that they either did not read or understand the contract and its many restrictions...or...the admission that the promised funds for town road enhancements (i.e. *hush money* or *payoffs*) caused a contract to be signed that had not been fully vetted with all stakeholders.
- The absence of usable parallel roads, due to the geography of the lake area, does not allow us to find alternate routes as I-77 stays congested. Vi Lyles erroneously stated last year that if residents don't like or don't want to pay the tolls, we can instead take other routes. What she and many others fail to understand is that highways 21 and 115 (Statesville Road and Old Statesville Road) are, for the most part, two-lane country roads that simply cannot handle increased traffic and overflow from I-77, and are already near or above capacity most daytime hours.
- The contract's 50-year prohibition of newly constructed parallel roads, or enhancements to the existing parallel roads, without "compensation" to Cintra, is simply idiotic. This

provision all but guarantees gridlock in the Lake Norman area through the lives of our children's children!

- I-77 is a primary feeder corridor to the intermodal station near Charlotte Douglas Airport, yet this contract does not allow trucks to use the toll lanes. The result is that the very trucking companies being solicited to use the intermodal facilities are being forced to place their shipments on roads that are *designed to remain congested*, costing them additional money. This makes absolutely no sense!

Yes, as the report states, the tremendous opposition to the project and in particular, the toll aspects, is enough to cancel the contract and assume the financial responsibility now, rather than waiting until Cintra fails and the state is forced to do so anyway. It's not a matter of "if" Cintra will fail, but "when" they will fail.

My wife teaches in Mooresville, so I-77 is her means to work each day. On a teacher's salary, there is no way that we can afford to pay the tolls. The proposed tolls may take as much as an hour's pay each day. Having lived and paid fuel taxes and state income tax annually, only to watch most other areas of the state have their roads needs addressed without the toll component, we are crying "foul" and asking you, and others, to do the right thing and cancel the toll aspects of the contract.

Let the construction be finished, and then have the state assume responsibility for maintenance and operation. As others have already identified, it would be an interesting court challenge if Cintra tries to sue for damages – I'd like to see the truth behind how the contract was let come out in court.

Former governor McCrory failed to respond to my – and most others' – correspondence regarding this matter and his utter disregard for the Lake Norman area's residents and our concerns was demonstrated to be a major factor in his defeat. We're offering today's leaders, including you, the opportunity to take a different tack, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

██████████

cc:

- Jennifer Roberts, Mayor, City of Charlotte
- John Anarella, Mayor, Town of Huntersville
- Chuck Travis, Mayor, Town of Cornelius
- Vi Lyles, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Charlotte
- James Trogon, Secretary of Transportation, North Carolina
- I-77 Feedback, NCDOT

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:15 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77feedback
Hello,

After reading the Mercator report, it is clear to me that the contract with Cintra needs to be cancelled and the general purpose (non-toll) widening project needs to be paid through public funding.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:15 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lanes

Good afternoon,

This email serves as my personal submission of feedback regarding the I-77 toll lanes in the Huntersville/Mooresville area. As a Huntersville resident, I spend much of my commute time in traffic where the proposed lanes are set to open. **I do not support this project.** I believe that our tax dollars should cover the cost of constructing and operating these lanes, without the added cost of tolls. Having to pay additional tolls will depress growth in the region and encourage residents of outlying areas to only visit Charlotte when absolutely necessary.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:17 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lanes

Preferably A but if not then E.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the toll road

Hello-

I am a resident of Huntersville and live closeby to the I-77 corridor where the toll lane construction is taking place. I urge you to consider cancelling this contract and giving the residents of this area the roads that we deserve. Its ridiculous that our only main North/South thoroughfare in the state of NC is as wide as many local roads (Highway 51, Sam Furr Road, Harris Blvd). The Charlotte area is one of the largest and fastest growing in the state, yet we have the infrastructure of a backwoods town. I-85 in Salisbury has 8 lanes- in SALISBURY!! Please consider giving us the infrastructure we need desperately in this area and have been patiently waiting for.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:31 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Roads Feedback

[REDACTED] (Registered Voters)
[REDACTED] Mooresville NC, 28117

NCDOT,

We are extremely concerned about the economic impact the I-77 toll roads will have on our community. We know the facts and have been studying the business case for this project for the past two years. In summary, the project is not a solution to relieve congestion on I-77. In fact, the toll lanes depend on continued congestion to make a profit off the most wealthy citizens and our taxpayers whom will be forced to subsidize Cintra. Meanwhile, our small towns bare the brunt of commuters desperate to find a way around the gridlock forcing our backroads to fail. We are prepared to vote in support of which ever party candidate that will actually terminate this contract and restore the control of the public infrastructure back to people. We have lied too and cheated enough out of reasonable solutions to improve our primary infrastructure in the region. Enough is enough. Please send Cintra packing out of our state and cancel the contract!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll

Cancel all this. It seems your original plan was to expedite traffic but all you are going to do is slow things down more and make people mad in the process. Not to mention the impact this will have on area citizens trying to go about their day to day life. This will even cause issues with other roads because people will take detours to go around the tolls and will be driving on back roads that are not used to high traffic, not to mention that most will also speed on these roads making it unsafe. Do something for the people instead of for the dollar for once.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls - Please Cancel

Hello,

I live in Cornelius (Exit 28) and we would like to have our general purpose lanes on I-77 like everybody else in the state.

How does I-85 north of Charlotte get extra lanes and we get stuck with toll lanes?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:49 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77

Cancel the contract!!!!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:53 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: TOLLROAD FEEDBACK

Hi. As the population in Charlotte is continue to increase, the best use for this road to accommodate everyone are as follows:

- 1) Put a HOV lane for large trucks, bus, and other commercial vehicles so transporting products from all directions will be much easier
- 2) Leave the 2 lanes on each sides for regular commuters
- 3) Put a HOV lane for +2 commuters next to the HOV lane for large trucks, bus, and commercial vehicles ONLY lane.

Since the construction have already started, might as well continue with the project and alleviate the traffic congestion as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:27 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel I77 Toll Lane Project

Why should the people of Mecklenburg County have to pay to drive on roads that our property and gas tax dollars should pay for? Our roads should be just as good, if not better than the roads in Raleigh. Our population is much higher than Raleigh, which means we contribute more tax dollars to the state to fund the roads. Use the money from which it comes!

Cintra is as crooked as it gets, and the state should not have even included them as a viable company to fix the traffic problem. The history of this company alone should indicate they have no ethics.

Please cancel the toll roads and just expand I77 to 5-6 Lane all the way to the state lines. This will attract for businesses, which means more tax dollars. This alone will pay for the road expansions needed.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:39 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: I77 Tool Lanes

We have lived in the area for 3years (i.e. after toll lane decision as finalized) now and cannot believe how one sided, toward Cintra, this Contra, is. After reading the agreement, we were amazed that this was approved and wondered what 'benefits' we're given to the approved (Not a feeling you should have on a project this size). In the long run, we feel the State and local governments would benefit by biting the bullet and getting out of this lopsided deal and using state or supplemental funding to finish this must needed expansion without tolls.

Thank you for hearing our opinion.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC 28031

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:18 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Stop the Tolls

Please stop the toll roads. I spend 2 hours a day on i77 from Troutman to Charlotte. 77 expansion is needed but not for toll roads that will charge me \$20 round trip (plus monthly maintenance fees and all the other crap). I am not opposed to paying tolls (up to \$8 round trip) but I am opposed to paying a huge unregulated and unreasonable amount to a foreign company for 50 years that very few people will be able to use.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:29 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Mercator Report Feedback

It took \$100K and 3 months for a consultant to tell us what all was wrong with this project and how to fix it. That, in and of itself, should tell you just how bad it really is for the citizens of Mecklenburg County. Although most of us knew this was a horrible project already, what we see is that there is only repayment of the TIFIA loan that is the true "penalty" that the NCDOT has been lying about all this time. The NCDOT was taken for a ride on this deal, tried to cover up many aspects of this one sided sham, and should be ashamed. Publicly apologize and own up to your hugmongsous mistake by the lake. The only way to fix it is by cancelling this contract and restoring our freedom to travel without being extorted for the next 50 years by a foreign corporation.

Regards,

Barry Carter, Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:52 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Widening Project

To whom it may concern,

I live off of exit 23 in Huntersville and I don't want my kids suffering from financial short sightedness for a good portion of their adult lives, should they decide to stay in the area.

I wouldn't fault them for leaving with the expected changes and inadequacies that are headed our way with this project. Cintra is a corrupt and greedy company and NCDOT should be ashamed for doing business with them.

We should not sell ourselves into highway slavery to masters who will treat us as an idiot populace.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Landi, Helen E <hlandi@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 toll roads

Dear Ms. Landi,

I am writing concerning the I 77 toll project. Currently I live in Cornelius about 20 miles North of Charlotte. I am a nurse and commute to town everyday with much frustration and fear. I have been following every detail of the toll project and I am convinced that whatever political maneuverings took place before we ever knew about this project or had a chance to have a say do nothing to or will benefit people like me or this state in any way especially when completed. We will have the same problems and worse, tolls, which I will not be able to afford. The latest meeting states that this could end if DOT and our state resources could buy Cintra out without penalty. Could we please consider this? I had no say when this all began, but now I do and would like to be heard. I have lived in NC all my life and feel as if this project was forced upon us as citizens. Thank you for hearing my view. Could you please pass this to the Secretary Trogden? Thank you very much. [REDACTED] Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:14 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No Tolls

As a senior I am priced out of using the toll roads. We need general purpose lanes, not tolls. And I am terrified that if I need emergency help with the present plan or while the construction, vehicles will be stuck unable to reach me. Please stop this unwelcome plan, everyone loses. Thank you, [REDACTED]

704 [REDACTED]

"Impossible is a big word used by small minds unwilling to explore their ability and power to change their world."

Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll is a very bad idea.

I think it would be best to cancel the toll road. I77 should be widened either way. It is a grid locked zoo during rush hour.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:25 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 stupidity

By the time it has been completed those who are responsible will be identified and legal action against you all will have started in the courts of Charlotte and Raleigh. Stop this shell game and conspiracy and support the tax payers who need the interstate to earn our way of life.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:25 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Road Project Feedback

As a resident of the Lake Norman area for the past 7 years, the traffic situation in the area experienced on a daily basis. The most frustrating part is that the traffic backups are mostly caused for no particular reason other than people slowing down to look at the lake or accidents due to following too closely.

My vote has always been for widening I-77 and not for the toll roads. Most of the residents of the Lake Norman area will just flat out boycott using the Toll/Express lanes anyway. I know I will be one of those people. Why? Because Toll Roads are not the solution. Especially when the NCDOT did not do their homework on the company hired for the project and, the tendency for the government to overpay for everything is down right infuriating.

Just widen I-77 and be done with it.

May your day be filled with smiles,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:25 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 toll lanes

I am a Huntersville resident and commute down to the south Charlotte daily for work. I am asking that the I77 toll lanes be cancelled immediately. If they are not it will devastate the north Mecklenburg economy. I will not pay the toll. We will be forced to move down to Fort Mill, SC. I am in the process of looking at employment at a company that moved there from Charlotte. North Carolina will lose all our tax dollars. The deciding factor for us is the I77 tolls.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:32 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: PLEASE CANCEL THE TOLL LANE CONTRACT!!

There is no benefit except to Cintra in this deal.

The inability to improve secondary roads should be a HUGE red flag to this deal! 73, Statesville and Old statesville ALL need to be improved and widened to accommodate the increase in lake norman traffic.

The toll lanes were a determining factor in buying a home outside of Meckelnberg county. And I know I'm not alone!

Please listen to your constituents!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:33 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 widening project

All agree interstate 77 needs to be widened. It does not need to have toll lanes to accomplish this. I am requesting that the construction continue using state funds as they become available.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 5:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the toll lanes

As a Lake Norman citizen and business owner, I vehemently oppose the I-77 toll road. It will cause financial strain on our residents, will not solve our terrible traffic issues here, and will harm business in our area.

I-77 is the main artery for transportation in our area, our Main Street. There are few side road options for traveling north or south. This too small road and the subsequent construction has paralyzed our community. We are in desperate need of more lanes to ease congestion and accommodate the extreme population growth in this area but pay lanes are not and never were an appropriate solution.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

614-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:07 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll Lane Project

Please cancel the Toll Lane Project - bad for business, bad for community, and bad for quality of life.

General purposes lanes, all the way!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

NC/SC Broker, Realtor

[REDACTED]

C 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 6:00 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77

This was a back room deal, it was intentional that there was not time for the public to hear details. This company's past projects have gone into bankruptcy! You can find examples all over the state where there was congested areas and 4 lanes have been put in without a toll.... why are Mooresville / Lake Norman residents to be punished?

We use to go to Charlotte frequently for events , festivals, games or to just try new restaurants, we never go now....in fact we have started flying out of Greensboro and even Concord! And you only have to look at license plates to know we are a fraction of the traffic! How about diverting 18-wheel trucks to I-85 from the north?!!!

This was a dirty political deal and don't think the public doesn't know it!

This needs to be put right, we pay our taxes like everyone else, west, east and south of Charlotte!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 6:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Road is a HORRIBLE Idea!!!

We desperately need more general purpose lanes on 77. Nobody even uses the current HOV lane, other than buses, and people illegally using it. I've lived in Huntersville for 20 years... they just keep building and building and building and clogging our roads. The toll road will just force more people onto the side roads complicating things even more. I have to commute to Charlotte everyday and will NOT use the toll roads... I'll be sitting in the mayhem on 21 and 115 with everyone else. My 25 mile commute takes me upwards of 45 minutes each way.

PLEASE CANCEL THE TOLL ROAD PROJECT!!!!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: toll lanes

Please PLEASE PLEASE make I77 general purpose lanes. We do not need nor want toll lanes. I live at 18127 Harbor Mist Road, Cornelius, NC. The tolls are unfair.

Thank you for your consideration

[REDACTED]

Realtor/Broker
704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:18 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback

OMG! You just spent \$100,000 and NOW YOU WANT comments. As I re-work my patient schedule everyday due to traffic problems - I've always thought the same thing:

4 lanes each side from exit 36 to I-85 using gas tax to pay for it. This should be fine for more than a decade and could have been started 3 years ago.

Please get your defecation cohesive!

[REDACTED], MS

Sent from one of those hand held electronic widgets (possibly being held by [REDACTED])

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:29 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Feedback

I travel from exit 42 to 18 and back five days a week. The extremely high volume of traffic in our area seven days a week requires a better plan to reduce congestion. The people that have lived in this area their entire lives paying taxes every year and even the newcomers raising our population deserve better roads. Our state deserves a better I-77 corridor and the NCDOT should prioritize this in front of other less populated transportation projects to pay for it.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Troutman, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:41 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: toll lane feedback

This project was rammed down the throat of a public that did not want it, using lies and misinformation. It is infuriating to see how corrupt our DOT has become. Perhaps the new Mercator study will allow this folly to be stopped, but I doubt it. The power brokers in Raleigh want it, so what the residents of this area want or what is fair and equitable is likely to take a back seat.

[REDACTED]
 Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract asap

Cancel contract and make i77 all toll free! Also only fix to exit 31 is making it so cars cant jump on and off the exit like exit 28 is now!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:59 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No toll roads

This is a bad deal with a bad company and will continue to divide the state and Charlotte which helps neither side. Cancel or renegotiate the contract!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 10:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls

I have almost been killed on multiple occasions on I-77 trying to get home in Huntersville during off peak hours. Lanes that are normally open will be closed at night. The entire highway will be closed at night sending drivers through very scary areas of town in bumper to bumper traffic. We have had 58 homicides in Charlotte in 2017. This construction sends me into one of the major areas of the homicides and very known for car jacking. I should be able to work in the restaurant industry in Charlotte and reside/own my home in Huntersville without fear of getting rear ended by a tractor trailer because of the sudden congestion, without the fear of having to drive through scary neighborhoods, without the fear that it takes me one hour to get home from work at 11:00pm when it usually takes me 20 minutes. I have lived in my house since 2006 and I am afraid everyday to drive on I-77. I have also lived in Charlotte since 1989.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:28 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please complete the express lanes as planned

My wife and I recently signed a contract to build a home in Huntersville just off of Exit 23. We are relocating from the Fort Mill, SC area SPECIFICALLY because of the express lanes and our ability to count on reliable travel times into Charlotte each day.

Also, one of the compromises I have heard thrown around frequently is to only convert one lane to an express lane. This would be an acceptable idea if law enforcement actually had the resources to be able

to keep people driving safely on interstates. Unfortunately this isn't the case. If you have a single express lane for the entire length, it is going to be unsafe for drivers who want to use the express lane but don't want to do 80+ mph. These drivers will be tailgated repeatedly by more aggressive drivers and will not have an option to move over to let those drivers pass. Let me be clear, I am not talking about someone driving under the speed limit or even exactly at the speed limit. The reality is on a single lane express lane, drivers who "ONLY" do 5 mph OVER the posted speed limit are going to be aggressively tailgated constantly. This is a safety issue and some of us don't want to feel like we have to break the law simply to use the express way safely.

Thanks!

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 4:57 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop this madness

The I77 toll road construction is a travesty. It needs to be stopped.
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 6:16 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the toll lanes

It is a political disaster and shows politicians care about money, not the people. Everyone knows the tolls were NOT the ONLY option. The tolls lanes will not help and will continue to be a disaster and, yes, the public trust has been undermined greatly by this.

[REDACTED]
Broker/Realtor
[REDACTED]
704. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 7:45 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 lanes

I believe terminating the Cintra deal and either building the express lanes and reaping the revenue ourselves or studying whether widening 77 would be a better option and scraping express lanes would be best. Giving the toll revenue to an outside company is just shortsighted.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am an Huntersville resident and this has already impacted the way I use 77 and the traffic we sit in daily.

[REDACTED]
Charlotte Area

704-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 8:53 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Here's your feedback

Cancel the damn contract and NCDOT needs to hire someone who knows how to run a civil engineering project to head this division. I've seen a lot of mishaps over my years, but this might take the cake. You are driving businesses out of state, causing greater pollution in our county, and ignoring your citizens. You've done everything wrong imaginable. We really didn't need to spend \$100k and 3 months of our time to figure that one out.

Time to redeem yourselves and wake up. And I don't even commute on 77...thank God.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 9:13 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Toll lanes Feedback

This project is a disgrace!! A business model that depends on heavy traffic to be profitable, is NOT the answer to the I-77 congestion problems?!!! It doesn't make any sense!
Even if people are, sporadically, willing to pay to use the toll lanes in case of emergencies, etc, it's not a sustainable daily solution for the vast majority of commuters. Our generation, our children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren will get stuck in traffic in I-77 for the next 50 years.
It's obvious that some politicians are making a lot of money on this project at the expense of the commuters... It's SHAMEFUL!!!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:35 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: the I77 toll lane makes NO sense

There is no logic whatsoever behind the I77 toll lanes.

1. The toll lanes will NOT reduce congestion. That alone is a full-stop failure. Any 'solution' that doesn't fix the daily congestion problems is no solution at all; it's simply a waste of taxpayer money.
2. I77 only needs to be widened from exits 23-36. The fact that anything is being done from exit 9 to 23 is completely pointless, and since those lanes are virtually *never* backed up, that section of the toll lane will almost never be used.
3. The fact that everyone is paying to build lanes that only the ultra-rich *might* be able to afford is just wrong.
4. The fact that there are NO limits to what Cintra can charge will make the toll lanes unaffordable to 99.9% of the people.
5. The fact that the profits from this road are being sent outside the US is shameful.
6. The fact that the lanes are only half the thickness of normal lanes and can't accommodate trucks is just stupid; trucks are one of the reason for the daily congestion and backups.
7. NCDOT could have fixed the congestion problem for \$100M by simply widening I77 where it was backed up, from exit 23-36, but instead, they're going to spend probably 10X that with this financial boondoggle that will *not* reduce congestion at all; on the contrary, the for-profit company will *guarantee congestion* in the general purpose lanes so that they can make as much money as possible in the toll lanes.
8. NCDOT has billions of dollars to widen other roads across the state without toll lanes, why is Lake Norman singled out in this financial (and traffic) nightmare?
9. The mismanagement of the construction zone has resulted in untold amounts of money in property damage and numerous fatalities, yet nobody seems to being held accountable.
10. The fact that the communities who are most affected by this have been completely ignored by NCDOT shows how customer-unfriendly they are; we know what's really happening and justice will eventually prevail.

It is not too late to fix this by canceling the Cintra contract and building general purpose lanes from exit 23-36.

That is the *right* thing to do; anything else will cause irreparable financial harm to the entire Lake Norman region for at least the next 50 years.

Thanks for listening.

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Cornelius NC

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 1:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop Toll lanes

We are putting major loss of businesses at risk if toll lanes are to go through. Please cancel contact with Cintra so that we may keep trucking industry and dollars in NC. They are considering SC as they are business friendly and enhancing the port.

This will be a disaster for our economy.
Concerned Mooresville Resident/business owner Kari Shaver

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Toll Contract

Good Afternoon,

I drive I-77 almost everyday commuting from Charlotte to the Lake Norman area and have lived in this area my entire life. That being said I strongly agree with canceling the proposed toll lanes and believe that in the long run adding general public lanes will provide more help than tolls would. The toll lane project was only signed by crooked politicians who made a buck off signing off on the project. Politicians who don't even use I-77 so they could care less. I am a tax paying citizen that wants to see our community continue to grow not be hampered by crowded highways and tolls that do our state no good.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 1:39 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

To whom it may concern:

We need extra lanes to handle the traffic on I77 especially around the lake.

Suggestions would be: remove/ drastically reduce the amount of time limited on adding side roads to help reduce or eliminate some of the traffic. The number of people moving to the area on a yearly basis is staggering.

Also, in the mean time make one of the toll lanes a normal lane. This would still offer a toll lane in each direction and maybe allow a higher speed limit for toll lane only.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Input Regarding I-77 Contract

[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC 28078
August 15, 2017

The Honorable Roy Cooper
Governor, State of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301.

Re: Cintra I-77 Contract

Dear Governor Cooper:

My family and I are 16-year residents of Huntersville, and I've lived in the Charlotte area since 1993. As residents, commuters, taxpayers, and voters, we are writing to ask your support in doing all in your power to address the ill-conceived, poorly-vetted contract with Cintra for the I-77 toll road project.

The Mercator report, released last week, touches on the many reasons that this contract and project need to be addressed. That said, there are many *additional* reasons why this was a poorly conceived and executed deal from the start, not just for the state of North Carolina and its citizens, but particularly for the residents of the area who are forced to use I-77 frequently, if not daily. Among them:

- The admission by many in local governments, since opposition began, that they either did not read or understand the contract and its many restrictions...or...the admission that the promised funds for town road enhancements (i.e. *hush money* or *payoffs*) caused a contract to be signed that had not been fully vetted with all stakeholders.
- The absence of usable parallel roads, due to the geography of the lake area, does not allow us to find alternate routes as I-77 stays congested. Vi Lyles erroneously stated last year that if residents don't like or don't want to pay the tolls, we can instead take other routes. What she and many others fail to understand is that highways 21 and 115 (Statesville Road and Old Statesville Road) are, for the most part, two-lane country roads that simply cannot handle increased traffic and overflow from I-77, and are already near or above capacity most daytime hours.
- The contract's 50-year prohibition of newly constructed parallel roads, or enhancements to the existing parallel roads, without "compensation" to Cintra, is simply idiotic. This provision all but guarantees gridlock in the Lake Norman area through the lives of our children's children!
- I-77 is a primary feeder corridor to the intermodal station near Charlotte Douglas Airport, yet this contract does not allow trucks to use the toll lanes. The result is that the very trucking companies being solicited to use the intermodal facilities are being forced to place their

shipments on roads that are *designed to remain congested*, costing them additional money. This makes absolutely no sense!

Yes, as the report states, the tremendous opposition to the project and in particular, the toll aspects, is enough to cancel the contract and assume the financial responsibility now, rather than waiting until Cintra fails and the state is forced to do so anyway. It's not a matter of "if" Cintra will fail, but "when" they will fail.

My wife teaches in Mooresville, so I-77 is her means to work each day. On a teacher's salary, there is no way that we can afford to pay the tolls. The proposed tolls may take as much as an hour's pay each day. Having lived and paid fuel taxes and state income tax annually, only to watch most other areas of the state have their roads needs addressed without the toll component, we are crying "foul" and asking you, and others, to do the right thing and cancel the toll aspects of the contract.

Let the construction be finished, and then have the state assume responsibility for maintenance and operation. As others have already identified, it would be an interesting court challenge if Cintra tries to sue for damages – I'd like to see the truth behind how the contract was let come out in court.

Former governor McCrory failed to respond to my – and most others' – correspondence regarding this matter and his utter disregard for the Lake Norman area's residents and our concerns was demonstrated to be a major factor in his defeat. We're offering today's leaders, including you, the opportunity to take a different tack, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc:

Jennifer Roberts, Mayor, City of Charlotte
John Anarella, Mayor, Town of Huntersville
Chuck Travis, Mayor, Town of Cornelius
Vi Lyles, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Charlotte
James Trogon, Secretary of Transportation, North Carolina
I-77 Feedback, NCDOT

[REDACTED], **CHA**

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

Office: 704. [REDACTED]

Cell: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:48 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>; [REDACTED]

Subject: The I-77 toll lane project is Out and Out Extortion! NIP it in the BUD now before the weed takes root. NO Way to the Tollway!!!

Pay up to big companies to use what TAX dollars have already paid for, the I-77 Interstate Road. It's part of the National Interstate Highway system; Not a private driveway.

I for one say; NO Way to any Tollway in NC. I was a kid when they built I-77 and it was paid for by tax dollars, not private companies. It is Down right **Extortion** to turn it into some companies CASH COW and force people to pay to use roads our tax dollars have all ready paid for.

Unless there is a Free route that does not inconvenience locals from driving I-77 it is plain EXTORTION to turn I-77 into a toll road.

Oh sure, you will promise only one lane will be a toll road but everyone knows it's just the start and on top of that; Why in Gods name would anyone willing pay a toll charge when it does not offer any thing more than what the non-toll lanes give? Before a year is up some GREEDY group will makeup a reason that the entire I-77 from State line to State line should be a toll way.

I resonantly had the misfortune to get stuck on the I-94 part and I site the Illinois toll way as a whole as "Extortion" to the public. Being from NC I had no idea I couldn't freely drive on U.S. Interstate roads without paying. I must have blown through 4 or 5 toll areas before I realized I had to pull off and pay. I made one wrong turn and it cost me almost \$18.00 to get back on the right road I needed to be on and then got a bill in the mail (with extra fees) because I didn't stop and pay or have a electronic payment that tracks my truck. You have to pay to get on, pay to get off then pay to get back on just to be stopped a mile down the road to pay the toll for the main road again.

The State of Illinois is eaten up with **Cancer** and dying because of it. A **Cancer** called Tollways or roads. I turned down a \$90,000.00 plus a year job there because of the headache on their toll fees. It's not worth the good pay to put up with the cancer. No wonder they have such a high murder rate. You can't go to work unless you pay tolls and you can't pay the tolls unless you work. It's like working for the company store and never getting it paid off.

To allow even 1 toll road in NC is wrong and opens the door for others to be put in. By GOD people are having a hard enough time paying bills and now you want to FORCE us to pay to go to work and back home. Kiss my NC, well you know what.

<https://www.illinoistollway.com/travel-information/maps>

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 4:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll project is a waste of time and money

Hello,

Clearly, one toll lane is not going to solve the traffic issues on I77 North or South.

[How sad that this major artery connecting us with Virginia and S. Carolina isn't given as much concern as the highways around Raleigh (that place is practically covered in pavement!)]

When I look at the I77 Toll Lane study by Mercator, and see the illustration of the new toll lanes, all I see are wasted space (there is room for 2-3 new lanes) and the high probability of accidents caused by people trying to get on and off the toll lanes by cutting across congested non-toll lanes.

I am always amazed to hear that there are still businesses willing to open and subject employees/clients/customers to the traffic on that highway. I'll also mention that I haven't shopped on exit 36 in years because the traffic is so unpredictable and slow.

I truly hope there is time for a better deal for North Carolinians. And, I do feel for the people on the secondary roads that have had to deal with increased traffic and, consequently, the declining quality of those roads due to the increased traffic.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28214

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:11 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: feedback from Mooresville

I have spent hours reading comments & have concluded: 1) Tolls are the Wrong Way, 2) Why are LKN taxpayers being penalized? 3) Daily accidents & excuses for construction problems mount, 4) Daily gridlock with too much time wasted in congestion, 5) I have attended a meeting/week for almost 4 years to research tolls but no one at NCDOT really cares about the problems. 6) Why weren't the proper environmental, air and traffic issues explored? 7) We have been ignored & this input is too little & too late to make a difference. It's just a way to appease us. 8) Why haven't you allowed Kurt Naas, the founder of WidenI-77 to meet with you?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

Thursday, August 17, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: Russ Holton [mailto:holton.russ@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 12:40 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: No to I77 tolls!

I live in Mooresville, commute to Charlotte and will NEVER pay a dime to use the toll lane. This was yet another stupid idea that will not work out. I would have rather paid a slightly higher tax rate than this terrible idea.

What about the growing population impact?? Considering our area growth, the current plan gives control to this deal without future provisions allowed to widen it later. Having lived in Charlotte since 1984, I guarantee it will grow past these current renovations.

Stop this contract!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:42 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Feedback

Importance: High

I travel this Interstate almost daily and have a lot of Client's in Cornelius, Davidson & Mooresville and 2 lanes in each direction is nowhere near enough for this stretch. I have also spoken with my Client's in neighborhoods like "The Point" and "The Peninsula" and none of them are happy about this Toll Lane Project. I have also notice a tremendous increase of out of state vehicles on I77 since the popularity of GPS devices and apps.

I understand Toll Roads and Toll Lanes are part of the growing future but with only 2 lanes in each direction, a 3rd lane as a toll lane is not fair to local travelers and is not the solution. I have observed the HOV lane from exit 13 to exit 23 and there are very few cars that use this lane. That tells me there will be less use of the toll lane. What will the next step be when the NC DOT realizes the Toll Lane is not used? We will have a lane that will only be used by a hand full of rich people... Is that a solution???

Interstate 85 through Charlotte has been expanded to 4 lanes in each direction, why can we not have more than 2 all-purpose lanes on 77?

I would understand a 4th lane in each direction as a toll lane, which would allow 3 lanes to handle most of the normal traffic.

I voted against Governor McCrory and other City and town leaders because they were not willing to change this project and I will keep voting against any Politician who does not try to fix this.

[REDACTED]

Office: 704-[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Melissa Shoemaker [mailto:missyshoemaker@icloud.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 6:57 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the I77 Contract

The only viable option, in my opinion, is to cancel the contract. The public does NOT want toll/managed lanes on I77. I do not understand how many times or how many ways we can try to get this message heard? For example, please see the petition link below. Over 10K signatures were presented prior to Charlotte City Council where Vi Lyles, who has 46% of CRTPO vote, voted her support of managed lanes. This vote benefits Charlotte, but does not take into account ALL of Mecklenburg County. Our voices were ignored(again) both by the petition and by countless public comments at the actual Charlotte City Council meeting where I was present and listened to many citizens stand up to voice their opposition for several hours. It seemed to fall on deaf ears.

<http://www.charlottestories.com/city-of-charlotte-just-received-one-of-their-largest-petitions-in-history-to-stop-the-i77-toll-lanes/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/amp.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article54196190.html>

Below I submit my comments (again) why I believe we need to CANCEL the Contract:

1. I77 in the Lake Norman area has not been widened in 30+ years in the stretch from 23-36, while the population has grown exponentially during that time.
2. Our tax base in North Mecklenburg County has been used to widen roads in other areas (i.e. ALL of 485 has been built) while leaving us with 2 lanes. Charlotte CRTPO has 46% vote, so we lose out every time as evidenced by the lack of road infrastructure in this area. In fact, the last piece of 485 to open was on the North side almost 20 years after ALL other areas serving Charlotte had been opened.
3. We have no true alternative routes in the Lake Norman area and use 77 as a "Main Street". Therefore, many of us may not be able to use the toll lanes-- and even if they can be used, merging in and out will make congestion even worse. The design is poor and done by someone who does not understand this area at all.
4. Managed lanes MAY(?)work in large metropolitan areas. Lake Norman is not a major metropolitan area and the projections of use seem very high based on our population. So I believe this project is doomed to go bankrupt like the ones in Texas and Indiana. Then we will be paying again for this bad contract...With still NO congestion relief!
5. I77 is a major trucking route. How is it not negatively impactful to interstate commerce to gridlock this stretch of a major interstate since semis cannot use the toll lanes?
6. Cintra has a track record of bankruptcy on similar projects, so why are we even in this contract in the first place?
7. The safety concerns and poor handling of this project as compared with similar projects (i.e. Project going on on right now on I85 near Kannapolis/Concord) is proof that this is a company(Cintra) will compromise safety for a profit. Do we want a partner like this... for 50 years?
8. I, along with many others, spend over 2 hours per day commuting (due to congestion issues) and this is a huge quality of life issue. Toll lanes are not being built to reduce congestion.
9. This project has already been negatively impactful to business. The toll lane plan bypasses many exits in the Lake Norman area. Therefore, what is the impact that this project will have on the long term economic viability of this area?
10. Are there any examples in the country where managed toll lanes are put next to ONLY 2 general purpose lanes?
11. We have no viable public transportation and no real plans for any. Many people cannot afford \$20+ per day to get to work.
12. Selling our roads to a foreign company with a bad track record is BAD for tax payers and just plain wrong.
13. Bottom line: This project uses tax payer dollars to fund a project that does NOT solve our congestion issue. We were never given an option. This contract is bad for NC tax payers and needs to be cancelled. We need GENERAL PURPOSE lanes, NOT managed/toll lanes with Cintra OR toll lanes managed by the State of NC.

Thank you!

Friday, August 18, 2017

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:26 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: TOLL ROAD DISCUSSION

It funny that Raleigh is now worried about the cost of canceling of the toll road project after some "hillbillies" wrote the State's worst contract: no land lease (could be billions of dollars to the state), non-compete (so you can gridlock Lake Norman for 50 years), guaranteed foreign countries profits (for 20 years), give away taxpayer owned HOV lanes. But I digress, it would be nice if Charlotte could have one highway that has at least 3 lanes each way or even better numerous highways with 8- 10 lanes wide like all around Raleigh.

A good compromise would be to have at least three free lanes from exit 23 through Lake Norman into Statesville past exit 36. This is 20 years past due and its insane that the main interstate from South Carolina to Virginia is gridlock 24/7.

If you are worried about the cost to cancel the contract have the State of NC can get into the toll road business instead of a foreign country. Fund the contract costs with toll road revenue as long as it is fixed toll costs and not variable toll costs. Now Lake Norman gets free lanes of travel, the non-compete goes away, no more guarantee profits and everyone is happy except the attorneys who wrote the contract and they should be fired and banned from any State business.

It would have been nice to have this discussion prior to railroading the "top 5 worst road project in America" down taxpayer's throats. Let's start acting like a major state and think and ask other states opinion before signing awful contracts.

So far this toll road has cost me one vehicle (my wife got in a 5 vehicle wreck and her vehicle was totaled luckily she wasn't hurt), four tires on the new car from the metal reflectors left in the road (two blow out tires but we bought a set of four tires)

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Gridlocked Lake Norman commuter/Irate Tax payer

-----Original Message-----

From: Memory, Beau H

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:42 AM

To: Graham, Logann C <9lcgraham@ncdot.gov>; Olexik, Carly A <caolexik@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Fwd: I-77 toll concerns

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <[REDACTED]>

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: August 17, 2017 at 6:42:47 PM EDT

To: <bmemory@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 toll concerns

Dear Mr. Memory,

My name is [REDACTED] and I have been a volunteer/member of WidenI-77 for almost 3 years. We have met weekly in order to stop tolls on I-77. My husband and I have lived at The Point for the past 15 years and we are being told by realtors that this issue is affecting the sale of our home. So property values are an important issue for me.

As retirees, we have many doctor appointments & often have to battle traffic in emergencies. There are few options since the back roads are also congested. Our aging friends complain that their daily schedules revolve around rush hours and accidents but now it is congested regardless of the time.

The Widen committee led by Kurt Naas, the founder, has been seriously studying the issues and hopefully you are aware of how this will affect businesses in Mooresville, Cornelius, Huntersville, Davidson and Iredell & Mecklenburg Counties. We have 9,000 + people on FB from surrounding towns but Mooresville has been relatively silent. Why? People have become apathetic and tired of fighting. It's like David and Goliath. However we are regaining hope that the contract can still be canceled. Please help us.

My widowed friend drives daily to Charlotte. She is an engineer with four children and admits she cannot afford the tolls. I have other affluent friends who claim money is not the basic issue. It is how this was forced upon them without consideration that they have already paid for the road which was then "given" to Cintra.

I worked for years to widen Brawley School Road and toured McGuire Nuclear Power Plant to study the safety in a nuclear accident. Exiting the area is of great concern. We have potassium iodide pills but will die in traffic on I-77.

The merging, egress and ingress, speed limits, traffic control, access for emergency vehicles, mounting traffic, lack of population for Cintra's projected profit, and a myriad of other issues overwhelms me and concerned citizens in the area. As an English teacher I cannot properly analyze the finances or construction or complex safety factors. But, as a person with Common Sense, this project does not fit the lifestyle or bank accounts of most LKN residents.

Why haven't the proper studies been completed? Environmental assessment? Traffic? Business impact? Air? Safety?

In conclusion I have given you personal insights of: property values, inconvenient travel problems, business loss, affordability, safety, technical concerns, & incomplete or improper preparation.

I hope you will spend 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 24th at the Charles Mack Senior Center in Mooresville. Allow plenty of driving time because you can never project the traffic flow.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:44 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 toll lanes

It was completely unfair that the project was approved without local support. The survey cited in the Mercator report only asked if people could have it tolled or nothing, for 25 years. I find it appalling that our planning departments did not appropriate funds for this project in General Purpose lanes. Rural areas have more General Purpose lanes than this congested populated region. Our region was selected as one of the few areas that could financially support tolls because of a few high income residents, while the larger portion of our commuters are not in a position to pay to get to work faster. They just need adequate lanes to get there. We built 485 a major improvement and even that is getting backed up because of the inefficiencies on I 77. What a waste of construction to go around a major city in a bypass only to be thwarted at the top and bottom of the circle. I77 needs more throughput, more GP lanes 3 at a minimum in both direction from SC to exit 36. It is all the merging from 4 to 3 to 2 lanes that causes the backups. Heck it was almost better before the additional lanes were built around 485 because there wasn't such a drastic bottleneck. Fix the bottlenecks that have been created. We pay enough in road taxes to make sure this is accomplished without tolls. Our project was never ranked appropriately because it was tagged as a toll project instead. Do what is right. Cancel the contract for convenience and use the loan money to build what we need. Not a bunch of infrastructure that we don't. Hambright bridge should not be rebuilt. Fix the problems that will eliminate all the merging, do not let a couple of rich people have their own lane. I am infuriated. The HOV lane was a terrible decision and now we are compounding it by adding two more. We need GP lanes through this congested region. Eliminate the bottlenecks don't create more with toll lanes that have to egress and ingress over GP lanes. This is a terrible design, one that no one who sees the drawings can see as an improvement. It was a bad deal, bad design, now lets stop the madness and do it right.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:07 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Expansion Feedback

It is the responsibility of our government to treat its citizens equally and fairly. We all pay taxes which is the money used to make government work happen. How is it possible that it is fair to only have 2 lanes to get to my home from my work when other areas in town have light rail, alternate roads, and more lanes on the highways. How is it fair or legitimate that we cannot even expand the side roads (hwy 21 and 115) without paying a fine/fee to a foreign company - for 50 years! We totally feel sold out by our local government with this decision and we have a lot of reasons to believe this is true. It is sloppy government that created this debacle - I only hope someone has the strength of purpose to fix this wrong.

[REDACTED]

Mooresville Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 12:40 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: toll lanes

I'm sure you've had an ear full from many residents about their horrible commute times. From a business owner's point of view it's probably worse. The traffic is unbearable on most days for my employee to service that area. We often have to use Hwy 115 just to get into the Lake Norman region. Tolls would have a huge impact on our bottom line and is not an option, so we will be stuck in traffic more and more often as the regular lanes get more crowded and the Hwy 21 and Hwy 115 routes become busier and busier. Eventually that employee will lose his job as we will just have to stop service. I do not comprehend how there is money to widen I-85 for 50 or 60 miles north bound, but you can't do 20 miles on I-77 to get traffic past Mooresville? Where are the gas taxes going? I've lived and paid taxes for 40 years in Mecklenburg County and now I have to pay a toll to drive on the expressway I already have paid for over and over? If you can't fund the needed improvements with our taxes and gas taxes from all who use our roads than get rid of the taxes! Toll roads do not belong here! You tax Mecklenburg County residents to death and spend away in Raleigh and other areas. Charlotte is the 16th largest city in the country!!! Raleigh had a beltway 25 years ago and ours just got completed? Do you think adding another insult by making us pay to use our interstate is such a great idea? How much resentment are you trying to build up there at the capital? When I-77 was constructed the bridges were made to accommodate 4 lanes of traffic on each side in anticipation of expansion of lanes. Did we not pay for that? And the toll company gets the benefits? That's tax payer money already spent to line the pockets of some business in another country no less. 50 years with no hope of expansion without compensating that company? This is a crappy deal and you all know it!!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28211

704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:41 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: CANCEL CINTRA CONTRACT NOW

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

[REDACTED]

Marine Veteran

Charlotte, NC

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:57 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Feedback

The I-77 LEXUS Toll Lanes for the Wealthy/CINTRA Contract were a BAD idea from day 1! I believe EVERYONE at NCDOT who worked on this project and worked to have this contract signed should ALL BE FIRED! This has to be the worse contract I have ever seen ... in the private sector, anyone involved with a contract like this would be immediately fired!

I believe that this is a SCAM ... that CINTRA is running a PONZI SCHEME!!!

What do I want as a NCian and as a voter ... I want the CINTRA Contract immediately cancelled, CINTRA/I-77 Mobility Partners/Sugar Creek Construction immediately FIRED ... and the toll lanes converted to General Purpose Lanes. Also, it is evident that we need a complete overhaul of the NCDOT!

NCDOT has found the money for everyone else in the State to build and widen their roads toll free and they can find the money for LKN too!

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:09 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Contract

These toll lanes are being created to take advantage of the Lake Norman residents. Traffic flows fine as soon as I77 opens to 4 lanes. There is no need to even have a toll lanes if you are between mile marker 19 to Uptown. Widen the interstate with general purpose lanes.

We don't have a traffic problem, we have an infrastructure problem. Tolls will not solve this.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:16 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL I77 TOLL LANES !

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW !!!

This is a disaster for the Lake Norman area

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:19 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 feedback

Simply put: this horrible plan must be stopped. I am one of the unfortunate daily commuters of 77 and it is killing our quality of life. I miss my children's soccer games and waste countless hours sitting in park on a "highway". Do the right thing. Listen to the citizens and CANCEL THE CONTRACT.

[REDACTED]
Taxpayer and Cornelius, NC resident.
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:28 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL Cinbtra Contract NOW!

"Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!"

TOLL project is useless....just add lanes and Traffic will move.....Adding Toll lanes will only make travel on secondary roads worse.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:28 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Toll Project

I am writing to express my continuing disgust and fear from the I77 Toll Project.

I cannot overstate how much this project has demoralized our entire community.

People have moved, people have quit and changed jobs, closed businesses, cancelled events and more because it is simply a terrible place to be these days.

If you can possibly look past the total lifestyle change you must make to travel anywhere, you cannot excuse the constant danger that all drivers are under.

It is scary on a daily basis.

And what will we get for all of this?

Nothing.

This is perhaps one of the worst planned projects I have ever seen and will not help with the original problem.

We pay an awful lot of taxes in this area and we deserve roads like other areas of the state that are far less traveled.

This project is hurting people on a daily basis and has no plan to improve.

I can't imagine it is the purpose of the NCDOT to make the people of NC live in a state of distress, anger, and fear.

This contract **MUST** be cancelled, **NOW!!!**

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Mooresville Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:32 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

cancel Cintra contract because it's what [people want

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:33 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract termination.

To Whom It May Concern:
Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:37 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Contract

I am writing to express my complete opposition to the Cintra contact. The contract is not good for Charlotte residents nor the citizens of NC who will be held hostage to the abhorrent terms of the "deal." Please cancel the contract and move forward with general purpose lanes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CORNELIUS, NC 28031

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:41 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel CINTRA contract

As a resident and homeowner in the Lake Norman area in Mecklenburg County, I am completely opposed to the toll lanes being built on I-77. I am in favor of the expansion of the I-77 interstate as it is long overdue, unlike it's I-85 counterpart in Mecklenburg county that was expanded years ago.

I am in support of canceling the CINTRA contract immediately.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 tolls

This will fix NONE of the traffic problems we face! And the expansion of the interstate is destroying what was once a beautiful chunk of land.

*****CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT!!!*****

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please cancel Cintra contract now. We cannot afford to use the tolls in Mooresville at a cost of over \$5000 per year and we cannot put this burden on future generations for 50'years.

Please cancel Cintra contract now. Our children cannot be held prisoners because of your greed. 50 years is not within your authority. \$5000 per year is unaffordable on Minimum Wage. This contract is discriminatory.

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel I-77 Contract

Please cancel this job killing, gridlocking contract for I-77 toll lanes.

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra Contract!

No tolls on 77! These new lanes were already paid for by increased gas taxes. We feel deceived. A 50 year contract with no other bids is not reasonable. 50 years is 50 years too long. Toll lanes are a regressive tax of the worst kind, hurting the poor much more than the wealthy. Small businesses depend on 77 to get to clients. Cancel it now.

[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:55 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel CINTRA contract

NCDOT:

Completely cancel the Cintra contract! This was a poorly conceived contract with only special interests in mind. The Lake Norman region, residents and businesses will all suffer as a result of this contract. There has virtually been no public support for the toll roads; only political support, which doesn't represent the desires of the residents the politicians represent. Lastly, there is no evidence that the toll roads provide any benefit whatsoever to the region.

Thank you

[Tim Badour](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll

Cancel this contract and end this madness.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:57 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra Contract

Cancel this contract. Ncdot screwing all citizens in NC using I 77.

50 year contract and cost to use road will bankrupt families needing to use I77. A. Grisanti Cornelius NC

Sent from my iPod

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:58 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancellation of the Cintra contract

As a daily commuter to the Charlotte area from Cornelius, I77 is a vital part of my daily commute. I was originally ok with the toll project because I too believed it would give me reliable commute times. But upon discovery over the years, the inability for trucks to use the toll lanes and the restrictions on any new GP lanes for the next 50 years just does not make sense to me.

Many, many people in the community are outraged as they see our tax dollars being spent for specific areas while no public improvements are being made to I77. This is an interstate with many out of state drivers and large trucks massively affecting the traffic.

I believe the contract needs to be canceled or at a minimum altered. In particular, people that carpool with at least 2 people should be allowed to ride for free. I try to do what I can and carpool with one other on a daily basis, but it is almost impossible to coordinate 3 people to ride to/from work at the same time.

I sincerely hope that you will listen to the taxpayers and make the right decision.

[REDACTED]
Cornelius resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:58 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL IT

Cancel this prison sentence of a contract NOW!! Do what's right for the people and small businesses of the LKN community!

[REDACTED]
Mooresville resident

No-longer-shops-in-Huntersville resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:59 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely Cancel the Cintra Contract

I opposed the current contract with Cintra. NCDOT should completely cancel the contract with Cintra.
Thank you!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:57 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Toll Contract Immediately!

I'm writing because there apparently is an interest in public opinion on the toll road project currently underway on I-77 through northern Charlotte. As a resident of Cornelius, NC, I find this design reprehensible due to the intentional addition of elements that not only are designed to cause further congestion to an already underserved transportation corridor, but said elements also make the road inherently unsafe due to the frequency and proximity of traffic exchanges being installed.

Please cancel immediately. As a region and as a state, we'll figure it out. The current design is definitely bottom of the barrel.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:08 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Lane

Cancel the contract! Listen to the people who are effected the most..

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:08 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL THE CINTRA I-77 TOLL PROJECT NOW

As a lifelong Iredell County resident, I urge you and I beg you to stop the I-77 toll project immediately!

My entire adult life, I've had to travel I-77 for my job. This now includes the entire length of the toll project. Neither I, nor my husband are financially capable of paying a toll during the times we travel, morning and evening rush hour. The toll rate goes up during rush hour. If my husband and I paid the purported \$20 toll to work and back, it would cost us \$1,600 a month. This is more than our mortgage. So, we will be sitting in traffic watching the 5% of people in this area that can afford to use the toll road for getting to their jobs and back home. I'm happy the 5% of people who can afford the toll will get to spend that little extra time with their family while we wait to get home to ours.

Over 85% of residences and businesses affected by this toll, do not want the toll. We NEED free roads. We pray you do the right thing for our community.

Please open a third free lane.

[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:09 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra Contract

PLEASE cancel that Cintra contract! PLEASE!!

I am a native Brit with a masters in urban planning and I sit in that horrendous traffic daily. You've heard all of the arguments against that toll road so I won't rehash them here. But it will never work to relieve the congestion in the Lake Norman area. Please, do the right thing for our community and cancel that contract.

Respectfully
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:09 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the CINTRA contract

Please listen to the people and cancel the contract now and pursue other options to widen i-77 in a way that allows all citizens to benefit from general purpose lanes.

Thank you for listening.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel The Contract

Cancel this contract now! It will save the state millions in the long run. I don't understand how the NCDOT can find 300M to build two bridges and a highway to nowhere, but they can't widen I77. I have literally wasted months of my life sitting in standstill traffic on that highway. It's pathetic.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:16 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Managed Lane Contract

The I-77 managed lane contract is very harmful to the residents and business owners of North Mecklenburg and South Iredell counties. Please cancel this travesty as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance,

[REDACTED]

Davdson NC 28036

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:21 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: cintra xcontract

asa life long member of the lake Norman area i have voiced options of the lack of infrastructure for decades. we were told in the 70s 77 would be winded to 6 lanes north of exit 36 then. we have watched 77s and i-85 widened time and time again 85 thru rowan county has been 6 lamed for at least 20 years and no one lives there. when i started Cornelius elementary in 1974 there was only 750 people in the town last i heard it was over 30lk. there are now 5 high schools serving the area my high school served in 1987. i travel often in nc for work and down east there are 4 lane roads everywhere and no people. the amount of taxes flowing into Raleigh coffers from the 77 corridor has to be staggering by now. for the life of me i will never understand why cretin areas are given incredible roads while some of the biggest backups i have seen outside of southern California are left to deal with the same 4 lanes that served them in the 70's. nc dot has failed us time and time again. its time to end this fiasco started by the worst governor in my lifetime bev perdue and widen 77 as originally promised 40 years ago.

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-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:22 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject:

Cancel the cintra toll contract completely, NOW!!!!!!!

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Mooresville , NC 28117

704-██████████

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:20 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT

The contract with Cintra does not help our area at all. 50 years is a ridiculous amount of time to limit our lives and give our money to another country!!! It is just plain stupid

We need more free lanes to help with the congestion on I77, not toll lanes that won't relieve anything

Frustrated Citizen of Mecklenburg County

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:26 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT NOW

The contract with Cintra does not help our area at all. 50 years is a ridiculous amount of time to limit our lives and give our money to another country!!! It is just plain stupid

We need more free lanes to help with the congestion on I77, not toll lanes that won't relieve anything

Frustrated Citizen of Mecklenburg County

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:33 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract

These roads should not be tolled, they should be built with public funding that is in the budget. We do not want these in our community.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:34 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>; I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>; I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please cancel the I-77 toll contract with Cintra turning the new lanes into general purpose lanes

NC Legislators/DOT,

Please cancel the toll lane contract with Cintra.

Keep in mind, if the Cintra contract is canceled and the fee is paid, the state/DOT will have little to do to make the new lanes general purpose lanes. The tree clearing, excavation, and grading is mostly done and would be mostly paid for via the termination fee. Yes, the toll lanes are designed for passenger cars only (one of MANY this about this sorry deal/contract that pisses people off), but that should not be too large of a deal to beef engineering up for trucks and fire trucks. That's right; the pitiful toll lanes are NOT even rated for (emergency responders) fire trucks.

[REDACTED]

NC resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:37 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lanes

Please cancel the toll lanes. The majority do not want them and cannot afford the tolls.

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[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:37 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel contra

Cancel cintra contract for rt.77 immediately!
Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lanes

The Cintra contract for the I77 toll lanes needs to be cancelled NOW!! This option was a disaster from the start and will negatively impact regular commuters as well as those who travel 77 for cultural and sporting events.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:39 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL TOLL Road project

NC DOT,

Please I urge you to listen to the public and cancel the I 77 Toll road project completely. I am a native of Charlotte and want to stay here but I completely oppose the tolls. We need more lanes without the extra expense. 50 years is too long to commit to a toll project.

CANCEL THE I 77 TOLL ROAD PROJECT COMPLETELY!!!!

THANKS

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:40 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: "Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!"
Importance: High

As a 52 year old resident of Mecklenburg and Iredell County I was here when I-77 was built. I cannot imagine in another 50 years or less how horrible this contract will be to deal with as the area continues to explode with populations. NO one wanted this contract to begin with and the leadership made a horrible deal!

Please for the sake of our state get us out of this contract.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department

Metro Division

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

704- [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:41 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract.

I'm writing today to encourage the canceling of the Cintra contract for the work it is doing on I77. Yes we need a third lane however we do not need a toll road. I fail to understand how this deal with Cintra was made in the first place. In many areas of NC I have see road improvements being made. These roads are not involved with foreign contracts. Cintra has a history of poor workmanship as well. This is a bad deal and need to be cancelled.

[REDACTED], Mooresville NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel contract

The toll road will be a disaster for the folks and businesses who are along the route. Cancel this contract and do the will of the people.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Cornelius, NC

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel I-77 Toll Lanes

There is so much wrong with this situation. This contract should be cancelled and I-77 should receive general purpose lanes like so many other interstates. Toll lanes will not relieve congestion and the whole way this has been handled is downright sneaky and suspect.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Susie Wagner [mailto:susiewagner5@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Completely cancel the Cintra contract Now!!!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: This contract should never have been signed. It makes no sense to widen this heavily-used highway and then charge varying tolls depending on the amount of traffic at a certain time. This should not be a toll road.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:57 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the I-77 Contract!

The residents and political and business leaders in the northern I-77 corridor towns have made their voices clear for years now—we DO NOT want toll lanes on the I-77 corridor! We believe it's a terrible failure of a concept that only destroys our home values, businesses, our safety and quality of life with absolutely no benefit to anyone but the toll operator. We've paid taxes for years that have just gone to build roads for everyone else, whether needed or not, and then we get stuck with this nightmare of a project and the congestion it will cause for 50 years. It was done over our fervent objections and with a shameful lack of respect shown to the overwhelming majority of citizens that oppose it. The tax paying citizens don't want it and we will not support it!

Cancel the I-77 Contract!

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:00 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Cintra Contract

Cancel it now.....what a bad deal for the citizens!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:01 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please Cancel the CINTRA Contract

Please Cancel the CINTRA Contract.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:09 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW! It is poorly written and is set up to fail.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:18 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll feedback

Please cancel the I-77 toll contract now! This is a bad deal for the residents of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County and the entire state of NC.

[REDACTED]

Gastonia, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:28 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the I-77 / Cintra contract

This is a bad contract and the recent independent study agrees that this contract needs to be cancelled. It is in the best interest of North Carolinians to do so. Cancel it now.

[REDACTED]

S. Charlotte

(704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:32 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 toll lanes

Cancel the contract NOW!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:35 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Project

Dear NCDOT

The only logical decision is to cancel the I77 Hot Lane project immediately. From the very beginning this project has been inundated with poor decisions. From the delays (and lack of penalties) with the financial close to the lack of honest fiduciary responsibility practiced under the leadership of Thom Tillis and Pat McCrory. This project is contractually very one sided in favor of everyone except NC citizens. Do what is right, cancel this poor design that will do nothing to alleviate congestion.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:37 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 tolls

Please stop this madness at make those lanes accessible for everyone! 50 year tolls are insane! Plus the design is terrible and no trucks using it will just keep the other lanes jammed up

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 toll roads north of charlotte

Cancel the Spanish contractors till roads
I do not want till roads and it is not good for NC
These are public not private roads

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:41 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 contract
Cancel the contract in full now!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll road

I think the toll road contact should be cancelled and all four lanes completed for general use.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel I77 Toll Road Contract

Please cancel I77 Toll road contract NOW. I am hating where I live, because of the constant traffic issues in the Lake Norman Area.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:45 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract

Please cancel toll lanes.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL CONTRACT

I'm fortunate I am not forced to use I77 to commute but if I did I would either move or change jobs just to avoid using the impending tolls. I can't image what the construction has done to the regular commuters, mentally and physically to their vehicles, not to mention the numerous accidents this contractor has caused. This company is financially unstable (a previous project in bankruptcy) as well as a total disregard for public safety. When the interstate has extremely heavy traffic all the secondary road pick up the overflow and there was no planning for those road which are at capacity to begin with.

Please do make the commutes pay any more for the expansion than they already have.

Sent from my White Hot iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel i77 toll lane contract

I'm considering moving to SC to get away from this mess of toll lane stuff. Cancel the contract now.

Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please cancel the cintra toll lane contract

I am writing you to express my disapproval of the toll lanes being built currently on I-77. I currently live in Cornelius and commute everyday to Mooresville. My wife commutes to charlotte. In both directions I-77 poses a immediate danger, considering the amount of accidents have sky rocketed. Beyond that the lack of reliable route to and from the lake Norman area threatens to stifle not only property values, but also business growth.

Please for the sale and well being of the Great Lake Norman area CANCEL THE TOLL LANE PROJECT!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please Cancel the Contract

I am a local business owner at exit 28 and live at exit 28. My kids go to school at exit 30. What should be a safe and easy drive, one exit, is not going to be helped by the toll roads. Toll lanes will not help the locals because I77 is our Main Street. I have lived here since 1992 and have paid for 77 to be widened through the gas tax and other taxes. We were promised that it would be widened for years but now our only option is toll roads??? Don't we care about interstate commerce and what this does to truckers that use 77 to get from FL to OH? There couldn't be a worse place in the state to implement toll roads than the Lake Norman area because we are boxed in by the lake. I don't know ANYONE that thinks this toll project is a good idea! Please cancel the contract!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:45 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel I77 toll lane project

Now please!!!!#

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:51 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW. We don't want toll lanes.

We NEED at least 3 additional general purpose lanes.

Thank you.

Beth L Harwell

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel contract with Cintra

Hello,
Please cancel the contract with Cintra. There are way too many reasons the contract is WRONG and should have never been agreed upon!
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC 28036
Cell: 704. [REDACTED]
Office: 704. [REDACTED]
Fax: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:03 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: i77 Feedback from Huntersville Citizen

I urgently request that the contract with Cintra be terminated. These toll lanes are an awfully executed idea. To think we would be locked into this contract for over 50 years is just RIDICULOUS!!! Please actually HELP the traffic on i77 and PLEASE cancel this contract!!!!

Sincerely,
Sara Arbello

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Cintra Contract

Cancel the subject contract now!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll lanes

I urge you to do what is right for the state of NC and the taxpayers of NC and cancel the toll road and help to continue construction creating general purpose lanes as soon as possible.

This traffic NIGHTMARE can and should be stopped NOW. The toll lanes success relies on complete gridlock for its own success. Something drastically wrong with this philosophy.

Your actions on this debacle will be your legacy. For your children, grandchildren and this community, please do the right thing and cancel the toll lanes.

[REDACTED]
Mooresville NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Please stop this abuse of NC taxpayers NOW. Not only is this a bad financial deal for NC now, but this will hamper NC business in the future.

Citizens should NOT be ignored during planning. Citizens have opposed this plan for some time as the reality set in, yet those concerns were disregarded. Listen To us now!

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:25 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 construction

Totally opposed to what is happening on I-77. We need general purpose lanes to mile marker 22 due to heavy local traffic.

The road hazards and safety must be addressed. Too many accidents due to increased construction vehicles.

Please cancel this contract

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:30 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel route 77 contract

A toll road is a terrible decision, please cancel the contract. No one is happy about it.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:30 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 Tolls

Hello,

Please, please cancel this horrible contract! CINTRA and this contract have shown that they have HUGE issues that will gridlock our area financially and literally for 50 years.

I implore you to listen to the businesses and citizens of LKN and cancel today.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll lane

Yes, it is true. I77 is a traffic nightmare, even before they started to dig. But now, EVERYONE avoids any part of it if at all possible. Toll roads are not the answer! It will not be used as hoped for! It will only burden our overcrowded secondary roads. Yes, we need more lanes but not toll lanes. Elaine Howard

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:00 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra Contract!

Please do not go through with the Cintra contract! It hurts our community!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Central Contract

To Whom It May Concern:

Please completely cancel the Centra contract - NOW!!!

Thank you...

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 1-77 toll Rd

Cancel Now

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:14 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the CINTRA contract

As a realtor whose lifeblood is running these roads, I urge you to PLEASE CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY. This is a terrible project when all we need and are begging for, is just for I-77 to be widened. No one will win if they continue.

Please CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Executive

Your Mooresville, Lake Norman and Charlotte Property Expert
(704)-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Willow Heverley [mailto:willowheverley@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:16 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the Cintra Contract!!!

Cancel the Cintra Contract!!! This is one of the worst things that has happened to our area and it's becoming a NIGHTMARE.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED] *REALTOR*
[REDACTED] *Executive*

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:32 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please cancel the contract

Dear NC DOT,

Please cancel the I-77 toll lane contract. I was born and raised (and still live in) the Lake Norman area. I've been driving on I-77 since I could drive. As a kid, I knew 77 would need to be, and one day would be, widened but I never imagined toll lanes. Tolls are for long stretches of obscure road where mostly out of state drivers pay (very few local travelers). Why in the world would someone think it was a good idea to put in toll lanes in a major metro area where local citizens must commute everyday?

Why was the plan not to just widen the roads? Clearly the need existed and has existed for many years. Roads all over the state are widened without tolls, so why 77? Why not use tax dollars for the road project like all the other road projects in the state? It's not fair, or just, and possibly not ethical to have free-flowing lanes for people who can afford them, while everyone else like myself (a single mom who escaped an abusive relationship from my ex-husband) is forced to waste precious time sitting in traffic because paying to drive the toll lanes is not in our budgets.

One could argue that if those who can afford to pay the tolls all take the toll lanes, it will free up space in the general lanes. But like I said, born and raised in Lake Norman and Lake Norman rich people are tight. Like really tight. They are rich because they don't spend their money. There's not going to be enough

rich people to regularly drive the toll lanes to make much of a difference. Just my prediction based on 33 years of observation and interaction with the area.

I pay taxes like every other NC citizen, but yet I must pay to use my local stretches of highway. It makes no sense. It's the State's job to manage the budget, road projects, and tax collection to ensure its citizens have the roads they need without being singled out and re-taxed. Why is it ok that my tax dollars build everyone else in NC the roads they needs but yet not my roads; I have to pay additionally to drive them.

I sit around and wonder what the motivation was. Was it City of Charlotte leaders attempting to stifle growth in Lake Norman, rerouting it to other areas that were inside city limits, where they could collect additional taxes from this growth? Was it a Mecklenburg County decision - keep the road leading out of the county slow and congested and people will chose to live in other areas within the county? Even worse, was there bribery or kick backs among decision makers? I don't know. What I do know is the idea of the toll lanes on 77 is so rediculous it makes no sense that that decision was made without some ulterior motive.

Please, I'm begging you, cancel the toll lanes. Fix this mess. Give us the roads we need to drive just like every other NC citizen. Manage the budgets and taxes to build roads without toll lanes (whose revenue doesn't even go to the state!).

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:41 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lanes

I implore you to cancel the contract with Cintra. The local residents are totally against this and local businesses are being hurt by it. Many of our neighbors are moving to SC so they don't have to deal with it. Please, please cancel the contract now.

[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA Contract Opposition

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract! There is no public appetite for this and if it's not cancelled it will be viewed as NC's version of the Betamax.

Please take this chance to make a valued course correction!

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:44 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the Contract

I live in Mooresville and travel Monday through Friday to Charlotte for work. A trip that should take me 30 minutes usually takes me an hour or more--all interstate. Yesterday it took me 1 hour and 15 minutes to travel 15 miles. Cintra toll lanes are not the answer. The citizens NEVER voted or approved for I77 to be turned over to a corrupt foreign company. Cintra's business plan is basically a Ponzi scheme. They spend OUR money first for a subpar project then eventually walk away from the project making a profit. Yet the taxpayers are left on the hook for the debt. Cintra SH130 in Texas filed for bankruptcy yet Cintra makes a profit and the taxpayers are in debt to the tune of over 400 million dollars.

I77 is the Lake Norman region's MAIN Street. There are no worthwhile alternate routes. 115 and 21 are two lane country roads that are in sad shape because of the congestion. Because my time is valuable, I do not travel to Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville or Charlotte to shop or eat out. It's not worth the time and risk to travel on that road unless I have to.

The citizens begged and pleaded for the signing of the contract with Cintra be delayed so that a review could occur. City and County commissioners also requested the delay. Instead, our State Government officials signed off on the contract a week earlier than expected. NCDOT and State officials shoved this project down our throats saying it was the only option. Yet multiple widening projects of less congested roads were approved. Money is thrown towards road projects that are not a priority. The widening of I77 is a priority.

People, including politicians have made statements such as Lake Norman residents are rich and can afford tolls. I'm a social worker and cannot afford toll lanes. My husband is a small business owner who has to travel I77 to get to and from customers. Sadly, he cannot get to as many customers as he would like due to the gridlock. I've also been told I can just move. Moving costs money. We chose to move to Mooresville because at the time the recommendation was for I77 to be widened to 8 lanes. But instead, politicians purposely threw the community under the bus while still allowing more housing developments to be built. Gridlock will continue without general purpose lanes because there are so many exits close together and not enough pavement to move traffic. And let's not forget I77 is the major trucking route in NC.

The citizens have completed FOIA requests and it is apparent without naming names Cintra was chosen for a reason. I77 drivers deserve better than to be part of a P3 experiment. I can tell you now it will fail. Please treat this area of NC like you have treated other areas of the state such as Greensboro, Asheboro, Raleigh, and the eastern side of the state. Just because CRTPO/Charlotte supported this boondoggle does not mean it's in the best interest of our area whose votes with CRTPO didn't matter. But come November when it's time to vote, our votes will matter. Just ask former Governor McCrory.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:50 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 toll lanes

Cancel the toll lanes!! We just need 4 completely open and free lanes from Mooresville to Charlotte!! Traffic is horrendous for those of us who work in Charlotte. We have needed expanded roads for years but it's ridiculous to make us pay tolls to get to work now. I-85 was expanded to help Concord traffic get to Charlotte and they don't have to pay tolls!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:51 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Good Evening,

Please cancel the I-77 toll lane in Charlotte. I live in South Charlotte, but travel for work and leisure in Lake Norman, Mooresville, Davidson area. This project restricts the mobility of people and people follow economic opportunity. In addition, these toll lanes are not being built to reduce traffic. A toll lane requires traffic, to inspire someone to use them. I urge you please CANCEL this project immediately.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 7:55 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

As a resident of Huntersville, NC, I strongly urge you to completely CANCEL the Cintra contract now! This is a disaster for our area and should never have been agreed upon in the first place.

Thank you.
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:04 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll lanes - NO!

Please - Please do everything you can to cancel this god awful contract. This is so unfair to this area. This is a scam. We deserve general purpose lanes like the rest of the whole state. 50 years!???? You already know it's wrong. Do the right thing. Cancel the contract and make general purpose lanes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

704. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:06 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: cancel it

Please cancel the Cintra contract!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:19 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract now

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:19 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 Tolls

"Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!"

Thank You

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Contract with Cintra

Cancel the I77 toll contract. Replace with general purpose lanes. This contract is a debacle and is completely ludicrous. It is killing businesses and our community. Restaurants are losing business because no one can get to them. Emergency vehicles are trapped in traffic trying to get to accidents which have increased a hundred fold since this mess began. People can't get to their children in daycare or school in a reasonable amount of time. What the heck were you people thinking? And this is all without even considering the unthinkable like having to evacuate for some ungodly reason! Road rage from this nightmare has escalated to the point where people are taking their own initiatives. The road construction company employees don't seem to have any respect for themselves or others who have to use this death trap of a highway.

After canceling the contract we need general purpose lanes that are strong enough to handle the hundreds of thousands of trucks who conduct commerce in our state and beyond.

Fix this stupid mess!

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:28 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cintra Contract 77

"Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!" It's a disgrace that

NC ever approved this to start with!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:32 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Contract

Please terminate the I-77 contract with Cintra. Negotiate or put out an RFP for a completion with truck stringent asphalt and pull from the 2 billion dollar excess from the Greensboro Loop to offer contractor incentives for a faster completion. There is not one good reason to continue on with this project.

Kindest Regards,
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:32 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:36 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel CINTRA contract!!!

Please, if you care anything about the city of Charlotte, cancel this horribly awful contract!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Widening

I-77 contract is the worst contract ever negotiated. Should be illegal to be this incompetent and have the ability to execute contracts of this size. Should be cancelled immediately!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel toll lane contract!

Please hear the voices of the people who live in this region who are directly affected by this decision. Completely cancel the contract with Cintra as soon as possible!

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:57 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Tolls

Good Evening,

I, in no terms, support the I-77 toll project. We deserve better and we deserve safer. We do not deserve to be extorted for reliable transportation, as we pay for our roads via tax dollars.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:02 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Cintra Contract

Dear NCDOT,

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract. Living in Huntersville it is hard to go anywhere out of a 5 mile radius after lunch without having to plan twice the amount of travel time due to the construction on i77. Local roads such as 115 are backing up during the day and have very long stoplight waits. Everyone I know is very annoyed and worried that it is just going to get worse. PLEASE CHANGE THIS!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:08 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Feedback

Good evening. I would like to express my continued concern regarding the I-77 contract. Currently the congestion is unbearable, not to mention the alarming number of accidents now in the area of construction. It is a danger. In addition, the tolls are a bad, elitist, idea. Building the toll lane so that it cannot handle heavy vehicles such as tractor trailers is absurd. Restriction of widening 115/21 will only add more congestion to roads that are already overloaded and backed up. Please cancel this contract before we are stuck paying off Cintra for the next fifty years for a below grade quality road which only serves the rich.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 tolls

This project is designed to increase congestion not relieve it. We need free express lanes not overpriced managed lanes. CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT ASAP.

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: cancel the Cintra contract

Cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

I do not want to pay tolls. I don't agree with the contract.

Signed by Taxpayer,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract

My small business is suffering because of the constant gridlock on I77. Time is money and I waste a lot of time on this road. There are no viable alternate routes. I would rather wait for general purpose lanes to be built instead of toll lanes I cannot afford. This project smells of corruption. Nobody in their Right mind would have picked I77 for a P3 involving toll lanes unless money was involved. I am looking to move from the Lake Norman area. I can't take it anymore. Cancel the contract please! Save our small businesses! If an economic impact study had been completed you would have already known the consequences of this project.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:28 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads

Please cancel contract for toll roads.
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:33 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract!

We deserve better since we have already been paying for our roads with the 90's Gas Tax (over 25 years ago!). Giving over \$50 BILLION over the next 50 years to a company that specializes in Bankruptcy from Spain is ridiculous... Thank you Pat McCorry..NOT!

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

[REDACTED]

Cornelius NC 28031

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:33 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

This idea of a toll is just ridiculous. Let the state pay for it; Let US own the highway and not let some other greedy corporation make money off us...let us take that toll money and use it to pay for the construction over a certain amount of years.

Do the demographics and impose a small tax on everyone instead of having to pay tolls. Break it up into 3 groups of people and the top pay the most and middle pays less and then the lower pays the least. We could have the construction paid in 10 years or so.

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:36 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the toll lanes PLEASE

I have lived in a lot of different states, and this toll road project seems outrageous, both in concept and execution. The construction is ridiculous and inconvenient.

All lanes should be public and free, with some lanes restricted to carpools/HOV if needed.

Then add a light rail from uptown to Mooresville, through Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson, etc.

Public options, not private! No more private contracts.

Thanks for listening.

[REDACTED]

Huntersville resident/homeowner 28078

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:43 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the Toll Lanes on I-77

Under no circumstance should this project ever have been approved.
Cancel the contract for the toll lanes.

Signed

Tax Payer

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:48 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: How much more feedback can we give?

Cancel the contract. I vote purely based on this issue.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:47 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the contract

What a debacle. Cancel the contract.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:10 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Toll Lanes Immediately

I am in full support of canceling the i77 cintra contract.

It is not in the best interest for the tax payers of NC to continue the cintra i77 toll lane contract. The contract throws money, our state needs for real things like education and infrastrucure, wastefully towards a company that will not benefit NC. I am 100% for canceling the contract. My opinion is to upgrade the main artery for the region to include more general purpose lanes. I would settle for toll lanes if they were controlled and owned by NC. NC could reinvest that money in to upgrading more infrastrucure and lesson the dependability on the gas tax. However, I do believe that a main artery should be more than two general purpose lanes. How can a high speed thoroughfare be the same size as most of the 45mph side roads? I applaud NCDOT for the work being completed on i85, with the widening to four and five lanes from charlotte to greensboro. I wish to see i77 be treated rhe same.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:30 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

HURRY and cancel that STUPID STUPID toll road!!

EVERYONE HATES IT!!!!

THANK YOU FOR CANCELLING THAT USELSS PROJECT!!!!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

Cancel the Citra contract NOW

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:49 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No to I-77 Tolls

This is no benefit to the people of Charlotte. It will create more traffic on side streets which can't handle the volume. The money goes to the pockets of those involved! Not back to the community or roads. Balance the State budget and figure it out. Take some responsibility and budget it!

I will not back this and am against this 100%!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:51 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel i77 contract!

Please cancel the poorly thought out contract with Cintra!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:52 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel CINTRA contract

Please just give us the roads that we've already paid for, as soon as possible. This construction is a daily hazard.

Thank you in advance,
Lake Norman tax payer

Saturday, August 19, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:04 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Widening Project

Dear Sirs:

Cancel the Cintra contract NOW! The commitment period is awful and I understand that any other projects or policies that would reduce traffic on I-77 and therefore reduce revenue to Cintra are restricted or forbidden. Ridiculous! Everyone in the Charlotte area has been held up on I-77 but the hemorrhaging of taxpayer money that does not even go to an American company is incomprehensible. Cancel it!

[REDACTED]

NC taxpayer-and voter

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 4:26 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No tolls please
Completely cancel the Cintra contract. It seems like a really bad deal.
Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 4:35 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel

I definitely stand sides with canceling the Cintra contract NOW.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:25 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Project: Cancel it

NCDOT - Please 'Cancel the I-77 Toll Project' as it doesn't help the public and wasting the tax payers money.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:57 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract

Hello,

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

No one wants the tolls!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:01 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: i77 Tolls!

Completely cancel the he Cintra contract NOW!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:32 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop Cintra contract NOW

Please stop the contract for 3 reasons

1. Company can't even maintain the tollroads they built in other states and are having to sell
2. The 50-year contract between NCDOT and Mobility Partners (the subsidiary formed by Cintra to build and operate the lanes) hamstrings public planning efforts by requiring the state to compensate Mobility Partners for any project revenue losses that might result from other transportation improvements in the region
3. Taxpayers are on the hook for making sure Cintra profits.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Charlotte, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:33 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll road

Please do not make I-77 a toll road. It will be a disaster. Traffic is already a nightmare on I-77 and the tolls will make it worse.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:40 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes on I-77

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract now! We who are mostly affected by the toll lanes don't want them, never have.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Cornelius

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:48 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll road projects

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!"
You only have to drive I-77 to see that the HOV Lane is grossly under used. No one will pay to use toll roads when they don't even use the free lanes.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:52 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads

Stop the toll road contract with CINTRA. This is not what the people of this community want.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:09 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA Contract/I-77 Tolls



ALL our roads ... I-77 and local streets are a mess with constant congestion due to the POOR leadership, BAD decision making of the NCDOT. and LACK OF OVERSIGHT of the NCDOT! This contract MUST be cancelled immediately, CINTRA/I-77 Mobility Partners/Sugar Creek Construction must be immediately FIRED, and the toll lanes converted to general purpose lanes immediately!!!

We will BOYCOTT these toll lanes (whether w/CINTRA, or other investors when CINTRA goes belly up (and they will go belly up - WE GUARANTEE IT!) or w/NCDOT) - WE WILL BOYCOTT for 50 YEARS if necessary! YOU CAN BUILD WHATEVER/HOWEVER YOU WANT ... BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO USE IT!!! GET IT??? No cars = no money = no profit = BANKRUPTCY ... It is SIMPLE MATH! We control what we spend our money on and when ... NOT A DIME WILL WE SPEND ON THESE TOLL LANES ... WE WILL NOT PURCHASE A TRANSPONDER ... EVER!!!

The citizens & voters in LKN/CLT Region are FED UP ... are MAD AS HELL ... sick of being lied to, being deceived ... and we are not going to take it anymore! Why is only CLT/LKN Region getting toll lanes and - the zoo road, Ashboro Bypass, etc., etc., etc., get new roads, widened roads ALL TOLL FREE??? Something is rotten in Raleigh and at the NCDOT ... AND WE KNOW IT ... remember - we are UNITED in this struggle ... We are COMMITTED in this struggle ... we are FED UP ... we are MAD AS HELL ... and WE VOTE!

THE CITIZENS OF LKN/CLT WILL WIN IN THE END ... WE GUARANTEE IT!

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:14 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Terminate Cintra Contract

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to cancel the Cintra contract! I live in the Lake Norman area and I do not want the tolls. There are so many flaws to this contract, the fact that we will be locked in for 50 years is incredible! Our roads are very congested and the contract specifies we cannot widen parallel roads that will compete with I77. This is not a solution. Please cancel the contract, this is not a good deal for us!!!

I think it is ridiculous that you are asking for more feedback. Throughout this entire initiative you have been in your own echo chamber trying to justify this project. You all are tone deaf, cancel the project!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:15 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Terminating the I-77 Cintra toll contract

Please cancel the Cintra toll contract NOW! I do not know what else to say except it needs to stop. Please!!!!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:19 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls

As part of the LKNSBN I urge you to cancel the cintra contract..

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
508-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:18 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: cancel Cintra contract

Please cancel the contract with Cintra for the toll roads on I-77. Toll roads have never been a good idea and they are not the solution to the traffic problem. Additionally, this company is not responsible. Their other projects around the country show us this, plus the incidents that are continually happening within their construction zone prove how dangerous they are.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
p. 704. [REDACTED]
c. 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:20 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 toll road - Cancel it now

Please cancel the contract with Cintra.

[REDACTED]
-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:21 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 feedback

I am a business owner for a restaurant In Mooresville. I for no reason support the tolls. The construction has really affected me with traffic and time. Sometimes I'm over an hour late to open my business because I am sitting in a dead stopped parking lot that is I-77. I also know of all the business that I'm losing and the business I will never receive because no one wants to come from

Cornelius, huntersville, Davidson or Charlotte because they do not want to sit in traffic on the way there and back. It doesn't matter anymore what time of the day or day of the week it is, the traffic is unpredictable but it's also pretty much every single day. I have also witnessed first hand people getting in accidents and ambulances not even being able to reach the people that are hurt. The Cintra contract needs to be cancelled once in for all. Thank you for your time!

Anti toll supporter,
Huntersville resident [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:22 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 HOT Lanes

The HOT lanes under construction will NOT relieve traffic congestion, yet this is the primary consideration for all new NCDOT projects. Why would the state continue with this?

Following through with a bad decision is another bad decision.

No one in this area will hold office if they continue to promote this project.

Project will guarantee that our growing area will lose Commerce to South Carolina and neighboring states.

Do the right thing. Cancel the contract with Cintra... this company has a history of corruption a mile long. What a disgrace to be involved with these thieves.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:31 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: ANOTHER FATALITY ON I-77

SHAME ON YOU ALL ... YOU ALL CREATED THIS HORRENDOUS MESS ... WE HOLD YOU ALL RESPONSIBLE ... YOU HAVE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS ... EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ...

**ANOTHER FATAL MULTI-VEHICLE
ACCIDENT ON I-77**

So even at 1:00 a.m. (8/19/2017), Charlotte needed help from Huntersville because they had trouble accessing a fatal accident on I-77 DUE TO CONSTRUCTION- RIDICULOUS!!!

...CHARLOTTE...

MAJOR CRASH

I-77 SB/Lakeview Rd (Exit-18)

Charlotte FD units onscene of a 2-veh crash w/ heavy damage, 1 person is pinned-in, Command advising confirmed 2 deceased victims at the scene, Mecklenburg EMS will be transporting a 3rd & 4th patient to the ER, expect I-77 SB to be shut down for quite a while, use alternate routes, request Rescue from Huntersville Fire Department to assist due to CFD having access issues from construction & road closures on I-77

GOVERNOR COOPER, NCDOT & NCGA, SHAME ON YOU

**POOR DECISIONS AND BAD LEADERSHIP (PAST &
PRESENT) HAVE LED TO THIS CARNAGE!**

CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT TODAY

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:37 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Tolls

Good morning,

As a Charlotte resident who uses i77 each and everyday, I do not support the toll project in any way. The citizens of North Carolina, and specifically the towns immediately affected by the project, deserve far more for the taxes we pay. We deserve a safe, effective, reliable highway system.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Taxpayer and Charlotte Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:43 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Cancel the I77 Contract

Re-sending as I did not sign my name on the first one.

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: August 17, 2017 at 6:56:58 PM EDT

To: i77feedback@ncdot.gov

Subject: **Cancel the I77 Contract**

The only viable option, in my opinion, is to cancel the contract. The public does NOT want toll/managed lanes on I77. I do not understand how many times or how many ways we can try to get this message heard? For example, please see the petition link below. Over 10K signatures were presented prior to Charlotte City Council where Vi Lyles, who has 46% of CRTPO vote, voted her support of managed lanes. This vote benefits Charlotte, but does not take into account ALL of Mecklenburg County. Our voices were ignored(again) both by the petition and by countless public comments at the actual Charlotte City Council meeting where I was present and listened to many citizens stand up to voice their opposition for several hours. It seemed to fall on deaf ears.

<http://www.charlottestories.com/city-of-charlotte-just-received-one-of-their-largest-petitions-in-history-to-stop-the-i77-toll-lanes/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/amp.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article54196190.html>

Below I submit my comments (again) why I believe we need to CANCEL the Contract:

1. I77 in the Lake Norman area has not been widened in 30+ years in the stretch from 23-36, while the population has grown exponentially during that time.
2. Our tax base in North Mecklenburg County has been used to widen roads in other areas (i.e. ALL of 485 has been built) while leaving us with 2 lanes. Charlotte CRTPO has 46% vote, so we lose out every time as evidenced by the lack of road infrastructure in this area. In fact, the last piece of 485 to open was on the North side almost 20 years after ALL other areas serving Charlotte had been opened.
3. We have no true alternative routes in the Lake Norman area and use 77 as a "Main Street". Therefore, many of us may not be able to use the toll lanes-- and even if they can be used, merging in and out will make congestion even worse. The design is poor and done by someone who does not understand this area at all.
4. Managed lanes MAY(?)work in large metropolitan areas. Lake Norman is not a major metropolitan area and the projections of use seem very high based on our population. So I believe this project is doomed to go bankrupt like the ones in Texas and Indiana. Then we will be paying again for this bad contract...With still NO congestion relief!
5. I77 is a major trucking route. How is it not negatively impactful to interstate commerce to gridlock this stretch of a major interstate since semis cannot use the toll lanes?
6. Cintra has a track record of bankruptcy on similar projects, so why are we even in this contract in the first place?

I do not support the Cintra contract! Take this opportunity to CANCEL before it costs us all years of \$\$ and public outcry!!!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 cintra contract

Good day,

As a daily user of I77 to and from Charlotte to Cornelius, I see this project as a huge disservice to our community. I do not support in any way the continuation of the project. We are in need of more general purpose lanes, not toll lanes in which one must then cut across 2-3 lanes of stopped traffic to make an exit.

Thank you for doing the right thing and cancelling this contract!

[REDACTED]

Huntersville resident, voter and tax payer

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:10 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls

Please CANCEL and terminate the toll contract. This will be a 50 year mistake if you go forward allowing the tolls.

No tolls!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:16 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel CINTRA contract now!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:16 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77

Please Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!!!!

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:32 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77

Completely cancel Cintra contract NOW!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:31 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

The Toll Lanes are causing business to move and will not help congestion. Cost of \$10 to \$20 during peak times will to help the average person get to work. This was a bad idea and a bad contract

[REDACTED], NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

You must Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!". No one in this city wants that toll road. How ever got started is political and bureaucratic BS.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

This comment is in support of the canceling of the I-&& toll road project, I believe that te NCDOT and the Legislature has done a complete disservice to the citizens of this state and especially Mecklenburg County. The idea of selling our highways to a Foreign Company for a 50 year contract and then limiting the ability of the municipalities or state to improve parallel roads is appalling!

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* [REDACTED] *

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:58 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Project

Please....Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!" Not only is it unfair for the LakeNorman area who will pay the brunt of tolls going back and forth to work but they didn't even higher a US company to do the job. Shameful!!!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mortgage Loan Officer
[REDACTED]
704. [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Website: [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:04 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 Widening

I laud the NC DOT for developing the plan to widen I 77. The idea of developing a Mooresville (and beyond) to Charlotte lane, of I 77, for cars only shows the NC DOT has a vision of the future, while guarding the public treasury. The 'new' lane will only be suitable for light auto traffic since it is designed to a less stringent and less costly criteria than road beds meant for constant heavy vehicular traffic. There are many areas throughout NC that would benefit from this far thinking approach.

There are lanes, already in existence, throughout the country, that limit the use of the left lane.

Many are found in other highly congested areas. There are already portions of I 77 which limits certain heavy vehicles to the right hand lanes only.

The successful toll roads found in other parts of the country were mostly built following their own path and not jammed onto existing roadbeds. These have very limited entries and exits There are also examples of toll roads that have been financial failures. There is adequate documentation of these. The concept of a lane for 'cars only' is already established. The design of a 17 inch roadbed rather than the 34 inch bed required by DOT for heavy vehicles has been approved. The public would laud the NC DOT and NC Governments responsible for altering the contract to design build only.

A final footnote is added. As operators of toll road facilities there have been several bankrupts recorded.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28115-2706

NC resident since 1973

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:08 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW! This contract should have never been awarded in the first place. NC needs to learn to

read the fine print! 85 has been a great working project and has been completed in sections. 77 is a torn up MESS.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:27 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77, Toll Road

Terminate the contract to build the toll roads! Instead, add two general purpose lanes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC 28078

980-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Stefanie Ezratty [mailto:stefanie@ezratty.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:33 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Call I 77 Toll

Please cancel the I-77 toll project now!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA CONTRACT

GOVERNOR COOPER, NCDOT & NCGA

**WE will BOYCOTT the I-77 TOLL LANES
(whether operated by CINTRA/other
investors/NCDOT) ... YOU can build
them ... BUT WE WILL NOT USE THEM!**

**Governor, CANCEL the CINTRA Contract ...
STOP WASTING TAXPAYERS MONEY!!!**

SOMETHING you apparently didn't think of when these bad decisions were initially made regarding the CINTRA Contract/I-77 LEXUS Toll Lanes for the Wealthy ... YOU can build them - but WE will NEVER use them - not if CINTRA - or other investors - or NCDOT runs them ... WE WILL BOYCOTT THESE TOLL LANES UNTIL THEY ARE CONVERTED TO FREE GENERAL PURPOSE LANES ... NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES!!!

NO CARS = NO PROFITS = BANKRUPTCY ... IT IS SIMPLE MATH!!!

WAKE UP GOVERNOR, NCDOT, NCGA, MERCATOR, CINTRA/I-77 MOBILITY PARTNERS BEFORE YOU END UP WITH M*O*R*E EGG ON YOUR FACE! CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT TODAY!

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Cintra contract

Please cancel this outrageous contract! It benefits only Cintra, not the citizens of North Carolina and it damages businesses and residents of the Lake Norman area—for 50+ years. That's untenable.

Thank you for doing the right thing.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:14 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads

Cancel the contract. No tolls roads. It escapes bad idea from the start. Let's cut our losses and cancel the contract.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract.

Bad decisions for the state only lines the pockets of the decision makers. Lanes added to other highways and roads but Raleigh finds a way to neglect Charlotte and look for the quick and dirty way out rather than making decisions that benefit people outside their backyard.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:26 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Huntersville resident says please no

Moving to NC from Illinois I wasn't initially opposed to the idea of toll roads. But as I learned more about this awful contract and the terrible idea to have a combination of free and flexible pricing toll lanes I have developed a deep passion against the 77 tolls.

I will continually be an issues voter and vote against anybody whole supports this contract to the slightest degree.

We need more lanes. We need free lanes. We need quality lanes that can handle truck traffic.

In the Lake Norman area, 77 is our Main Street. We use it to get from town to town. You cannot hold us hostage by these thieving Spaniards.

Cancel the contract.

Rip up the subpar lanes, and start over.

[REDACTED]
Huntersville

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:31 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra

I, in no terms, support the I77 toll project. This project needs to be cancelled now.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:37 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Mercator a Comments at the Last CTPRO Meeting

MERCATOR'S Jim Fuller said that MORE studies, reports, citizen's input will be necessary before a decision is made concerning the cancellation of the CINTRA Contract!

FORGET THAT BS!

I expect Governor Cooper to announce his plans as soon as Mercator releases their report! If he doesn't, I take that to mean the Governor is going to do NOTHING ... NADA ... ZIP ... ZERO!

He will be ending his own career by doing this! He will be hurting his own Party (of course Berger & Moore are hurting the Republican Party too)!

Bottom line ... the consumer has all the power regarding toll lanes ... no matter what Governor Cooper does, NCGA does, NCDOT does, Mercator says ... **WE THE PEOPLE WHO USE I-77 DAILY WILL BOYCOTT THESE LANES! WE WILL MAKE SURE COOPER DOES NOT GET RE-ELECTED IN 2020! WE WILL WORK TO GET ALL POLITICIANS ... WHO ORIGINALLY VOTED FOR THIS, PREVENTED IT FROM BEING CANCELLED, OR PROTECT THIS TERRIBLE CONTRACT NOW ... GET VOTED OUT IN 2017 (local elections), 2018 (State Elections) and 2020 (Cooper's & Tillis' Re-Election)!!!**

We will **BOYCOTT** these toll lanes matter who runs them ... iCINTRA, or other investors, or NCDOT! We will **encourage all to BOYCOTT these lanes** ... if Cooper, NCGA, NCDOT, CINTRA do NOT listen NOW ... they'll have to listen to us **CLOSING** our wallets and NOT spending a dime on these **TERRIBLE, DISCRIMINATORY TOLL LANES!!!**

The NUMBER ONE problem on I-77 has been CONGESTION for the past 10+ years - and when/if these toll lanes open, THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE ON I-77 WILL STILL BE CONGESTION!!!

NO CARS = NO PROFITS = BANKRUPTCY ...

WAKE UP ... THIS DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST ... AN ACCOUNTING GENIUS ... CERTAINLY DON'T NEED MORE STUDIES, REPORTS, MEETINGS, CITIZEN INPUT ... TO EXPLAIN ... **THIS IS AN EPIC FAIL ... FROM DAY ONE! WE TRIED TO TELL YOU - NO ONE WOULD LISTEN - ARE YOU LISTENING NOW???**

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW I-77 TOLL LANES ... AN EPIC FAILURE!!!

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Carol Donna [mailto:caroladonna@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:43 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please stop the Cintra contact and the I-77 toll road! Carol Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:54 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll road

Please cancel this contract with Cintra immediately.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Cornelius NC 28031

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 12:58 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Project

Good Afternoon,

After reviewing many documents concerning this project, I believe it is in the best interest of the State to cancel the contract with Cintra in its' entirety. There are many reasons, including but not limited to:

1. Extremely poor and dangerous design.
 - *Substandard thickness of the pavement
 - *Traffic merging from toll lanes across 2 multipurpose lanes to exit
2. The project will NOT relieve congestion, in fact, it promotes congestion

3. The State does NOT receive any proceeds from the project to help with maintenance or funding of other projects. Billions of dollars will be removed from the local economy over the 50 year contract.

4. Spinning off from #3, these lost dollars also hurt local businesses due to money being spent on tolls instead of local shopping and entertainment.

I will stop at this point but make one last observation.

The locals who depend on I-77 daily DO NOT WANT this project.

I have done an unscientific poll of family, friends and neighbors, 100% say they will not use the toll lanes. Their reasons are wide and varied, which is irrelevant, as all insist they will not use the lanes.

Thank you for your time and consideration in doing what is in the best interest of the local people effected by this project as well as the entire population of North Carolina, for they will have to help pay for the defaulted loans when Cintra files bankruptcy, which history shows, is their business model. Please cancel this horrible contract as soon as possible!!

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC 28031

cell: 980-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:07 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the Toll Lanes

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:12 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel cintra contract NOW!

Cancel cintra contract now!

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC 28036

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel

Please cancel the contract With Cintra and then choose a responsible and self sufficient way to fix the dilemma. Trains have been proven to be highly effective and it would be great if they could be considered again.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:20 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW

This project in general is an egregious over stepping of bounds by the state, chaining us to a private, for profit, company in exchange for overpriced, ill-planned access to more lanes on a public interstate. North Carolina citizens already pay an exorbitant amount of taxes for the roads in our state and adding MORE fees on top of those taxes for the "privilege" of transit being what it should be for the price we already pay, is tyrannical, bordering on the criminal misuse of public funds. This contract should never have been signed in the first place and we, the voters and taxpayers, have spoken out against this project from the very beginning and have gone unheard. This is an opportunity for the state and NCDOT to do what is right for the people of North Carolina and end this bad for business, bad for individuals, bad for the state, contract and partnership. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

A proud North Carolina resident for 39 years:

Mooresville, NC - 2005 - Present

Huntersville, NC - 2002 - 2005

Charlotte, NC - 1978 - 2002

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:26 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL Cintra
Importance: High

COMPLETELY CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT NOW!

[REDACTED]

704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra Contract

To whom this may concern,

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC 28078

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:48 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

Please cancel the Toll contract! When we moved to Huntersville from downtown 5 years ago, we thought we would never leave, even though we both work Downtown. Because of this toll work, our commute has more than doubled for a service we adamantly do not want to use. Widen the roads and keep up with the blossoming growth of our city! Keep up with the infrastructure to support our current and future volume. Make it an attractive place to move to again. If the toll stands, we are considering moving back downtown as a result.

Thank
You for your time and consideration

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:49 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra

CANCEL CINTRA CONTRACT.....PLEASE!!!!

North Carolina resident for 23 years - Charlotte. I VOTE at every election.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 2:02 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Toll Project

There are plenty of wide open roads in the Eastern part of the state with no one on them. I77 was simply neglected and now sold to a private company for 50 years. CANCEL NOW AND DO WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE ALL ALONG.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 2:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No Toll I77

Please terminate Cintra's I77 toll project in Mecklenburg County.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 2:29 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract

Please take this opportunity to cancel this ill designed contract! My problem isn't with toll roads per se, but a 50 year contract with a Spanish company is a bad deal for the Lake Norman area. We need alternative ways into Charlotte, including a REAL bus system and a train. If you look at other areas with tolls, public transportation is also offered. Again, let's cancel this contract and get it right.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 2:52 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Cancel the contract and the tolls the citizens in this area were sold to the devil with this deal CANCEL THE CONTRACT NOW

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 2:52 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL CONTRACT i77

CANCEL THE CONTRACT!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 3:17 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please Cancel the contract!

This contract is Not good for the citizens who will travel the road daily, and also Not good for the state of NC, for WHEN - not IF - the Cintra subsidiary running this files for bankruptcy, the citizens and the state will be holding the debt on a failed road project.

look at the history of this company and how it does business.

Who is really going to spend \$20 for one-way toll on a regular basis?

Lets stop this thing now. Lets put in the infrastructure so that ALL Lanes can support ALL TRAFFIC in the future. Make some of the HOV lanes if necessary, but I say NO to a toll road with no cap on the maximum!!!

Thanks for listening. Be confident that most of the local area DOES NOT SUPPORT this project in its current state!!

[REDACTED]

(704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 3:25 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

To whom it may concern,

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

I drive to Charlotte 5 days a week and having the toll would be detrimental to me and my family.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 3:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra Contract - Cancel Toll Lanes

Dear NCDOT,

- 1 - Please cancel the I-77 Cintra Contract now.
- 2 - Cancel the I-77 toll lanes! All lanes must be free.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Davidson resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 3:43 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Dave the Lake!

Please save our beautiful Lake Norman communities by cancelling the 77 toll project!

The economic impact is already devastating to our region and it will kill our economy!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 4:18 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77

Two more deaths today plus four injured on I77 between exits 18 & 36.

Stop this madness. Cancel the corrupt Cintra contact and get us some free lanes from exits 18 to 36.

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 4:23 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 project

After reading the Mercator draft report I would ask that you cancel the Cintra contract immediately.

[REDACTED]
Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 4:51 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Feedback

I have already emailed all available government officials of my opinion on the i77 toll road project. I firmly believe the toll road plan and contract should be terminated.

My vote: Terminate the Comprehensive Agreement and complete the Express Lanes Project using public funding or financing as it becomes available.

Please listen to the general public. We do not want the toll roads . We have been so vocal. Please hear our collective voice.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 5:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop toll road

Cancel the Cintra contract NOW. A toll road will not solve the problem of severe congestion in the Lake Norman area. Only the addition of general purpose lanes plus the widening of parallel local roads will to that.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 5:49 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll road

Completely cancel the Cintra contract now. There are enough people that have spoken against this project from day one. Our voices need to be heard and acted upon, after all, it is the taxpayer that is having to pay for all of this. Roy Cooper said he would stop the toll road if he got elected, well, we are waiting.

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 6:08 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll

Please cancel the toll project with Cintra. There us obvious corruption and collusion and this project in no way serves the public. If you think I'm mistaken then you obviously are under-informed on this debacle. I suggest you invest some time in getting the entire story .

Thank you for your time

[REDACTED] 336 [REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 6:26 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Feedback

Why can't we have all lanes of travel free to all drivers from 485 to Statesville, since it's a main thoroughfare from SC to Virginia. Just having additional lanes would ease the traffic flow. It's not necessary to have toll roads to make this happen and, in fact, the tolls will create a hardship for anyone who travels regularly between Mooresville and Charlotte. It will be too expensive to use, create additional traffic, cause more accidents and will only benefit a foreign company. If there is a compromise, start and end the toll road at 485S to Charlotte area. Charlotte voted for it, so they can have it. Anyone traveling North of that already has a longer commute and voted against it.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 6:27 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel tolls on i77

Please cancel the toll project on i77. This project is not good for our economy or our roads. Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 6:43 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the I77 toll lane!

The surrounding communities deserve to travel for work and feed this economy with tax dollars without this never ending fee to play!

It's wrong and it separates "haves" and "have nots" even further!

Build the road and REMOVE THE TOLL!

It is already ridiculous that the HOV LANE built and paid for by all tax payers is barely used while hard working taxpayers sit in traffic! It's wrong! Keep the traffic moving Stop the Toll!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:16 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL CINTRA CONTRACT

CANCEL CINTRA CONTRACT NOW PLEASE
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:22 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cinta Partnership and TOLLS on i77

They are devastating to our community.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:21 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cinta Partnership and TOLLS

Cancel the Cinta Partnership and TOLLS on i77. They are devastating to our community. I've own property and businesses between the exits to be affected by the tolls and cannot fathom paying a TOLL to go back and forth within my OWN community!

This contract was INSANE, unfair and an embarrassment for NC government and residents.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:29 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Tollway Feedback

I live in Mooresville, NC and frequently travel I77 into Charlotte.

We absolutely need the highway to be widened to add more lanes and better control traffic ---- however the state entered into a very bad contract from everything I have read.

The contract that is currently in place needs to be canceled and other alternatives for completing the I77 expansion need to be explored.

This has been a very consistent message from my neighbors.

The two big problems with current contract:

- 1) 50 year limitation on expansion of highway and / or alternate routes
- 2) inconsistent cost for traveling on toll lanes

Ultimately we expand I-77 and also complete the light rail line between Mooresville and Charlotte.

Just my two cents.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
704-[REDACTED]

Message sent from iPhone. Please pardon any autocorrects or misspellings.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra Toll contract

This contract is a disaster and will do almost nothing to eliminate the local traffic congestion for those of us living north of Charlotte. It's ridiculous to think that my Toll dollars will go overseas, I'd rather pay tolls to our local economy!

Thank You,

[REDACTED]
704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:14 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Contract

Cancel the contract, please!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:15 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 toll lanes cancellation

Please cancel the Cintra Interstate 77 Toll contract.

Thank you in advance,

[REDACTED]

Resident, Town of Davidson

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA CONTRACT - I-77 Tolls

NCDOT/NCGA CREATING THE PERFECT STORM



The tension and rage will keep building up ... We've seen it on the news often ... these toll lanes will make it worse here ... NCDOT/NCGA are putting our lives at risk daily 1) because of the constant congestion and 2) because of people blowing up because they have been sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic crawling to & from work each day/every day ... weekends too, wasting their gas, wear and tear on their car, tension due to conditions on roadway, getting in trouble or being late AGAIN even though they leave earlier & earlier, late picking up the kids from daycare-costing more money-kids are upset ... TICK, TOCK .. TICK, TOCK - some people will EXPLODE!!!

WE WILL SEE ROAD RAGE LIKE WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE - FAKE SOLUTIONS, LIKE TOLL LANES, WILL NOT HELP! CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT!!!

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT

CINTRA TOLL\$ = FAKE SOLUTION\$

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 8:28 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please cancel this toll project. I can not foresee paying to get into town and back everyday to pick up my granddaughter. Thanks. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 9:17 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA CONTRACT



South Carolina is spending BILLIONS OF DOLLARS right now to upgrade the Port of Charleston and widen/repair/improve SC I-26 ALL TOLL FREE to lure NC Trucking to SC and bypass I-77 & CLT Airport Intermodal (more money/jobs lost & Intermodal could go belly up)!!! Those trucks on I-77 bring BILLIONS OF \$\$ to NC! Greenville will be the Hub NOT Charlotte ... UNBELIEVABLE!!!

And VI LYLES and JENNIFER ROBERTS thought that the CINTRA Contract and discriminatory LEXUS Toll Lanes for the Wealthy was a good idea for our Region! WHAT WERE THEY THINKING - OR ... NOT???

CHARLOTTE ...VOTE THEM OUT ... PLEASE!

We are already seeing businesses moving out of the area because of congestion, unsafe road conditions, toll lanes, etc. we all know people who are planning on selling their homes and leaving the area (and NC) because of the mess this has become! Businesses are not moving in to the area because of this. This is going to get worse! If you had a trucking fleet, where would you send your trucks ... to South Carolina where they are spending BILLIONS OF DOLLARS on SC I-26 & the Port of Charleston to upgrade/widen/repair ... ALL TOLL FREE-CONGESTION FREE ... or NC'S I-77 that is UNSAFE and CONGESTED & being widened with LEXUS Toll Lanes for the Wealthy - toll lanes that the truckers cannot even use ... and after the TOLL LANES OPEN ...I-77 will REMAIN UNSAFE & CONGESTED!

Has anybody thought about this ... Oh that's right NO ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY WAS EVER DONE because the crooks who pushed this (Tillis, McCrory, Berger, Moore, etc) knew that it couldn't be approved if one was ever done!!!

What happens to the CLT Airport Intermodal if trucking bypasses I-77 ... will it go bankrupt too! More money lost/jobs gone!!! What about the BILLIONS OF DOLLARS the trucking industry brings to NC'S economy ... NC'S loss will be SC's gain!

Can you imagine ... Greenville will be THE HUB and not Charlotte (didn't have the brains to think of that CPTR0 - 47% of the VOTE - Vi Lyles)!

CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT ... SHOW CINTRA/I-77 MOBILITY PARTNERS/SUGAR CREEK CONSTRUCTION THE DOOR OUT OF NC (Fire them) AND CONVERT TOLL LANES TO FREE GENERAL PURPOSE LANES!

[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW! No one wants it, we deserve general purpose lanes.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:17 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No tolls!

Cancel the cintra contract now!!!
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Darrin G [mailto:dargar@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:07 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lane

What happened to NCDOT building roads for the benefit of the electorate? Let this proceed and we'll remove everyone we can (just like the governor). This has to go down as the most ridiculous and one sided contract ever signed. How do North Carolinians benefit from this agreement? They don't.

Would state or federal indictments for whatever foolish individuals agreed to this provide a 'loophole' for nullifying this travesty? Maybe that's the best way.

Please get out of the toll lanes now. At any cost.

Thank You

Sunday, August 20, 2017

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:20 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA CONTRACT

SC I 26 VS. NC I 77 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

SC INVESTMENT - I 26	NC INVESTMENT I 77
\$525 M - HARBOR OF CHARLESTON	TOLLS,
\$100 M - HARBOR ACCESS ROAD	TOLLS,
\$480 M - 26 MILES I 26	TOLLS!!!
\$1.3 B - CAROLINA CROSSROADS (MALFUNCTION JUNCTION)*	CONGESTION,
\$300 M - 20 MILES I26	CONGESTION,
\$115 M - AIRPORT EXPANSION	CONGESTION!!!

*SC I 26 Carolina Crossroads handles 134 MILLION vehicles a day- SC investing \$1.3 BILLION; NC I 77 handles 100 MILLION vehicles a day- NC investing in CINTRA Lexus Toll Lanes for the Wealthy guaranteeing endless congestion on I 77 in NC!

SC is heavily investing in SC's infrastructure WITHOUT tolls! SC will lure NC TRUCKING to SC (costing NC BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)!

This is NO longer a Lake Norman problem - this is a STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA problem!!!
I 77 is a VITAL economic artery in NC!!!
NCGA, CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT!!!

NC cannot afford to lose the trucking industry to SC! I-77 is a VITAL economic artery in NC!
CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT

[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:25 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA CONTRACT



**Ah the I77 LEXUS Toll Lanes for the
Wealty are costing NC taxpayers \$38
MILLION PER MILE to build!!!**

I think EVEN I could do it cheaper!

**Come on Copper &
NCGA ... Time to cut bait
and CANCEL THIS
TERRIBLE CONTRACT!!!**

This project ... experiment ... nightmare ... needs to stop! It has been one bad decision after another ... starting with the lies and deceit the suspected corruption ... the GREED ... I could go on and on but I always end up with
- CANCEL THE CINTRA CONTRACT!

[REDACTED]
Huntersvilke, NC

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 7:39 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the toll contract!

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Fox [mailto:lindagfox4@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 7:48 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

Cancel the cintra contract now
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 7:57 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll road

I would like to see the toll road contract canceled completely. I believe I 77 should be widened but not made into a toll road. The contract, as it was written, is to the disadvantage of everyone in NC and should never have been agreed to. Objections have been raised repeatedly and ignored. The freeway should have been widened long ago but it will fail as a toll road. Listen to the people!

[REDACTED]
Iredell county

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:06 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: HOT Lanes, I-77

Please give some real consideration to the economic impact of this project. It will have a devastating effect on the Lake Norman area specifically and to the state in general. What a terrible idea.

Seven hundred million dollars and congestion will not be relieved, what could possibly be good from this?

I know, reliable travel time, that's all...give me a damn break!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:31 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Cc: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 contra contract

Cancel the I 77 contra contract. We do not want toll roads.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:33 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel Cintra

Cancel the Cintra Contract. Why do cities like Greensboro have more lanes than Charlotte and there is no tolls. This is ridiculous. Why do you have a 24 hour HOV lane...ridiculous too. If that hardly used HOV lane was not put in and the money to put it into a 3rd lane to the lake...we would not be having these problems.

Irritated,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chantal Bilodeau [mailto:chantalb623@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:49 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel this contact

Nobody wants toll roads!!! Cancel this contract!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: █

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:50 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject:

Cancel the Cintra contract. As a person who drives on 77 every day, I am wholly opposed to the toll lame contract as it exists.,id rather pay higher taxes to have it cancelled than to have the contract remain.

-----Original Message-----

From: █

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:56 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel Cintra contract

Please cancel the Cintra contract now. It was a horribly negotiated contract that has harmed Lake Norman immensely.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 9:33 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Charlotte nc

Please cancel this horrid cintra contact now..

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 9:40 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel this project!!!!

Cancel the I-77 toll project NOW. We don't want it, nor do we need it. We already pay some of the highest road use taxes in this country via our gas taxes. USE THAT MONEY FOR WHAT IT IS INTENDED!

Yes, we need I-77 widened, but we do NOT need or WANT a toll road to accomplish this. Input from the public was not taken into consideration before this contract was signed - it was all done basically behind closed doors by corrupt politicians who are now out of office or retired.

And launch an investigation into that - find out how much of a kickback was promised to those politicians who put this nightmare in action. This project will have long-reaching negative impacts to that region if it continues - including pushing a lot more traffic onto secondary roads to avoid the tolls. The company the contract is with has a horrible reputation and we do NOT need to be contractually obligated to them - period.

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 9:53 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra Contact

Please cancel the I77 Cintra contract NOW This contract was a WRONG decision from the start.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]
704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 10:22 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the I-77 Centra contract

Respectfully I would you to cancel this disastrous contract. We do need to improve this road but putting in toll lanes is not the way. Please top this mess by canceling the contract!!!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 10:25 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

Absolutely one of most ineffective and inefficient uses of money on a road project. I77 is an absolute nightmare 😊

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 11:17 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a citizen of NC and live in Charlotte. I urge you to cancel the Cintra contract ASAP.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 11:38 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

“Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!”

Carol Christensen

Charlotte, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 11:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract now

I heard that we have a chance to voice opinions with regard to cancelling this terrible idea called a toll lane on I-77. Count me in on saying "Cancel".

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 11:55 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please cancel cintra contract

Please cancel the cintra contract. It is going to make our home a less desirable place.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Feedback

Let me make it simple, CANCEL THAT CONTRACT NOW! I cannot believe that all this time has past and no one in Raleigh could see that this method of financing the widening of I-77 was bad for the Lake Norman residents and even more so for the state of North Carolina. Before construction started I sent a letter to then Governor McCrory asking him to cancel the contract. I didn't even get the respect of a form letter from someone in his department thanking me for taking the time to voice my opinion. I did what I said I would do though, I voted against him crossing party lines to vote for Governor Cooper who at least has enough courage to have an independent study of the contract performed. Kudos to Governor Cooper.

We live in Mooresville and have suffered through I-77 for many years and it has only gotten worse. On August 14th it took me 2.5 hours to get home due to an accident that seems to be a regular occurrence on this highway. On the evening of August 19th just before 8:00 pm traffic totally stoppd heading south at exit 33. This is a Saturday night! If you must do a toll road, give us one free lane, PLEASE. Let the state run the toll lane not an outside company looking to make a profit. We have one of the highest gas taxes in the nation. Where is that money going? Oh yeah, to keep widening I-85. It is time for someone in

Raleigh to admit this was an easy out for them when looking for financing to widen 77 and say this was a big screw-up on our part and we need to make it right.

Lastly, until the roadwork is completed would you please restrict vehicles with more than two axles to the right lane. They can't keep pace with the traffic and only cause the backup to be worse especially when it stops which is constant.

One other thing to mention. If the state would crackdown on the number of vehicles on the road with expired NC tags maybe they would have more money for road projects. I have plenty of time to see this when sitting stopped on I-77 each day. Why don't the law enforcement. Just a thought.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:18 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: i77 Feedback

I am against the toll lanes. Reasons:

General purpose lane would allow traffic to disburse over a larger area.

It would be easier to enter i77 because cars can better move left. Much safer.

Far left lane could be designated "express lane" for occupancy two or more. Worked well when we had it before. Toll lanes are discriminatory. We are senior citizens, the toll prices will be out of reach for us so we are relegated to the lanes designed to be congested.

Express toll lanes drivers will have to cross the general purpose lanes designed to be congested to exit. safety concern. dangerous idea. road rage when they can't move over. Toll lanes will become congested. look at the plans. Won't work.

Trucks can use either of the two right lanes - guaranteed congestion. Toll lanes not an alternative because of problem trying to exit. Again - bad design, bad result.

Has this design concept ever been used on any other road? Results?

Fifty years non compete on added capacity on other north/south roads. Fifty years ago Elvis married Priscilla, OJ played for USC, the six day war, riots in Detroit, Vietnam protest, sgt pepper, Charlotte's population in 1980 was 315,4, today its about a million, where will it be in fifty years, a ver bad contract.

Thanks for reading it all.

[REDACTED]

Corneliue, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 and Cintra.

To who ever reads this,

I implore you with all I can to cancel this contract. It is not good for our state or for working people. It will make my daily commute to and from Charlotte unbearable. It would cost nearly 10% of my family income to drive on the toll lanes 5 - 6 days a week.

Thanks for any consideration,

[REDACTED]

Mooresville tax paying, voting citizen.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:30 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract NOW

As a Lake Norman citizen, the toll lane project has affected me deeply, not only as a commuter into uptown Charlotte for my job (takes me an hour on a good day to go one way of 27 miles), but also as a taxpayer. The citizens of LKN were screwed over by this back room deal by the State as well as local government with no opportunity for us to voice our opposition to a "done deal".

Fact, the toll lanes will not significantly reduce congestion.

Fact, the toll lanes (charging outrageous and uncappable toll charges) only benefit a corrupt foreign company and not the citizens to which you serve.

Fact, you have made this central corridor of travel a deathtrap by allowing sub par construction take precedence over safety of your citizens.

I could go on about how further we were hosed by our state government (funds from our gas tax were "reallocated"; widening of 77 with general pupose lanes should have gone through the state's Strategic Transportation Initiative scoring system that most likely put the project in the top 10% of all projects, and would have outscored over twenty projects that are currently slated

to receive funding to name JUST TWO OF MANY egregious issues), but i wont since you know them very well.

You should be ashamed of how poorly you serve the citizens in this area. It's disgusting.

Cancel the Cintra contract NOW and start serving the citizens fairly.

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 12:35 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA toll lane contract feedback

The NCDOT must listen to the VOTERS of Mecklenburg county and Lake Norman and CANCEL the illegal CINTRA toll lane project. Do it NOW before anyone else is injured or killed by the careless and dangerous construction habits of the contractors!

Sincerely, [REDACTED], Huntersville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 1:06 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: TOLL ROAD

Please please please stop the toll road project. It has created havoc for ANY who have to travel I - 77 as well as, and most importantly, a dangerous stretch of highway. I have lived in Mooresville for 20+ years and have NEVER experienced such a horrible commute, whether it is 5 or 20 miles away.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: cd1013@aol.com [mailto:cd1013@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 2:28 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

-----Original Message-----

From: Ben [mailto:bksn@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 2:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

I was never given a chance to object. No voice! I never have been and never will be in favor of the Cintra contract/toll road on I-77. Cancel the contract now!

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 3:09 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract now!

Thank you,
[REDACTED]
NC homeowner, taxpayer, and i77 driver

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 3:30 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: toll lanes

PLEASE CANCEL CINTRA TOLL RODES NOW!!!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 3:35 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Pleeeeeze cancel the Cintra contract!

Hi there! Not sure why NC would hire a foreign company that was reaping all financial benefits of an Interstate toll in the first place, word on the streets is that someone was paid off big time on that one!

Please keep our money local!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 3:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract!

I write to express my opposition to the Cintra contract for I 77.

I - like so many others in the public and in our business community ask that you completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Davidson, NC 28036

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 3:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra Contract Now Please!!!

Dear NCDOT,

Please cancel the Cintra contract NOW. This is a disaster for the tax paying citizens of the Lake Norman area.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 4:20 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Contra contract cancellation.

To whom it may concern,

The contract was never in the best interest of ALL local citizens. The only course of action should be complete cancellation of the contract.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Cornelius NC resident

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 5:37 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Contra contract

Cancel the Contra contract !
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 6:51 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Terminating the Cintra contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!" it will harm our business. This is not acceptable at all.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 6:58 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 toll

Sir

There is no need to have a toll.

You should cancel the toll idea all together There is no benefit to this at all.

I lived in Florida for 15 years.

They said that once they pay the cost of the road they will remove the toll. So far they have paid for the toll road probably 5 times over and still the toll is there

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Sorry for any typos

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:06 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cintra Contract

Cancel the Cintra contract now!!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:22 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel Cintra contract

Please cancel the contract with Cintra to build toll lanes on I-77. This won't give us what we need in the long term, and there are much better alternatives.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

Huntersville

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:30 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll lanes

Please cancel the toll lanes!

We pay taxes for our roads, don't double charge us!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:32 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW – Lake Norman should not be punished with toll roads when the south got the widening first and went over budget. Toll roads for all or none – fair is fair...

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 8:48 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the toll

No one is in favor and it's not going to help the issues we face every day.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 9:40 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: NO TOLLS

Completely cancel the ridiculous I77 Cintra contract NOW!!!
Do the right thing for our state!!!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 9:41 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra completely

Dear NCDOT folks,

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW. Hate driving through Charlotte to see my sister on SE side. This will NOT help. [REDACTED]

Monday, August 21, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 7:55 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: toll lanes

As a citizen, I say completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW! Thank you.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:09 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Cancel Cintra contract now. No tolls

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:20 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 cancellation

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lane Project

Cancel the Cintra Contract NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If not, we'll be dealing with them for 50 years. That's crazy.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:45 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll lanes

To Whom It May Concern:

It is hard to know where to start when expressing my displeasure with the I-77 toll lane project. I never really heard anything about it until it was a done deal. Then as the details of the deal trickled out, I was shocked and furious. I can't believe our state gave a contract to a Spanish company when there are plenty of North Carolinians who need jobs. But, even worse, were the terms of the deal. The state GAVE AWAY lanes that my taxes paid for. The state has to pay a penalty if Cintras does not make their projections. REALLY??? And the tolls are beyond staggering. I am totally opposed to this project. Because of the construction, I have found it impossible to travel from my home in Mooresville to Huntersville. Guess what? I've learned to live without it. I want to be clear that I will NEVER use the toll lanes. I know many people who feel that same. Just look at the toll lane near Raleigh to Chapel Hill. Deserted. Imagine the fees the state will be paying over FIFTY years. I'm not sure what the buy-out would be now, but I suspect it is a steal compared to what our leaders signed us up for. Please think of the good of the people when making this very important decision.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28115

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:51 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Toll lanes

Cancel the toll lane project!

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:19 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Feedback for Cancelling Toll Road

To whom it may concern

As a commuter that uses NC highway I 77 I find that this toll construction has been disruptive and harmful for months now. I have had nails in my car tires

“Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!”

[REDACTED]

Horticultural Director

[REDACTED]

"Creating one sustainable garden oasis at a time"

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:29 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Tolls-cancel

The I-77 toll contract is wrong in both principle and practice. I respectfully request that you, as a governing body on behalf of the citizens of this region, perform your collective moral duty to cancel this Citra contract completely and immediately. PLEASE CANCEL THE CITRA CONTRACT NOW!!!

If you need me, you can find me at the voting booth.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Taxpayer

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:56 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Opposition to I-77 Toll Road

I am very much opposed the to toll lanes as proposed on I-77. I will NEVER use them so I will be forever stuck in the traffic on I-77 along with all of the commercial traffic. I feel very sorry for anyone who has to commute on 77 on a daily basis. From what I have read, toll roads similar to the proposed I-77 project do not have a good track records as far as being any benefit to the public. I certainly do not want to bail out Cintra in the future when these lanes prove to be unprofitable for them. I believe it is the mandate of the NCDOT to work for the public good. The NCDOT should undertake cancelling the contract with Cintra and finishing the project—cancellation of the contrat will, in the long run, save the taxpayers money, truly relieve the congestion on I-77 and reduce the number of accidents.

[REDACTED]

Iredell County Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 11:08 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 lanes

Please cancel the Cintra contract. The toll lanes are singling one part of the Charlotte area.

The 50 year moratorium will further complicate what is already an untenable situation.

It also threatens the integrity of the interstate highway system by creating a bottleneck.

Please do what you can to rescue the situation.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 12:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77

The contract is terrible for NC.

All the Northern towns this directly affects voted NO! Poor quality concrete that will not withstand truck traffic will not withstand 50 YEARS of car traffic either. WHY would NCDOT agree to a 50 YEAR, no construction clause? Taxes have ALREADY been paid for this road. Where is the money? WHY only 1 lane further north? This is the area that sees the most traffic and daily back ups already occur starting at exit 33 Southbound. One lane will not help. CINTRA has a terrible track record. I believe most people are not opposed to the idea of a toll road, but THIS CONTRACT stinks. CANCEL IT or FIX IT.

[REDACTED]
Davidson, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:01 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

[REDACTED]
Charlotte

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 2:02 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra

I urgently request that the I-77 toll road be cancelled. I voted one governor out because of this. Will vote out any politician that supports this toll road.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208 USA

tel. +1.704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 2:16 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra contract PLEASE!!

The I-77 Cintra deal is a huge mistake that is not likely to relieve congestion. Please find a way to cancel it! It will cost some to cancel, but it's the right thing to do in the long-run.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Huntersville, NC 28078

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 2:37 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop Cintas Tollway

Please do the right thing for the citizens that use I77 daily and stop the tollway. We need a road expansion that everyone can use... including interstate transport. The contract will make it impossible for much needed road expansion in Lake Norman communities.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 5:06 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel 77 toll project

To whom it may concern,

Please stop this crazy train and cancel the contract with Cintra Construction. Trust me-we do not oppose widening our highway, but the underhanded way this was brought about along with their ability to set ridiculously high and ever-changing fees to travel our highway is outrageous! There MUST be another way!

Sincerely,

A concerned Lake Norman Citizen and business owner, [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 6:15 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract

This contract does not solve our growing traffic problem. It is a government-granted monopoly. There is no support for it and the towns/cities most affected hate it.

[REDACTED]
(704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 6:18 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

Hi to whom it may concern. People like me please cancel 1 77 toll lanes.

Mooreville huntersville. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 7:03 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: No toll road please!

It's not a sensible option! Cancel the Cintra contract please!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 8:08 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel I77 Toll Contract
NCDOT Leaders:

I live in Mooreville NC and commute to downtown Charlotte each day to my job to work and provide for my family. I cannot afford to pay tolls to have the luxury not to set in traffic in order reduce my commute time to work. I like you have bills to pay Taxes, mortgage, insurance, education expenses, medical bills etc. I need every dollar I earn to support my family.

I like thousands of other taxpayers, for the last 3 years, have been protesting, emailing, attending meetings, voting to CANCEL the contract. How long and how many times must we demand action? Northern Mecklenbury/Iredell county voted against Pat McCorry for his reluctance to fix this debacle.

I'm urging you once again to cancel the contract immediately.

Thank you for your support.
[REDACTED]

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 6:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Feedback

Good morning. I'd like to add my voice to those opposing the CINTRA toll contract. I am a registered voter and tax payer and am very much against the CINTRA toll contract. I drive on I77 daily and feel as if

I take my life in my hands every time. There are accidents daily, some fatal or resulting in permanent disability for those involved. I am considering moving out of state if this toll contract is not cancelled, but not before voting in the next major elections.

Please cancel the CINTRA contract ASAP!

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 7:59 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: 77 Toll Project Should be Canceled

I wanted to send a note to express my deep frustration over the 77 toll lane project and how ridiculous this is as a solution to the traffic nightmare on I-77.

I work in a corporate office off exit 32 with almost 5k people who all seem unified in our disdain for this project and are vowing not to use these lanes (even if we could afford it).

Imagine the public backlash when the "solution" solves nothing with regard to the traffic nightmare. I've lived in Charlotte my entire life and have literally never seen a more unified disapproval a project on a local level.

Please listen to the people and cancel this ill-considered option for expansion of 77 and provide a viable solution for all not just those elite few you would benefit from this.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:48 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel Cintra Contract

NCDOT,

Please cancel the Cintra contract. The people of the Charlotte area DO NOT want toll lanes. It shouldn't be that hard to change them to regular lanes of traffic. This is ridiculous! I will never pay to use these roads. Never. It will just make things worse. Leave it to a government agency to make a bigger mess of something than it already is. Sad.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Cornelius Area Native

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:19 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Tolls!

Completely cancel the Cintra till contract! It's caused too many accidents and frustration.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:30 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

Cancel the complete contract! Please!

[REDACTED]

(717) [REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:52 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra contract!!

This contract makes no sense!! Cancel the Cintra contract!!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:13 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract

This contract makes no sense

Completely cancel the Cintra contract

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:32 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 Toll Roads

Please cancel the toll road project. This is not beneficial to Mecklenburg county or travelers. We pay the highest taxes in NC and we have the worst roads now you want us to pay a foreign country a toll and give away our land in the deal. This was a shady deal and the Centra contract needs to be cancelled. We are a victim in the deal and someone's pockets got lined with monies.

Also the amount of time I have spent in traffic has impacted my quality of life as well the wear and tear on my car due horrible road conditions not to mention business loss due to traffic and continuous road delays.

Not good for NC.

Regards, [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:54 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll roads

Kill the toll project for I 77. We don't want it.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:17 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lane Project

I believe we should get out of this toll lane project and cut our losses. It would have been better to widen I77 and make all lanes free. To be locked into this for 50 years and not be able to widen I77, just does not make sense. The only people who will benefit from the toll lanes are the ones who can afford to pay the tolls. The rest of us will be locked into even greater gridlock than there is now. Do the right thing, and get out of this project ASAP.

[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:19 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel contract

Cancel and compensate for work already done.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 7:21 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cintra contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract immediately!!!
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:14 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 tolls.....

This toll project has been ridiculous from get go...and a waste of money from something that could have been done years ago...a large portion of Mooresvilles section of 77 was dug up and changed when exits were added for ex35 and ex31 not more than 7 yrs ago, now they have been dug up again!...i lived in NJ, King of the toll roads, and never have seen such bs like this project being thrown around and a deal with a bankrupt company to boot!...just finish widening to 3 lanes and scrap the tolls please, it's an embarrassment to the state already!...

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:05 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please cancel I 77 project

This project is a disaster. Please cancel it!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 new lanes

Hello,

I wanted to provide you some feedback on the I77 expansion in North Charlotte.

- It's well over due – the traffic on 77 is terrible and I am delighted that action has been taken to expand the road
- I wish that the expansion had gone to a logical conclusion north to I40
- This will keep all of the “parked cars and trucks” that now occupy the left lane into the new middle lane
- I love the fact that I have an option to use the lanes or not
- I strongly suggest that you continue the sound walls to block the view of drivers of lake Norman, thus resolving “lake effect traffic”
- I already have my white toll box on all of my cars
- When will you announce a tentative opening date?

Thank you for making I77 great again!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

980- [REDACTED]

919- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Statesville, NC 28625

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:37 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

c: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:47 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Supply Office

[REDACTED]

c: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:47 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

c: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:48 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Regional Sales Manager

[REDACTED]
c: 704. [REDACTED]

Sent via [Outlook](#) IOS for iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:48 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
c: 704. [REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook](#) IOS for iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:49 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Thank you,

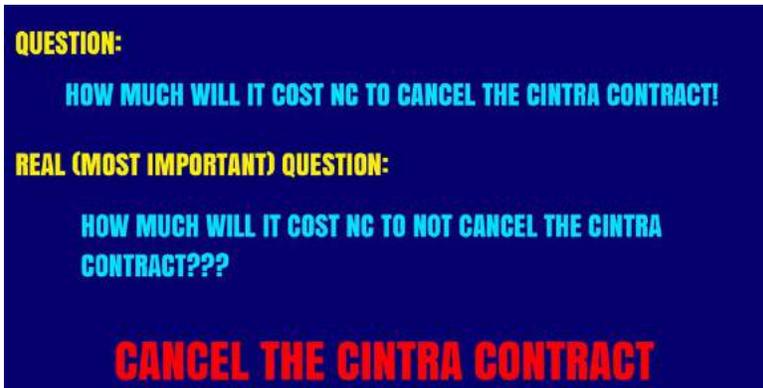
[REDACTED]
Supply Office

[REDACTED]
c: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:53 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CINTRA CONTRACT/I77 Tolls

What will the cost be if we DO NOT cancel the CINTRA Contract: negative impact on our home values, businesses/jobs leaving the area (already happening), long-time homeowners selling their homes and leaving the area, SC getting ready to clean NC'S clock by luring I77 trucking industry to SC I-26 (SC has spent BILLIONS of \$\$\$ to widen, repair, expand I-26 - WITH NO TOLLS) - I77 will continue to be unsafe & congested for the next 50 years & TOLLED!, Greenville will become THE HUB NOT CLT., etc.!



-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 7:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: cintra

Please completely cancel the Cintra contract!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback on Mercator Report regarding I-77 Contract

As requested, feedback is provided below from the draft Mercator Report on I-77 Express lanes:

This project will not solve congestion, but instead is dependent on it for express lane use to hit revenue projections necessary for foreign investors whose interests are not aligned with North Carolina citizens. The additional financial burden on local tax payers was never adequately considered, nor was this effective use tax approved by elected officials representing predominately impacted constituents. Leveraging congestion as a revenue generating model should not be used as funding source unless other there are insurmountable barriers limiting a reasonable level of adequacy. For example, a lack of available ROW without massive imminent domain or diminishing return of additional expansion due to volume of existing general purpose (GP) lanes commiserate with other major

metropolitan areas. None of these apply to this corridor of I-77 and GP lanes should be brought to a minimum level of adequacy prior to any express lane implementation. Having sections of the corridor that would be 50% tolled without the proper baseline for a metropolitan area of this size is the biggest single project flaw that could be easily addressed.

Since prior transportation bodies involved project programing may not have been aware of ramifications or liberties they granted to other agencies involved, I will call out specific excerpts to call attention to from this document. The public has been loud and clear in opposition and this report helps clarify facts objectively with next steps available for termination and project modification.

Example of why this project will continue to be a financial burden as tax payers are on the hook to cover any shortfalls in operating revenue:

“The Private Partner can request up to \$12 million per year from NCDOT if the projected annual net revenue after payment of operating expenses is not sufficient to pay scheduled debt service on the PABs and the TIFIA loan.” Pg. 16

Example of why this P3 structure is a fleecing of NC tax payers with primary beneficiary being private investors and backstop for USDOT TIFIA loan.

“The primary beneficiaries of the DRAM are the investors who purchased \$100 million of tax-exempt private activity bonds (PABs) and USDOT, the lender for the \$189 million TIFIA loan.” Pg. 16

Example of why this project is not in the best interest of NC citizens, local and state governing bodies limiting improvement over an expansive 50 year horizon without financial compensation:

“Under the CA, the Private Partner is permitted to seek compensation from NCDOT for lost toll revenue and/or increased costs attributable to certain transportation improvements (defined as Unplanned Revenue Impacting Facilities) that are built and opened to traffic during the term of the agreement.” Pg. 17

This project has not considered a forward looking view of changing transportation trends that could be at risk during a 50 year horizon. Charlotte is becoming an intermodal regional hub with massive intermodal projects providing connectivity with a major airport along with rail and freight providing distribution regionally. Given changing consumer purchasing dynamics, “last mile” service with shortened distribution delivery projections will continue to increase freight volume. The current scope of this project limits just two general purpose lanes in sections of this project that are already beyond capacity. This hampers mobility for both local, regional and truck traffic including those traveling in “Express Lanes” as they ingress / egress and encounter newly created bottlenecks specifically at interchanges that are the gateways to local communities. Additional risks not considered include the environmental impact of idling diesel trucks due to congestion or impacts of emerging technology such as intelligent assisted vehicle travel.

“Many individuals and jurisdictions expressed concerns about trucks causing accidents and traffic backups in the general purposes lanes, particularly in those sections of I-77 with only two general purpose lanes in each direction.” Pg. 30

The following statement provides some backdrop to frustration but goes much beyond this, as the public took it upon itself to create own grass roots movements as public input was all but ignored during

as the project took shape. Further compounding this was that impacted citizens did not have adequate representation in any voting body given the weighting of votes on CRTPO.

“Much of the public frustration with the Express Lanes Project can be attributed to the limited opportunity for public input during the project development period.” Pg. 39

Public opposition intensified providing clear warnings and requests to be addressed before financial close. These requests by all local bodies in the project corridor were not detailed in this report and should be added for full context of the opposition at a time when there was no financial obligation. Instead close was accelerated and entered a period of silence and no transparency even as similar projects nationwide gave reason for pause.

The following bodies adopted resolutions against the project prior to financial close due to significant concerns: Cornelius (May 4, 2015), Huntersville (May 11, 2015), Mooresville (May 18, 2015), Mecklenburg County (May 19, 2015), Iredell County (May 19, 2015).

On May 20, 2015 Financial close occurred amidst the largest crescendo of unanimous opposition throughout the project corridor and by all officials that were the only true elected representation of impacted constituents both at local and state legislative level.

Note: Davidson passed similar resolution after financial close on June 16, 2015. Other grass roots movements continued to intensify locally including business, LKN chamber of commerce and other citizen initiated town halls as projects across the country experienced issues such as bankruptcy or reevaluation of project merits and financial considerations.

“When questions and concerns were raised about the P3 approach, the response from NCDOT was often inadequate. Members of the public frequently cite the fact that NCDOT did not provide any formal response to suggestions and questions submitted by local jurisdictions in early 2016 and it did not disclose any findings from a meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation held after the SH 130 Concession Company filed for bankruptcy protection.” Pg. 39

The amount of drain public opposition has caused on agencies involved, local government agencies, private citizens and elected officials from town halls to the governor’s office are beyond measure. Without significant changes, continuing down the same path will continue to be a major distraction for the NCDOT, CRTPO, local and state agencies and politicians for the next 50 years. Citizens took public input into their own hands when it was all but ignored, and it has been loud and clear opposition to the current approach.

“A potential justification for terminating the CA and completing the Express Lanes Project with public funding or financing is the need to be responsive to concerns that continue to be expressed by elected officials at the local, county and state level about the P3 arrangement. It would be difficult to find a major construction project that does not have some opposition, but sustained resistance by public officials to a project under construction is somewhat unusual.” Pg. 43

- a. Terminate the Comprehensive Agreement and complete the Express Lanes Project using public funding or financing as it becomes available.
- b. Terminate the Comprehensive Agreement and allow CRTPO to determine whether express lanes should remain in the transportation plan or be replaced or supplemented with other improvements based on available resources.

- c. Negotiate modifications to the project scope and/or the terms of the CA, such as:
- Deferring or eliminating tolling of certain lanes,
 - Reducing the financial impact on frequent users,
 - Revising the truck restrictions to allow larger vehicles that can use the express lanes safely,
 - Encouraging greater use of the express lanes by allowing HOV-2 for some period of time, or
 - Modifying the compensation provisions for unplanned revenue impacting facilities.
- d. Work with CRTPO to identify and advance additional improvements to address mobility issues in the corridor.
- e. Develop preliminary plans to negotiate and finance the purchase of the Express Lanes Project after completion.” Pg. 43

In summary, this report lays out a clear framework to adopt a new strategy with input by local stakeholders citing examples other states have used to wisely change course given reason for concern. I would strongly encourage NCDOT to deploy **Option A** listed above immediately. The state should assume project completion or negotiate with the concessionaire to complete with major modifications including ***Elimination of tolling of certain lanes.*** Specifically the project scope should be reduced to a single express lane throughout the corridor, accompanied with an additional purpose lane. This would retain a reasonable accommodation for encouraging HOV (2+) and transit vehicles in addition to certainty of travel for those willing to pay. The state should assume oversight of the tolling component of the express lanes through the NC Turnpike Authority with strict guiding framework and policy on pricing and implementation that is consistent statewide. The project should be funded through normal programing taking advantage of possible expansion of transportation infrastructure funding occurring with new administration and DOT secretary. Toll revenue could be used to supplement as a local match to federal and state dollars or as debt service on issued bonds covering any remaining shortfall after buyout and project completion. Any incremental revenue should remain solely in the project corridor for future improvement needs (ie: future Lake Norman causeway expansion and interchange / exit improvements) without any limitation on additional expansion or changes in transportation trends during the long term horizon.

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:01 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract

Please build an interstate, not a toll road.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Thursday, August 24, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:28 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 contract

Cancel the contract NOW!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:41 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract!

Completely cancel the 77 contract!

[REDACTED]
Cornelius NC 28031
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 5:04 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 6:44 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the tolls!

Stop the toll roads NOW! This is our state, our country, our roads!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 6:51 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the contract

Completely cancel the Cintra contract now!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:57 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: now!

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!"

[REDACTED]

10977 heritage green dr, Cornelius, nc 28031

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:10 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 HOT Lane Project

The hotline project is not sustainable. What money it does draw from the public is removed from the state economy forever. By design it will NOT relieve congestion. (This is the primary consideration in all road projects). It is fundamentally dangerous with the merge zones and will force traffic on to Neighborhood Streets. It is flawed on every level.

Cancel the contract, provide one general purpose Lane, convert one lane to HOV or HOT.

Thank you for thoughtful consideration

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:11 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: CANCEL I-77 TOLL LANES CINTRA CONTRACT

CANCEL THE I-77 TOLL LANE CONTRACT WITH CINTRA. NOW!!!! That's my FEEDBACK. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:41 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Contra contract

Please cancel contract with Cintra it is a bad deal for residents of Lake Norman. Traffic backups are routine due to wrecks on 77

Terrie

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:08 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel I77 Tolls

Cancel the tolls nobody wants them nobody is going to use them just like nobody uses hov lane Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:59 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Contract

To whom this may concern,

I-77 North goes from 5 lanes down to 2 lanes in the most congested part of the highway in Huntersville. This creates a bottle neck that could be solved by a less aggressive merging pattern. The express lanes are not going to remedy this issue.

As a whole, the express lanes are a poor solution to the congestion north of Charlotte and will continue to drive people away from the area. The city and town need to be able to plan for future growth and the contract restricts any improvements that would take away from Cintra's profits. This is absurd and the contract should be completely canceled as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen in Huntersville

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:01 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 77 toll road contract

Please cancel. It was a bad contract when it was signed and things are even worse. It is not going to help relieve traffic

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:48 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I oppose toll lanes on 77, and will remember Republican politicians with disgust as long as lanes exist

My opposition is based on the following oped :

How many people know the differences between "toll lanes" and "toll roads?"

While both concepts charge travelers, they are VERY different in their fee structure and in their intentions.

"Toll roads" are usually long-distance roads located in rural areas. They are not used for daily commuting. Each type of vehicle on the toll road pays the same set toll, which is usually pennies per mile. Think of I-77 in West Virginia for example. It costs each car \$6 to travel 52+ miles no matter what time of day or how much traffic there is. Toll road fees are structured to pay for construction and maintenance only, NOT to generate profits for the managing agency. Thus, fees are relatively low and affordable to all who use the road.

By contrast, "toll lanes" are added onto existing roads in urban areas that are usually congested. Toll lanes create a two-tiered system of travel lanes – congestion-free toll lanes for passenger vehicles willing to compete with each other to pay the highest tolls, and, the continuing congested general purpose lanes that all other passenger vehicles and all trucks must remain in. Tolls are based on demand and they can quickly approach a \$1 per mile or more in cost. This is equal to many thousands of dollars per year for daily commuting. Due to the high tolls, the vast majority of drivers cannot afford to use them. This is why they have earned the nickname, "Lexus Lanes." Those unwilling or unable to pay the high tolls, plus virtually all commercial vehicles are not allowed to use the toll lanes. So they remain trapped in ever-increasing congestion. Think of all the people we live and work amongst. Some can easily afford thousands more to commute, but the vast majority of our families, friends, co-workers and neighbors cannot.

How is this okay? These lanes are public lanes built with public money on public land, yet only those with better resources can afford to use them.

The toll lane promoters claim that everyone can use them, and that using them is simply a "choice" based on who wants faster travel times and who is not in a hurry.

That is an intentionally misleading statement.

Why? The federal government requires that toll lanes guarantee a minimum speed limit. This works to the tolling operators benefit. To achieve that minimum speed requirement, toll lane operators must regulate and restrict access to the lanes so that travel speeds do not decrease below a certain threshold. This is accomplished by increasing toll fees when demand increases to the point that only about 5-8% of drivers can afford to use them, which limits access. The toll company benefits by doing so because higher toll prices per vehicle equates to maximum profits. Because the general purpose lanes remain congested and continue to get worse, frustrated drivers are compelled to pay more to escape worsening congestion. The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), an infrastructure industry association has even stated that "the success of the managed toll lanes depends on the operational failure of the adjacent general purpose lanes." So you see....toll lane operators want you to be forced into a corner. They call this a "free market" solution, when actually it is government-authorized gouging.

Meanwhile adding insult to injury, the cost to use these lanes does not stop at the lanes. Here are the current fees being charged in Toronto by the same company to manage our I-77 toll lanes.

Monthly Transponder Lease Fee.....	\$3.90
Annual Transponder Lease Fee.....	\$23.50
Returned Payment Fee.....	\$35.00
Dormant Account Fee.....	\$15.00
Enforcement Fee.....	\$20.00
Dispute Appeal Fee.....	\$100.00
Transponder Replacement Fee.....	\$50.00
Account Fee (Camera Recorded Trip).....	\$3.90
Camera Charge (Camera Recorded Trip).....	\$4.10
Trip Toll Charge (In Addition to Actual Toll).....	\$1.00
Unrecognizable Plate Charge.....	\$50.00
Interest Rate (Past Due Accounts) Up To 26% 26%!!!!	

Cintra hopes to take in at least \$30 million per year in tolls. If they do, that is equal to a loss from our local economy equal to 600 jobs, each paying \$50,000 per year. If they don't take in that much, the state has promised to give them \$75 million in tolling subsidies. And if that is not enough, Cintra will default on the \$300 million loan that our state government underwrote and taxpayers will have to pay.

So think about this. As individuals, we either pay through the nose to use these lanes, or we are stuck in traffic for the rest of time. 50 years. And, our local economy will also take a big hit. And the entire state is on the hook for an even bigger hit. Thats the mess we are in.

And where do all the profits go?

They do not go to building more roads. Or to adding to the bus fleet. Or to build light rail. They go to investors.

We are also told that for every car using the toll lanes, that means one less car in the general purpose lanes and the reduction benefits general purpose lane travelers. Guess how much? On

the NCDOT website it is stated that the projected speed increase in the general purpose lanes, due to toll lane use, will be.....18%. That means if you are creeping along at 10 mph, you will soon be able to go11.8 mph. Wowie.

Davidson's Mayor John Woods has been a huge proponent of these lanes. At least one other candidate for office in Davidson is a proponent as well. On his Facebook page, he states the following:

"I do support toll lanes generally; having used them--and the variable pricing structure--regularly when we lived in SoCal. It just wasn't much of an issue--when a driver wanted the convenience they used them; when they didn't, they didn't. The cost wasn't inappropriate, and was market-based...if the public didn't use the lanes, the price went down--market-driven."

"The cost wasn't inappropriate." Says who?

In California, the "variable pricing structure is \$.25 to \$1.40 per mile. When it is \$.25 per mile, thats in the middle of the night. Who cares. But \$1.40 per mile? Thats equal to \$28 one way Exit 30 to Trade Street in Charlotte. Washington DC has seen prices close to \$2 per mile. One way at rush hour. But, to some folks....the cost isn't inappropriate. Actually....its extortion.

Whoever is elected to Davidson office has a problem with traffic and congestion, both on I-77 and on our surface roads. Some things we can't fix. Others we can. And due to the nature of our geography and current road network, widening I-77 and directing traffic there until alternatives can be built....is the best option. By contrast, choking I-77 with toll lanes is like adding a blood clot to an artery.

Do you want leadership that says extortion is okay? That extortion is not "inappropriate?" Or do you want leadership that stands up to the nonsense and bully tactics of the NCDOT and certain politically aligned politicians? And we will face new challenges in the future too. Will we lay down and be run over, or stand up and demand real solutions that work for everyone, or at least almost everyone. There is a lot of similarity between the I-77 toll lane issue and the development issues in Davidson. Both are related to growth. On all accounts, our leadership, both local and statewide has failed us.

Please, not only get involved with the Save Davidson local efforts...please contact Governor Cooper and tell him to cancel the I-77 Cintra contract and open up our I-77 with general purpose lanes.

I request the governor to bite the bullet and cancel the contract. We need to negotiate better contracts and we will end up paying the fine sooner or later when they don't make the promised revenue and choose to exit out. Why did NC not have a opt out clause that is beneficial to NC when they wrote this? Who was the fool signing it?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:20 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop Toll Road Contract

Please stop the Toll Road Contract.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:21 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the Cintra Contract

The 50 year restriction will shackle our kids and grandkids from implementing ANY improvements or expansions to accommodate the inevitable growth. That's just crazy.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 1:19 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra i77 contract now

I am a huntersville resident whose children go to school 6 miles north on I77 and the commute takes an hour each way due to this mess you all have instigated.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 1:27 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel Cintra contract

Please change the contract or cancel it.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:07 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop the Cintra Project!

The I-77 Widening Project has been a disaster from the start. Cancel the contract!

[REDACTED]
Davidson, NC

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 4:29 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77

Good afternoon,

For the record, I'm not opposed to toll roads however I'm baffled how we can enter into a 50 year contract with a company who clearly will sell their interest in 15+/- years and who has mutable bankruptcy's against them.

I am also scratching my head over the fact that if we improve HWY's 21 and 115 we pay Cintra for lost revenue??? Really?

I could go on but I'm sure you have heard all this and more before so I'll just say, PLEASE STOP THIS ASAP!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

800-[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To all Veterans, Active Duty Military and First Responders. THANK YOU!!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 4:34 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Tolls

I am writing to express my utter disgust with the debacle that is happening on right now on I-77 in northern Mecklenburg County. Traffic is at a standstill every single day on this particular stretch of highway resulting in huge delays to those of us who live and work in the area. There has been a huge increase in accidents and some of them have been very serious with at least one fatality. There is construction dust and debris on the highway that often causes damage to the cars attempting to travel on I-77 and hinders the vision of drivers.

The contract was entered into without public input or any concern for what problems it would cause to the residents who live in this area. The contract was entered into with a company from Spain (who has filed for bankruptcy on more than one occasion) so that not one dime of the millions of dollars it is costing will stay in the state of North Carolina. It's a 50 year contract which is ludicrous. And we still have absolutely no idea what the daily fee will be to utilize the toll lane. All of the local politicians who live in the Lake Norman area oppose the toll contract. It's sickening that mayor of Charlotte and some city council members supported the toll lane even though they do not live in Lake Norman and do not have to sit on it every day.

The reason that Governor McCrory lost his bid for reelection is because he rushed through a bad contract with no regard to the concerns of the voters who put him in office 4 years ago. The contract should have never been entered into and most definitely should be cancelled. The welfare and safety of the citizens of Lake Norman depend on it. Please do the right thing and cancel this contract immediately.

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Tarle [mailto:btnew3@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 5:08 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: business impact

Dear government leaders,

I am writing to voice my concerns and extreme disappointment with the way this whole situation has been, and continues to be, mishandled.

As a small business owner in Davidson, traffic on I77 has limited my ability to do business beyond a few miles from me, and will continue to do so if there are toll lanes on I77 (built to ensure congestion in the remaining ""free" lanes).

While the rest of the state has had the roads they need, in some cases beyond what they will ever need, the Charlotte area has been ignored. I have paid my taxes here for over 30 years, as many others have, and deserve the ability to drive without paying additionally for the right to use the road.

Exactly where has all the road tax revenue gone from the past 30 years? Why has Charlotte not gotten their share?

I cannot hire additional sales people or designers since my territory is now so severely limited. The long term impact of toll lanes and restrictions on building other roads to alleviate the problems, guarantees limited growth for the area.

I can only hope that the short sighted, spiteful, incompetent people who pushed this plan and signed such a agreement with Cintra will be held accountable. I will certainly sign up for, and/or contribute to any lawsuits that will attempt to accomplish that.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC 28036

Ph: 704-[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 5:29 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback on Draft Report - I77

Please help to remedy the I77 mess by cancelling, buying out, or significantly modifying the Comprehensive Agreement. The situation is greatly affecting our recruiting efforts for viable candidates. We are one of the largest employers in Cornelius, NC and there has been a significant deterrent with the I77 situation.

We want to keep our region a great place to live, work and visit!



-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:21 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: 1-77 tolls

Completely cancel the Cintra contract!

Thanks,



-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Complete & delete

I have moved from Washington DC to the Davidson, NC area.
Please forgo the I77 tolls. I moved here to get away from tolls & traffic. 1. Complete the project.
2. No tolls
3. Cancel the project

I want to remain here, shop and enjoy Charlotte and travel I77 long term, not avoid it.
Cancel the project, please.



Voter, resident of Davidson

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Cc: ahomesuitehome@gmail.com
Subject: Cancel the Contract w Cintra

Dear NCDOT - Secretary James Trodgon, III,

Can we please cancel the Project with Cintra?

-This is a main distribution interstate that is getting abused. Any they will not be able to use the toll lanes

- Major safety concerns: MANY accidents, poor if no signage

- No alternative routes as Vi Lyles - CRTPO in Mecklenburg County Commissioner

- Still no report from previous trip to Texas by McCrory for Nick Tennyson repost on the bankruptcy findings on Cintra. This was 3/2016. Many requests by myself to both via phone and emails.

- The Cintra contract for 50 years directly NEGATIVELY impacts my business

- The Cintra contract on a personal level had me cancel my Hornet NBA, about to sell my Panthers PSL after 22 years, will not drive to Charlotte for dining, theater etc.

- I had a medical emergency two weeks ago, it took me 43 minutes to get two exits!

Ambulance could not get to me and I could not get to the emergency room.

-Thousands of us have written, phone, emailed to have the contract canceled for the past 4 years.

The CONTRACT is an agreement between NCDOT and Cintra that allows Cintra to design, build, and manage the toll lanes for 50 years under a lease.

"Cancel and delete" Do what is right for our area. NCDOT CAN CORRECT THE MISTAKE

Thank you ahead of time for your past and future assistance.

[REDACTED]
704-[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:47 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

Completely cancel the Cintra contract NOW!

There are no positive results to be gained by this plan.
Just go to any other city that has this and you will find grid lock

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 8:26 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 toll lanes- complete and delete contract!

Good Morning!

I hope all is well!

After last night's meeting there isn't a doubt that the I-77 Toll Lane project should continue as such, the tolls will have a devastating negative impact on our town, community, and well being. As present time, I schedule my work around traffic and seldom see my daughter who lives in South Charlotte because of traffic, she does the same, and this will only get worse. People are not going to use these lanes and with the increase in tractor trailer traffic it will get worse than present not better.

Furthermore, this will and is hurting us financially!! My wife is a realtor, we depend on her income tremendously with 2 kids in college, and she has clients she lost who will not buy in this area because of the tolls; it's one of the first question they ask her.

Additionally, I do some traveling and have seen these toll roads first hand in TX and GA. No one uses these lanes because they are too expensive, and traffic is horrible at these locations still; less than 1% of commuters can afford using the toll lanes. In fact the whole system in Dallas has gone bankrupt leaving them to "flip the bill" and absorb a contract that doesn't work for anyone.

Politicians are suppose to represent the well being and wishes of the people they represent, this decision for toll lanes was not made with proper representation "of the people" that is and will. E impacted by that poor decision.

Please COMPLETE THE I-77 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AS GENERAL PURPOSE LANES ONLY AND DELETE THE TOLL LANE CONTRACT.... PLEASE COMPLETE AND DELETE!!!

We do not toll lanes!!!!

Thank you for your time!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 9:55 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 tollway

NCDOT,

I am sending this memo to you to express my concerns about the I77 tollroad since I understand the governor is going to make a decision regarding the tollroad construction in the near future.

I have lived in Mooresville for 19 years and have seen this major artery from the North into Charlotte become one massive traffic jam on a daily basis, strangling our economy and making it miserable to commute to Charlotte or anywhere else along this corridor. New corporate headquarters and housing developments have been built in our community but the corresponding needed infrastructure did not come along to support that growth. Adding toll lanes will not solve the problem but rather just add costs for both individual personal use and for those using the road for needed business travel. We pay gasoline tax for our roads every time we purchase gasoline and the additional lanes should be supported from non-toll sources. Having our local money going to Spain, while at the same time putting an unnecessary burden on our community makes no sense.

The people of NC have been against this project's framework from the start, with it's 50 year obligations, its questionable foreign contractor and the way our state officials forced this toll program on our community. We were deceived by our government officials regarding the cost of getting out of the construction contract and Governor McCrory was voted out of office as a result of his support for this project as a toll road with this contractor. The people in our community will continue to reject anyone in government who does not work to make the additional lanes general purpose lanes without tolls. Many citizens feel the only reason anyone would agree to such an incredibly bad contract is if they have something personal to gain from it.

With the huge push into self driving vehicles, and the unknown effect that will have on traffic patterns in the relatively near future, it does not make sense to put a 50 year obligation into all the mechanisms needed for toll collection. Don't put the this burden on the citizens in our community and this albatross on the backs of our economy and on the backs of the next generation of young people who will live in this community. Eliminate all the toll collecting infrastructure, and its costs, and finish the lanes as general purpose and finance the project from other sources.

[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC 28117

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC 28117

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:15 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Feedback

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:18 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: CANCEL I77 Cintra HOT Contract

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please add my input for the cancellation of the Cintra HOT lane contract.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

North Carolina State Bar Certified Paralegal

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:36 AM

To: Roy Bergquist <rb125@roadrunner.com>; I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: RE: I77 tollway

[REDACTED] - good morning

I'll pass this GREAT note along confidentially to a friend of mine in Washington, who has influence !!!! My friend also never found the past Governor to be impressive and the handling of the bathroom situation was sign of is lack of leadership.

Have a great day [REDACTED]

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To: i77feedback@ncdot.gov

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[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:53 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lane Contract needs to be cancelled

I respectfully submit an appeal to the NCDOT to cancel the contract in place and add the lanes on I77 with the money we have already paid in gas taxes over the last several years. Also, adding sufficient pavement to allow truck to also use the added lanes.

And what ever happened to the report the taxpayers were to received on the visit to Texas investigating the mess down there?

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:08 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 feedback

I would like to see another alternative then a managed lane concept for the stretch of I77 between exit 23 through exit 36. Commerce and life style travel through out these towns make the managed lane concept problematic.

This is not to say that I dislike the managed Lane concept overall, but this particular portion connected so closely with four small towns is my concern.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:15 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel The Contract!

Please cancel the contract with Cintra immediately. It was a poorly done agreement, and will have a long term negative impact on the entire area. I am firmly against it!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:56 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 tolls

Dear NCDOT, I am emailing you in hope that you will cancel this contract with Cintra. The toll lanes will not assist with traffic and will be yet another burden on the regular drivers of the area. It will also cause unnecessary damages to all residents of the great state of NC if the amount Cintra expects to collect isn't collected. This will then have to come from the state's budget. Please cancel this unwanted project and give general purpose lanes.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:04 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I 77 Contra Contact for toll lanes

Hello

I live in the region that is being directly affected by the I-77 toll lane widening. I want to make it clear that just adding toll lanes to this completely over crowded highway will not improve the situation. We need and have paid taxes for general purpose lanes just like the other regions of the state. The state has provided billions of dollars for much less important corridors in the state but have completely overlooked our very fast growing region.

Please do the right thing and cancel the toll contract now and just pay off the current construction costs which would occur anyway; then continue the I-77 with adding general purpose lanes.

This area is part of the largest metro region in NC so feel adding general purpose lanes to I-77 should be paramount for NCDOT.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Jim Trogdon <htrogden@ncdot.gov>; John Fraley <john.fraley@ncleg.net>; Rep. Rena Turner <Rena.Turner@ncleg.net>; Senator David Curtis <David.Curtis@ncleg.net>; I77 Feedback

<i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Stop I-77 Toll Lanes

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Mooresville, NC and drive on I-77 everyday to get to and from work and to take my children to school. I am writing to ask you to please do everything in your power to stop the toll lane project on I-77. The project is fatally flawed and should be canceled. I-77 should be widened with general purpose lanes.

Toll lanes on I-77 will not relieve the intense congestion on I-77 and will have a sever negative economic impact on the area and North Carolina overall. In addition, the restrictions on road development in the area are too restrictive and will further exacerbate and already bad traffic situation in the North Mecklenburg area.

There are options. It is not to late to prevent disaster. I recommend buying Cintra out and completing the project with general purpose lanes (or paying Cintra to complete the project as general purpose lanes only). The buyout is being mischaracterized as a penalty. In fact, we would be paying Cintra for construction they have done...we do get the benefit of the road. Let's fix the problem and widen I-77 with general purpose lanes.

As I stated, I drive this road everyday. I am willing to wait and suffer any additional inconvenience to ensure we don't create a 50 year nightmare. Please stop the toll lane contract and widen I-77 with general purpose lanes. It's the right thing to do for North Carolina.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:12 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Input Regarding I-77 Contract

Good afternoon,

My family and I are 16-year residents of Huntersville, and I've lived in the Charlotte area since 1993. As residents, commuters, taxpayers, and voters, we are writing to ask your support in doing all in your power to address the ill-conceived, poorly-vetted contract with Cintra for the I-77 toll road project.

The Mercator report, released last week, touches on the many reasons that this contract and project need to be addressed. That said, there are many *additional* reasons why this was a poorly conceived and executed deal from the start, not just for the state of North Carolina and its citizens, but particularly for the residents of the area who are forced to use I-77 frequently, if not daily. Among them:

- The admission by many in local governments, since opposition began, that they either did not read or understand the contract and its many restrictions...or...the admission that the promised funds for town road enhancements (i.e. *hush money* or *payoffs*) caused a contract to be signed that had not been fully vetted with all stakeholders.
- The absence of usable parallel roads, due to the geography of the lake area, does not allow us to find alternate routes as I-77 stays congested. Vi Lyles erroneously stated last year that if residents don't like or don't want to pay the tolls, we can instead take other routes. What she and many others fail to understand is that highways 21 and 115 (Statesville Road and Old Statesville Road) are, for the most part, two-lane country roads that simply cannot handle increased traffic and overflow from I-77, and are already near or above capacity most daytime hours.
- The contract's 50-year prohibition of newly constructed parallel roads, or enhancements to the existing parallel roads, without "compensation" to Cintra, is simply idiotic. This provision all but guarantees gridlock in the Lake Norman area through the lives of our children's children!
- I-77 is a primary feeder corridor to the intermodal station near Charlotte Douglas Airport, yet this contract does not allow trucks to use the toll lanes. The result is that the very trucking companies being solicited to use the intermodal facilities are being forced to place their shipments on roads that are *designed to remain congested*, costing them additional money. This makes absolutely no sense!

Yes, as the report states, the tremendous opposition to the project and in particular, the toll aspects, is enough to cancel the contract and assume the financial responsibility now, rather than waiting until Cintra fails and the state is forced to do so anyway. It's not a matter of "if" Cintra will fail, but "when" they will fail.

My wife teaches in Mooresville, so I-77 is her means to work each day. On a teacher's salary, there is no way that we can afford to pay the tolls. The proposed tolls may take as much as an hour's pay each day. Having lived and paid fuel taxes and state income tax annually, only to watch most other areas of the state have their roads needs addressed without the toll component, we are crying "foul" and asking the state to do the right thing and cancel the toll aspects of the contract.

Let the construction be finished, and then have the state assume responsibility for maintenance and operation. As others have already identified, it would be an interesting court challenge if Cintra tries to sue for damages – I'd like to see the truth behind how the contract was let come out in court.

Former governor McCrory failed to respond to my – and most others' – correspondence regarding this matter and his utter disregard for the Lake Norman area's residents and our concerns was demonstrated to be a major factor in his defeat. We're offering today's leaders, including you, the opportunity to take a different tack, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



cc:

Jennifer Roberts, Mayor, City of Charlotte
John Anarella, Mayor, Town of Huntersville

Chuck Travis, Mayor, Town of Cornelius
Vi Lyles, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Charlotte
James Trogdon, Secretary of Transportation, North Carolina
I-77 Feedback, NCDOT

[REDACTED]

Huntersville, NC

Office: 704. [REDACTED]

Cell: 704. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:35 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please listen to the people

The current plan to add HOT Lanes to I-77 in the Lake Norman is a costly, to the residents of the Lake Norman Area, mistake. I work in Cornelius and live in Huntersville.

The area needs to be served by more General Purpose Lanes.

Get out of the Deal with the Spanish company while you still can, please!

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

Senior Advisor

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Cornelius, NC 28031

Phone: (704) [REDACTED] | Cell: (704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:10 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Feedback - CANCEL THE CONTRACT

Please cancel the i77 contract with Cintra. The toll roads amount to economic discrimination to the working people of NC who can't afford to pay tolls. I77 should be at least to the same standard as I85 near Greensboro.....4 lanes of free road.

I'm a 20+ year resident, and went to university in ECU. I can't believe that I am considering moving because of the gridlock NCDOT has forced on northern Mecklenburg/southern Iredell counties.

While you are at it...you need to seriously investigate all NCDOT people involved in this contract. Including Warren Cooksey....this man told me a lie about the toll road to my face.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:26 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the Contract

I live in Cornelius and believe the contract should be cancelled. The high cost and funding hooks from Cintra are horrible for the average taxpayer. There is no reason to take money out of our local economy and send it to Spain. Please immediately cancel this contract.

I would be willing to pay higher taxes for 5 years to ensure we aren't killing our economy for the next 50.

Best Regards/Mit Freundlichen Grüßen/Cordialement/Saludos Cordiales

[REDACTED]

Mobile: (704) [REDACTED]

Home: (704) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:00 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 tolls

To whom it may concern,

I firmly believe that we need to cancel the i77 toll project. The 50 year lease will put a horrible stranglehold on our regions growth. This is a very bogus deal.

[REDACTED]
Cornelius, NC

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:08 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: The McIntosh Law Firm, Davidson, N.C. and the I-77 Toll Project

NC DoT,

I am a lifelong Mecklenburg County resident. I knew North Mecklenburg/South Iredell BEFORE I-77 was started, much less completed in 1977. I came back here to open my business and I now employ 12 attorneys and about 40 staff positions. All of my full time positions come with insurance and other benefits and the part time position have benefits also. We have been in business as this Firm for 20 years and I have practiced for 30 years, 20 of them in Davidson. I own my own building which is a renovated cotton mill. I invest and pay what I am told I owe. In short, I think I am the business NC wants to recruit.

I did not ask for any tax incentives when I decided to come here. I have not asked for any incentives to keep my jobs here. I do not want government to "subsidize" me at all. The State pays many people to recruit businesses, not as good for our economy as mine, and give the businesses incentives along the way ... all in the name of economic development. I was economic development BEFORE it was a governmental boon-doggle and a "PC" thing to do.

Do you know why? Opportunity: plain, pure and simple. There was adequate infrastructure here and a place to grow and prosper. That was then ... this is now. I would NEVER choose to come here if I were making the decision today. I am talking with clients who are making that decision TODAY! It is hurting my business ... every closing, every real estate deal, every new business ... that goes to Cabarrus County or York County takes away from my ability to create more jobs and upgrade the ones I have. The opportunity has been and is being choked from our area. It once was great and it is now not, simply because of government's abject and short-sighted failure to plan for adequate infrastructure. Guess what ... you are still doing it.

DOT did not upgrade I-77 from 1977 in our area at all until this ill-conceived toll project. All of the growth we have seen since 1980 with absolutely ZERO upgrade in the main corridor and the secondary roads to Charlotte and Statesville is a terrible oversight and lack of planning. South Carolina is building a superhighway from Charleston to I-26 that will completely bypass our port at Wilmington and our

freight hub at Douglas airport because the interstate will carry the people and goods better there ... and Lake Norman gets a traffic jam that freight carriers are now going out of their way to avoid. The current plan does nothing to address those shortcomings. How can that situation possibly make any sense, economic or otherwise?

I know I am one small voice in one small place ... but there is more than one of us here. I support development across our State and I know you have to plan and execute road plans statewide. However, what we are enduring, and have endured for 40 years, is going to hurt more than just us in Lake Norman; the mindset displayed and the pathway illuminated by it is going to hurt all of NC in the long run. Please put the infrastructure in place that business needs and then you will not have to worry about incentives.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC 28036-2270

(704) [REDACTED]

(704) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This is a communication from a debt collector.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:32 PM

To: [REDACTED] I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: The McIntosh Law Firm, Davidson, N.C. and the I-77 Toll Project

Nice Job sir!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 5:15 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop Stop the madness!!

Stop the tolls!!!!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P 704-[REDACTED] | **C 704-**[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 5:51 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Re I-77 contract construction and termination of tolls to Cintra

It is bizarre to travel other roads in North Carolina and compare the daily congestion Southbound from South Iredell and North Mecklenburg Counties toward Charlotte...every workday morning, evening, and other occasions also.

However the contract was signed and whatever illusory promises were trusted, one need look no farther than my home state of Texas to see that government reps (on behalf of uncared for taxpayers) bought a pig in a poke.

I do not travel I-77 now and will not be able to afford, nor can I ever "trust" the third party toll collectors to play fair and collect appropriate amounts for varying times and speeds to travel in either direction.

Now that all the trees ☹ and good parts of the median along I-77 have been felled, the best solution is to somehow buy out of the contract, appropriately pave new lanes, and make sure the roads are safe and without tolls and cross lanes, and remove the scorn travelers have for our otherwise admired metropolitan area.

[REDACTED]

Davidson, NC. 28036

Phone: 704-[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 6:06 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: tolls

I am asking that the NC DOT reconsider the I-77 toll lanes. This area has grown tremendously since I moved here 14 years ago and continues to grow every day. I-77 is the only road to access mostly every place in the area. Because of Lake Norman there is no other alternative route and when traffic is heavy, which has gotten more and more frequent, it is very frustrating. Adding 1 toll lane in the most congested area and then having no hope for any relief for 50 years is insane!!

It is unfair to charge to be able to travel the road our taxes have already paid for. The wealthy will be the only ones who would be able to afford to travel Lake Norman to Charlotte round trip every day.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 6:09 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

Stop this horrible contract now! Pull the plug before we are stuck with this Cintra contract

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 6:31 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 TOLLS

PLEASE complete the project and delete the tolls.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 6:59 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Please complete the project and delete the tolls

Please complete the project and delete the tolls.

The I-77 contract is a not good for the citizens.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cornelius, NC 28031

-----Original Message-----

From: jack Madey [mailto:madeyjack1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 8:27 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Wo benifits from I 77 tollroad project

Who benefits from the I77 toll road project? Anyone who studies this contract knows that traffic congestion will not be relieved but exacerbated. Trucks will block the non toll lanes and cars will pay the tolls which could be substantial. It is likely that distribution companies may relocate and certainly new one will not locate in a congested interstate corridor. The intermodal facility near the Charlotte would certainly be impacted.

I 77 needs to be widened but not his way, The only real beneficiary is Cintra, a foriegn company whose track record of bankruptcy makes one wonder why the State of NC would even do business with them.

[REDACTED] . Mooresville , NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:42 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: From Mooresville resident

Please cancel this toll lane contract.

Toll lanes will overburden the general purpose lanes with trucks thus defeating the purpose of widening this section of the interstate.

As a Guardian ad Litem for Iredell County, the addition of toll lanes will create an unnecessary hardship for our foster children in accessing the highly specialized pediatric care available in Charlotte at Levine Children's Hospital: Child Abuse Care, pediatric hematology and oncology, and pediatric transplant services to name a few. These services are not available at LKN medical center and often require many follow-up appointments.

Please note that need to access of highly specialized medical services are not confined to Pediatric patients, but also too many of our Mooresville adult and geriatric residents as well.

Our Mooresville commuters will be affected to a greater cost degree than residents of Davidson, Cornelius or Huntersville in costs, should they utilize the toll lanes.

I am strongly urging you to reconsider and cancel this contract which will provide no traffic relief for our town.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Guardian ad Litem, Iredell County

Saturday, August 26, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 9:26 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 in Cornelius Road Noise

I live in Birkdale Village near I-77 between exits 25 and 28. The road noise has gotten significantly worse since the trees in the median came down. I can hear it inside my house, and it's really loud outside. Hearing big trucks hit the rumble strips and their brakes is harmful environmental noise. Are we going to have sound barriers installed along the highway with all of the construction? I was told once that an environmental impact study was underway but never heard the result. I know that every single one of my neighbors feels this way.

[REDACTED]
201-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 9:59 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback on I-77 project

Please stop this project. The amount of hardship it is causing and will cause will far outweigh any penalties that the people of this state will bear. Businesses are already moving to the I-85 corridor. Which will make Greensboro the new Charlotte. Or is that your plan?

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 4:00 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes on I-77

Please stop this horrible idea of making lanes on I77 toll lanes. This should never have gotten started. People risk their lives everyday traveling through that dust bowl. Centra and Sugar Creek are doing a horrible job. This will in no way help with traffic..

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC

Sunday, August 27, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 8:03 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please correct this disastrous decision

Hi,

I just wanted to add my voice to the side of disagreeing with this project. It is absolutely ridiculous that the main road going into the largest city in the state is 2 lanes. And now to saddle us with a costly toll lane for 50 years!

I can't afford to spend more. I was in Raleigh last week and every highway was 4 lanes and no tolls.

Finish this project and buy it out and make it another regular lane.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 12:13 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: i77 toll lane project

I am a citizen of Huntersville, bought my first house in 2008. Prior to that I lived in Cornelius for three years. As you may know, we refer to the way in which we travel up here as "exits"! Every day I travel between exit 23 and exit 28, whether it's to go to Golds gym and work out on exit 28 or run up to Target on exit 25. My taxes have already paid for these roads!

It is criminal, absolutely criminal that you are tolling right through the main corridor in which all people up here at Lake Norman travel on a daily basis from exit to exit as we live our lives!

This toll project seriously makes ZERO sense!

All the money from the toll project will go to a foreign company, not helping anyone here in our state, nor providing jobs for anyone here in our state, etc.! It will also hurt all the local businesses up here in the Lake Norman area! How could you possibly have thought that this was a good idea???

CANCEL THE TOLL CONTRACT NOW AND BUILD THE LANES OUR TAXES HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have a Great Day!!!

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 1:44 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Lanes

I am one of the many residents from South Iredell that oppose the toll lanes. I have lived in this area for over 30 years. It is difficult for me to believe this project will significantly reduce the traffic on I-77. The cost of the toll lanes when they are needed the most will be a deterrent to many residents. I have a son that makes less than \$20000 a year and often has to drive I-77 to go to work. He will not be able to afford toll charges. Since the construction on I-77 started, highways 115 and 21 are packed with cars. This will not change after the toll road is complete.

The toll lanes must be stopped.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 2:54 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Complete and Delete

I know this is probably a complete waste of my time because those in power in North Carolina never listen to the public and only listen to the dollars being put into their coffers by special interests; but here it goes...don't make the new lanes on 77 be toll lanes. They will become the lanes of the rich and a source of further revenue for the fines of people caught trying to use them otherwise. There have been a number of times along the way of this debacle to stop and start over, but every opportunity has been passed. Now is another one. I'm still shaking my head over how a company from Spain will be making revenue from building a road in the USA, how does that happen?? Anyway, stop now, look at what the people are saying for a change and get this freeway plan right...who knows, maybe if you make the change you'll get re-elected...

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 4:18 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Re: Cancel the I77 Contract

In addition to my comments below. I absolutely believe we need to CANCEL the Cintra Contract. However, it seems in the best interest of taxpayers to allow I77 Mobility Partners to COMPLETE the project and then allow the State to BUY OUT and CANCEL the Contract. At that point, turn the the lanes into GENERAL PURPOSE LANES. If the new lanes are not built to handle truck traffic, then restrict the trucks to the right 2 existing lanes, allowing cars to move freely in all lanes. This will ease congestion throughout the corridor. Congestion relief through General Purpose Lanes is what is needed--NOT toll lanes for all the reasons listed below in my previous email below.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Mecklenburg County resident, tax payer and concerned citizen

On Aug 19, 2017, at 9:42 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Re-sending as I did not sign my name on the first one.

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: August 17, 2017 at 6:56:58 PM EDT

To: i77feedback@ncdot.gov

Subject: Cancel the I77 Contract

The only viable option, in my opinion, is to cancel the contract. The public does NOT want toll/managed lanes on I77. I do not understand how many times or how many ways we can try to get this message heard? For example, please see the petition link below. Over 10K signatures were presented prior to Charlotte City Council where Vi Lyles, who has 46% of CRTPO vote, voted her support of managed lanes. This vote benefits Charlotte, but does not take into account ALL of Mecklenburg County. Our voices were ignored(again) both by the petition and by countless public comments at the actual Charlotte City Council meeting where I was present and listened to many citizens stand up to voice their opposition for several hours. It seemed to fall on deaf ears.

<http://www.charlottestories.com/city-of-charlotte-just-received-one-of-their-largest-petitions-in-history-to-stop-the-i77-toll-lanes/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/amp.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article54196190.html>

Below I submit my comments (again) why I believe we need to CANCEL the Contract:

1. I77 in the Lake Norman area has not been widened in 30+ years in the stretch from 23-36, while the population has grown exponentially during that time.

2. Our tax base in North Mecklenburg County has been used to widen roads in other areas (i.e. ALL of 485 has been built) while leaving us with 2 lanes. Charlotte CRTPO has 46% vote, so we lose out every time as evidenced by the lack of road infrastructure in this area. In fact, the last piece of 485 to open was on the North side almost 20 years after ALL other areas serving Charlotte had been opened.
3. We have no true alternative routes in the Lake Norman area and use 77 as a "Main Street". Therefore, many of us may not be able to use the toll lanes-- and even if they can be used, merging in and out will make congestion even worse. The design is poor and done by someone who does not understand this area at all.
4. Managed lanes MAY(?)work in large metropolitan areas. Lake Norman is not a major metropolitan area and the projections of use seem very high based on our population. So I believe this project is doomed to go bankrupt like the ones in Texas and Indiana. Then we will be paying again for this bad contract...With still NO congestion relief!
5. I77 is a major trucking route. How is it not negatively impactful to interstate commerce to gridlock this stretch of a major interstate since semis cannot use the toll lanes?
6. Cintra has a track record of bankruptcy on similar projects, so why are we even in this contract in the first place?
7. The safety concerns and poor handling of this project as compared with similar projects (i.e. Project going on on right now on I85 near Kannapolis/Concord) is proof that this is a company(Cintra) will compromise safety for a profit. Do we want a partner like this... for 50 years?
8. I, along with many others, spend over 2 hours per day commuting (due to congestion issues) and this is a huge quality of life issue. Toll lanes are not being built to reduce congestion.
9. This project has already been negatively impactful to business. The toll lane plan bypasses many exits in the Lake Norman area. Therefore, what is the impact that this project will have on the long term economic viability of this area?
10. Are there any examples in the country where managed toll lanes are put next to ONLY 2 general purpose lanes?
11. We have no viable public transportation and no real plans for any. Many people cannot afford \$20+ per day to get to work.
12. Selling our roads to a foreign company with a bad track record is BAD for tax payers and just plain wrong.
13. Bottom line: This project uses tax payer dollars to fund a project that does NOT solve our congestion issue. We were never given an option. This contract is bad for NC tax payers and

needs to be cancelled. We need GENERAL PURPOSE lanes, NOT managed/toll lanes with Cintra OR toll lanes managed by the State of NC.

Thank you!
Melissa A. Shoemaker

Mecklenburg County resident, tax payer, and concerned citizen

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 9:36 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Centra contract/I77 tolls

This toll road project has been a disaster since it began. There is so much wrong with it. For 50 years we will be unable to increase other roads in vicinity. We are already overcrowded and those in charge keep building, funneling increased traffic on to already overcrowded roads. Frequently, we who live in the Lake Norman area cannot get around due to excessive traffic on our roads.

As Seniors, we will not be able to afford the \$ it is expected to cost to go on this substandard interstate highway. Why all around us are interstates being enlarged, lanes added, improved, while we, the red-headed step children, have been railroaded into this farce of a "solution". It is obvious certain crooked politicians benefitted and sold their constituents out.

This is not right and is the wrong solution to our traffic woes. Please listen!

Monday, August 28, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 7:02 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel and delete ALL the toll lanes.

Huge numbers of people told you we don't want toll lanes before you signed the contract. Any costs to cancel it are YOUR fault.

The [REDACTED]

D [REDACTED] 704-[REDACTED]

S [REDACTED] 704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 8:59 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please do not change project

Please keep the project as is and do not implement "complete and delete" or any other modifications that will remove the toll lanes.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:46 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: 177 till project

Please consider a residents comment: We never wanted the toll roads!!! We just wanted more I77 lanes. Cancel toll contract or if too expensive to do so, modify it!!! Please!

Less lanes toll (one) or complete with just regular added lanes. Definitely let carpoolers use for free if any toll lanes added. I use I77 just to visit, take kids to places, shop, dine, doctor appt. etc not for commuting to work so toll lanes will never be used by me!!!! Hard to go any where for fear of not coming home in time due to not enough lanes by the time my kids get out of school. I am not the minority. I still will use I77 just will cont. to be clogged up. Need regular lanes or only one toll lane!! Please don't leave the mess and never finish the needed regular lanes....

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:59 AM

Cc: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Re: I-77 in Cornelius Road Noise

Hello,

I too live in Birkdale Village at 1 [REDACTED] which is in Cornelius and the road noise has absolutely increased. It is significantly more stressful to sit outside now and we can hear the trucks through the walls in our bedrooms. What if anything will be done about the environmental and human health impact of the additional noise?

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:16 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Express Lanes - We must build understanding. Not just awareness.

While I'm not a fan of the heightened levels of politics currently surrounding the I-77 project, I have been watching this project evolve from the beginning from the viewpoint of a professional Change Manager and Employee Communication expert with 25+ years of experience.

I've spent a considerable amount of time online as a minority supporter of the project. In doing so, I've learned the vast majority of people in opposition to the project are driven by a normal resistance to change, and a high level of misinformation.

Communication - NOT Information

Regarding misinformation, NCDOT could do a better job meeting these people where they are online (Facebook, <http://wideni77.org/>, etc.). Instead of only having a PR campaign focused on awareness and informing people via "messaging", you must also have a professional "communication" program focused on building meaning and understanding in order to build the commitment needed to change behaviors. A message (Press Release, etc.) is not communication. It's a message. Communication takes place between one's ears. To build meaning and understanding requires a dialog. A conversation. Town Halls are a start, but they can't be occasional. You need some true professionals who occupy online spaces where the opposition lives and focused on responding to misinformation for the benefit of the many people "lurking" in the background. Not necessarily those who are hardened in their opposition.

Example: Most people are unable to correctly articulate the GOAL of the project.

GOAL: Optimize (or reduce to the lowest possible level) the TIME it takes to drive the I-77 corridor.

(The GOAL IS NOT to reduce congestion. Reducing congestion is a STRATEGY. NOT a GOAL.)

STRATEGY: Install state-of-the-art Express Lanes utilizing Congestion Pricing.

(STOP using the term TOLL or TOLL ROAD/LANE. Use of Express Lanes is voluntary. TOLL roads require payment in order to have any access to the

road. Express Lanes provide benefits to everyone. Even those choosing not to use the Express Lanes.)

PLAN: Partner with CINTRA, etc. to install and operate Express Lanes by no later than X date.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS: Measure the level of change in the amount of time it takes to drive the I-77 corridor at various times of day. (All the current metrics related to the installation of Express Lanes.)

Biggest unanswered misconception: Widening I-77 or adding additional General Purpose lanes will alleviate current congestion issues.

Studies like "The Fundamental Law of Road Congestion: By Gilles Duranton and Matthew A. Turner" (<http://www.nber.org/papers/w15376>) demonstrate how New roads will create new drivers, resulting in the intensity of traffic staying the same.

What must be constantly asked of those supporting more GP lanes:
If you knew adding additional General Purpose lanes, or widening existing General Purpose lanes, would have no effect on I-77 congestion or reduce drive times on the I-77 corridor - would you still support spending NC tax dollars to widen I-77 with additional General Purpose lanes?

Inconvenient truth of transformational change – people will work against their own self-interest if they believe “the system is unfair”.

NCDOT must meet the opposition where they are on-line and create a conversation in order to build understanding. Not just informing people with messaging.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:03 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Complete and Delete

As a resident of Cornelius, NC, I strongly urge the NCDOT to support the “Complete and Delete” plan for I77. As the state’s busiest road, the addition of toll lanes will not help alleviate traffic. These should be

general purpose lanes, as to not further burden residents with fees to commute. I know of no one (zero) people that support the PPP planned toll lanes.

Signed,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:37 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Please stop the tolls...

NC DOT-

I am a citizen of Cornelius NC and have lived in the area for the past 22 years. This toll road project would devastate our region. Nobody has ever completed an economic study but that is probably because of the strain it would put on the citizens and businesses of the Lake Norman region. This is in essence a 50 year tax on the citizens of this area. Please stop the toll roads now and convert them to general purpose lanes like they have throughout Raleigh.

[REDACTED]

704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:54 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Tolls

I'm writing to you regarding the new lanes being added to I77. Having spoken to many people regarding this issue, I am amazed that you are still considering to continue with the toll lane. Since the trucks cannot use the toll lane, the people driving their cars to work every day will carry the burden of the tolls, which can add up to a considerable amount each week. Also I'm sure the businesses along the toll route will suffer financially with the new toll lane.

Also, I cannot believe, the worse contract I have ever seen. 50 years with a foreign company that has gone bankrupt at least 2 times in our country. What kind of research was actually done on a huge project like this to come up with a disaster like we are witnessing.

Please, please, reconsider this project - it will be a financial burden for young people who have no choice, since so many of them are just starting their careers, but to use I77 every day to go to work.

Thank you for your consideration.,

[REDACTED]
Davidson, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Pro Complete and Delete I-77

I'd like to state I am against toll roads on I-77. I live in Troutman NC and commute through Mooresville daily to work. As someone in the housing market this is a large negative. I would not purchase a house in an area where I would have to transit on a toll road.

[REDACTED]
-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:28 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Hot Lanes

To whom It May Concern:

I live in Davidson, NC and to began to tell you how horrible our lives have become because of this project, would take all day!

For 18 years in worked in South Park. Even when they were building the first expansion to widen I77 to 8 lanes from the 4 lanes, we never experienced the extreme difficulties are are facing today. Traveling from exit 30 down to exit 25 now takes at least 25 to 30 mins. I find myself "not" even bothering to try. So those restaurants & shops I use to frequent , I now avoid! Driving to South Park is now an hour and a half drive! Going uptown for dinner or shows is just not worth the frustration or stress!
It is very dangerous and I feel puts ours lives in danger.

I just traveled across the country and many people I met on my trip, when I told them where we lived, said to us, "Oh yes, we have heard about your I77 mess"!

People I know that used to come to Charlotte to spend the weekend are now avoiding Charlotte because of I77 traffic.

It is a total disaster and makes my life much more stressful than I need!

Something has to be done and toll lanes are not the answer!

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

V. P. Corporate Services

[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:55 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll

Good morning.

I understand that you are looking for feedback regarding the Cintra contract/I-77 tolls. Briefly: I absolutely do not want tolls on I-77 nor do I want a contract in place that prevents the construction of roads that might provide alternate routes to I-77. My family and I do not do as much business as we would otherwise outside of Mooresville because of all of the traffic on I-77. Believe me, any alleviation of traffic provided by tolls will not encourage my use of I-77 because of cost. More importantly, should you move forward with the tolls, I intend to make a conscious effort to never use the toll lanes out of sheer spite for our government having ignored our wishes throughout this I-77 toll ordeal.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28115

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:48 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Comments

NCDOT:

We are sending this email to express our concerns about the current plan/contract to create toll lanes as a way to add traffic capacity on I-77 between Charlotte and Mooresville.

We have been residents of the Lake Norman area for 16 years. It is a wonderful area in which to live but clearly road infrastructure, specifically I-77, has not grown to accommodate the population and business

growth in the Charlotte to Mooresville corridor. Further, commercial and personal interstate travel on I-77 has grown significantly as evidenced by the large numbers of trucks and out-of-state license plates we see on I-77 every day. The consequence of local area growth and interstate travel growth has been significant traffic congestion on I-77 every day. There simply is not sufficient capacity to handle current levels of traffic, let alone what will develop in the next few years. As we presume you know, there are no viable alternative north south roads. Lake Norman is on the west side of I-77 while the only parallel roads east of I-77 are Highways #21 and #115, which are both very "local" roads.

As several studies have shown, adding toll lanes as provided in the current plan/contract will not solve the need for additional traffic capacity. In our opinion, it will make the congestion problem worse and add additional safety problems. Further, it is hard to comprehend why anyone could ever believe that a 50 year contract, with significant long term restrictions and obligations on taxpayers, related to adding traffic capacity now could be in the interest of the citizens of North Carolina, near or long term. Traffic congestion is the problem and the current approach does not solve that! Eliminate the entire toll collection infrastructure from the plans, cancel the contract and finish the new lanes as general purpose lanes.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:27 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Comment on Mecator Project

Regarding the criticism that NCDOT was remiss in their communications regarding the Express Lane project:

Citizens or electeds supporting the project, if they speak up, are subjected to public humiliation, to threats of personal violence and business boycotts—which explains why you haven't heard much in the way of support. As an example take this post from Facebook



Elected leaders and community leaders, cloaked in the authority of their positions, held public meetings but would not include NCDOT officials or would expressly prohibit them from attending thus to further their anti-toll narrative without contradiction.

Once the lawsuit was filed by Widen I-77 it is likely outside counsel limited public comment by the NCDOT. Perhaps an intended consequence of filing such a long shot lawsuit to begin with—since that would silence those who could counter the misstatements and opinions that were touted as absolute fact.

To demonstrate their seeming opposition to the project, a group of electeds in a meeting publicly humiliated DOT officials by questioning their integrity and professional competence. Presentations by DOT officials subsequently ended.

Citizens have heard an exaggerated negative narrative about the project by design. Public officials and community leaders who had an obligation to facilitate unbiased public discussions about the project have failed miserably. It is no wonder that there is anger and opposition.

The larger issue however is the motivation of the electeds and community leaders who “oppose” the project.

First, this stopped being about a road and became a vehicle (pun intended) to establish and consolidate political power. Leaders bragged that once they took down the governor and stopped this project that Raleigh will quake when their names are spoken.

Citizen groups have been fueled by ego driven leaders who have suddenly found relevance. To their credit this very small but potent group has dominated the discussion abetted by lazy media. Their more radical members post veiled death threats and vulgar comments on social media. They refuse to acknowledge the regulatory, financial and political realities of why a P3 project is the best solution for this corridor.

In private most of the Lake Norman area electeds are not opposed to the project but knowing that the likelihood of its being cancelled was practically non-existent, they had the luxury of publicly opposing the project and its supporters. By passing meaningless resolutions, writing worthless letters and filing DOA legislation they keep the anti-toll vitriol away from their door while preserving their spot on the front row for the ribbon cutting.

The bottom line is the managed lanes and the associated bonus allocation projects will transform Lake Norman with 21st century transportation options. Please let the project continue as planned and don't be distracted by those who have ulterior personal motives to destroy the project.

Thank you for your time.

A Pro-managed lane Lake Norman Citizen

-----Original Message-----

From: An [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:46 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: In support of the I 77 Project

I submitted the following via the comment link. I am also adding screen shots of a Facebook comment Mecklenburg County Commissioner Jim Puckett placed on a Facebook page in reply to me when I expressed my opinion in support of the I77 project and the Cintra contract on the LKN Election Connection Facebook page. The page is administered by NC Dist 98 Rep. John Bradford. At no time did I criticize or demean those in opposition including Mr. Puckett. Yet he found it necessary to ridicule me and use a vulgar initialism to bully and attempt to silence me. This is but one example of how the opposition - Widen I77, I77 Business Plan, and done elected officials - treat neighbors and constituents who disagree.

I hope you will not base your recommendation about the project on the number of comments in opposition. For every individual opposed there are a thousand who just want the road completed and an express lane available for a faster commute north and south on I 77. Most are not engaged and others do not want to become a target of mob mentality and bullying.

My submitted comment:

We live in the world of social media. Unfortunately too many believe information posted but not backed up by facts. Too many listen only to information they agree with and disregard the rest. The opposition are well organized and use bully tactics to intimidate others. Some elected officials have also joined in, it happened to me. It's not surprising there is a silent majority and that elected officials who were for the project before they were against it choose not to lead but continue to pacify those against. The project has become a cause celebre. It's given some people relevance, others a sense of power but to what end? The opposition hasn't offered a viable alternative. They have declared war on Charlotte, wanting to be treated as separate from the city yet Lake Norman Visitors & Convention Bureau uses the tag line "The Lakeside of Charlotte". You can't have it both ways. Laughable that officials and some local businessmen continue to claim an interstate is a local road. You can't claim the road project is an economic disaster while continuing to celebrate all the businesses moving to the area. You can't claim "tolls" will devalue homes when prices are skyrocketing and inventory of available homes is thin.

The contract should stay in place.



Jim Puckett

Anne by being the focus or all your time and energies I have freed the rest of the world from having to worry about one less small, spiteful, politically blinded P.I.T.A. It is unfortunate that you have become so jaded by your blind devotion to one elected leader that you are unwilling or unable to see that even he is fallible and capable of making a bad decision likely based on bad data. Your behavior and vindictiveness sadly reflects poorly on him and thus does more harm than good. I am sure my decade of representing the good citizens of North Mecklenburg falls way short of your expectations, I hope I have a chance to remedy that in the future. Thanks as always for your passion and loyalty regardless of how misguided I may believe it to be.

42 minutes ago · Like ·  5 · Reply



Amazing. I thought you represented all of District 1, not just those who agree with you. Jim, I think you are the one blinded by your one issue crusade. No one likes tolls, including me, but I've yet to hear a reasonable alternative to widening I 77. It's troubling that an elected representative would say the things you just posted about me. This issue isn't about one elected official, it's about the LKN region and what's being done to foster ill feeling among neighbors. If you see my opinion as only support for one elected official you are totally off base. I have yet to post one negative comment about an elected official, whether I agree with everything they do or not, you included.

BTW - did you mean PETA, is P.I.T.A. a typo?

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:01 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 tolls

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns about the I-77 toll contract.

These lanes are not what the cheerleaders are selling them to be.

They will not alleviate congestion. They will not benefit the working class people that need a reliable road to get to and from work without compromising their schedule, their safety, and their budget.

I-77 is a vital corridor for trucking and transient tourists as well since these two groups use the highway as an integral north/south artery. Why punish these people with restricted travel lanes and increased congestion?

Having been involved in the community regarding toll lanes for the past several years, I've looked at the project from different angles and it still baffles me as to why the NCDOT would have entered into this agreement. It benefits nobody except Cintra.

I-77 should be widened and operated as General Purpose lanes through a buyout of the Cintra contract. The taxpayers of this area deserve no less.

I challenge you to look at yourself in the mirror and say this contract is good for "the many". I don't think you can do it.

Please right this wrong as soon as possible.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]
 Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Complete and Delete Tolls on I-77

Hello,

I make the painful drive to Uptown Charlotte from exit 25 in Huntersville at least 5 days a week. I simply cannot understand how we got to the point we are at with this terrible I-77 widening project. I could go on and on ... why would we agree to tolls in the first place? Why pick a company that makes a business practice of filing bankruptcy when principle is due? Why sign a tolling contract that clearly limits competitive development to widen in the future? Why pretend this awful toll expansion will improve the Lake Norman area when it clearly contributes to the traffic problem and chokes our region's economic development?

I'm just baffled at the stupidity of this contract, but now is the time to make it right for the people of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County and all of North Carolina - because even if these people don't all drive I-77 weekly like I do, this will impact them, yet they may not even realize it. Please fix this terrible decision. I ask that you **complete the expansion project as it is too far along, but delete the tolls** and allow all drivers to travel I-77 without tolls.

Thank you for opening this for public input.

[REDACTED]

Huntersville & Cornelius resident of 23+ years

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyn Thompson [mailto:bitmap0023@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:52 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I support complete and delete

The current plan is unwise and will do little to solve the current traffic issues. Please dump the current plan to charge a toll and use the lanes for general purpose.

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: White, Jon [mailto:Jon.White@irco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:41 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 3:12 PM

To: Jim Trogdon <jtrogden@ncdot.gov>; John Fraley <john.fraley@ncleg.net>; Rep. Rena Turner <Rena.Turner@ncleg.net>; Senator David Curtis <David.Curtis@ncleg.net>; I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Stop I-77 Toll Lanes

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Mooresville, NC and drive on I-77 everyday to get to and from work and to take my children to school. I am writing to ask you to please do everything in your power to stop the toll lane project on I-77. The project is fatally flawed and should be canceled. I-77 should be widened with general purpose lanes.

Toll lanes on I-77 will not relieve the intense congestion on I-77 and will have a sever negative economic impact on the area and North Carolina overall. In addition, the restrictions on road development in the area are too restrictive and will further exacerbate and already bad traffic situation in the North Mecklenburg area.

There are options. It is not to late to prevent disaster. I recommend buying Cintra out and completing the project with general purpose lanes (or paying Cintra to complete the project as general purpose lanes only). The buyout is being mischaracterized as a penalty. In fact, we would be paying Cintra for construction they have done...we do get the benefit of the road. Let's fix the problem and widen I-77 with general purpose lanes.

As I stated, I drive this road everyday. I am willing to wait and suffer any additional inconvenience to ensure we don't create a 50 year nightmare. Please stop the toll lane contract and widen I-77 with general purpose lanes. It's the right thing to do for North Carolina.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 3:59 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Improper Due Diligence - Cancel Contract

To whom it may concern:

After review of the I77 contract including the single bid from one vendor who successfully negotiated the exclusive rights to curtail expansion, the I77 Toll Contract is a poor example of how the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation is protecting the long term interest of the Charlotte Region as one of our States top regional economic growth engines.

Additionally, if you want to know the opinion of the citizens, look at the most recent Governor of NC Elections in whereas the primary reason the previous Governor faired so poorly at exit polls was in large part due to the I77 toll project. This should be reason enough to support the citizens view on this project.

I would ask that the NCDOT cancel this ridiculous I77 toll contract and put the tax dollars to good use, that me and my colleagues have so willingly paid to the State of NC for the past 25-30 years.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:17 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll Road

Most major cities that have interstates into the city don't have TOLL ROADS . Why do our politicians not realize this for the largest city in NC. A toll road for I77 does not solve our traffic congestion. Trucks can not use the lanes because of how they are constructed, many can't afford the tolls, and the company contracted to build the road does not have the highest financial rating.

How can the state enter into a 50 year contract on a major Interstate into our largest city. Did anyone think we may have a rail system to Charlotte from Mooresville in less than 50 years.

There is massive public support to cancel this toll road. The state has the funds to pay for the additional lanes. Buyout cost to cancel NOW is affordable before millions are spent to implement equipment for paying tolls.

BITE THE BULLET AND CANCEL THE CONTRACT VIA A BUYOUT.

[REDACTED]

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 7:47 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Resident feedback

Please cancel the Cintra contract and toll lanes on 77.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:33 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Roads Charlotte
Importance: High

Please know I make a painful drive in heavy traffic to and from Uptown Charlotte (from Exit 25 in Huntersville, NC) at least five days a week. I cannot understand how we got to the point of where we are with this terrible I-77 widening project. Why would the state agree to tolls in the first place? Why is the state electing to install what I will term "rich man lanes" when general purpose lanes *for all* would help alleviate this terrible traffic each day? Why would the state of North Carolina choose a company whose business model is based on filing bankruptcy once their principle payment becomes due? Why would the state sign a tolling contract which clearly limits competitive development to widen in the future? Why pretend this awful toll expansion will improve the Lake Norman area when it clearly contributes to the traffic problem and chokes our region's economic development?

This current contract is terrible, but now is the time to make it right for the people of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County *and all of North Carolina* - because even if certain tax payers of North Carolina don't drive I-77 weekly like I do, this decision still major impacts them financially. Please fix this terrible decision. I ask that you COMPLETE the expansion project, but DELETE the tolls and allow *all drivers* to travel I-77 *without tolls*.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Huntersville & Mecklenburg resident for 32 years

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 10:52 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

Hi,

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen and community business owner with regard to the issue of the toll contract on I-77. It is truly my deepest belief that these tolls are a horrible idea for Mooresville, Iredell County and the entire Lake Norman community.

[REDACTED]
Huntersville & Cornelius resident of 23+ years

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 4:34 PM

To: Trogdon, James H <jhtrogdon@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Tolls

Dear Secretary Trogdon

Please try to stop the I-77 tolls from proceeding. It is not in the best interests of the citizens living north of Charlotte. It will create an unneeded financial burden for the tens of thousands of citizens who travel daily to work, doctors, hospital, lawyer, banks, restaurants, events, schools and families.

When researching alternatives, sadly, the consultants only suggested alternatives that still entail tolls. What they did not offer as an option (strangely) is an obvious alternative. Allow the project construction to be completed and then terminate the contract. There is no "penalty" of \$300 or \$500 million or whatever outrageous claims were fabricated to scare the lawmakers into submission. The contract simply states that Cintra is entitled to be paid for work completed, labor, materials and profit. On the other hand, if this contract with Cintra goes forward it is estimated to cause a \$34 Billion negative economic impact to the economy, businesses and citizens of the towns and municipalities affected over the 50 years of the contract. Plus the great state of North Carolina will have abdicated the right to self determine road use and improvement for all the major arteries (I-77, NC-16 and NC-21) serving the north/south corridor. How embarrassing for us all.

Please hear our voices. We are the voices of the people that will actually be impacted. The city of Charlotte has the complete authority to dictate the future of these citizens who do not live within Charlotte's limits. We have no voter leverage with Charlotte's politicians and therefore our needs are of little consequence and no value. Yet Charlotte and the Regional Transportation Authority (also weighted with Charlotte power in the majority) can silence our voices and our choices with a wave of it's hand or a stroke of their pen. Intuitively, this seems mean and unfair.

Please help us. We are digging a \$34 Billion fiasco for these citizens and our state. North Carolina cannot afford to let the contract go forward.

Thank you.

Respectfully
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:58 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Toll Lane Project

Thank you for taking the time to read my input on this project.

I am the Chief Operating Officer of a multi-national company headquartered in Mooresville. I have five corporate locations located in the I77 Toll Lane corridor, three retail, one manufacturing/warehouse and the corporate office. I have been a resident of Huntersville for 18 years, living within two miles of I77 @ exit 25. I have been opposed to this project since it was first announced. I have been actively lobbying for cancelation the past five years as a private citizen, corporate leader, Chairman of the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce and founding member of the I77 Business Plan. My reasons are straight forward:

Lake Norman Region transportation infrastructure suffered under the Equity Formal of allocating transportation funds

Toll Lane project will not relieve congestion

Man Made choke point over Lake Norman (ie Yadkin River Bridge scenario on I-85). Resulting in:

Limit success of the intermodal facility at Charlotte Douglas airport

Limit growth, both commercial and residential, after completion

Does nothing to accommodate increased truck traffic over life of the contract

Ensures congestion, funneling traffic onto state roads not designed for current and projected traffic volumes

Limits ability, without penalty, to adopt congestion relieving new technologies

Locks the region and the state into an iron clad contract for 50 years

Uses a funding model that has a history of collapsing between years seven and ten when debt payments go up to include loan principal

This project has cost the political careers of local and state officials. No other issue unites people across the political and socio-economic spectrum like this project.

It is not too late to change the project to a combination toll lane and new general purpose lane thru the corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

COO

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC 28115 704 [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 1:38 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Widening Project

As a 10 year plus resident of Mooresville NC I definitely support the "complete and delete" plan that has been proposed for this project. The secret sessions and lack of consideration for the impact on the local area was one of the primary reasons I voted against former Governor McCrory last fall. I hope Governor Cooper takes an in-depth look at this situation and structures the buyout for the contractor and makes all the lanes general purpose as they should be.

Thank you for your consideration

[REDACTED] Mooresville NC 28117 (704) [REDACTED] (home) 978- [REDACTED] (mobile)
[REDACTED] (email)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:05 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 expansion

I support completing the I-77 project and not adding tolls to the lanes.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Huntersville resident

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:18 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Cintra Contract

I support the spirit of the "complete and delete" proposal as a solution to the problems created by the one-sided contract between NC and Cintra for widening and tolling I77. My only concern is that this contractor will find ways to screw the state of NC during construction if it knows that it will not have to operate the resulting road. Perhaps a "delete and complete" solution would be less expensive in the

long run. Either way, we have to terminate this contract. The contract is and will continue to be one of the most expensive mistakes made by the NCDOT for many years to come. I don't oppose highway tolls in general, so long as they are applied equally to all lanes and the roads are built and managed by the state so that the taxpayers of NC have control of and a stake in the highway. But I am opposed to toll lanes that only the wealthy can afford to use; the only beneficiary under the contract is the contractor; and the remaining lanes are totally inadequate for the traffic volume. Compounding the mistakes in this situation is the fact that the highway is being built and controlled by a foreign contractor under terms and conditions that favor only the contractor—that is untenable.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:20 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Road

Please consider the option to “complete and delete” the toll project currently under construction on I-77. This seems to make the most sense from everyone involved. By letting the contractors finish it should happen on time and on budget so the the state buying out of the contract is as low as possible and the residents on Lake Norman will hopefully be able to get back to a reasonable travel time.

As a 20 year resident and commuter in the area it has always seemed as though we were dumped on here as our gas tax dollars were spent elsewhere and when they finally get around to widening our piece of highway it not only comes with a toll attached but hamstrings our ability to respond to future growth for 50 years. Couple that with the fact that we have very few good options to travel south other than I-77 as Hwy 21 and Hwy 115 are already over burdened and travel through 3 small towns.

Thanks you for your time,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Charlotte, NC 28208

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C- 704-[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:07 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls

I am a resident of Cornelius and support the complete and delete plan released in the report by Mercator Advisors. As I have for the past two elections, my voting decisions in the November will be

entirely based on the candidates who are against toll lanes on I-77. As a resident of the northern half of Mecklenburg County for 18 years I am tired of watching road and public transit work occur in other parts of our state while our transportation needs are largely ignored.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:08 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Cancel the I-77 toll project

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Both my wife and I are fully in agreement, as are most of our neighbors here west of Exit 35:

CANCEL THE I-77 TOLL LANE PROJECT, AND REVERT THE LANES TO GENERAL USE AS A "FREEWAY" AND NOT A TOLLWAY.

We will not -- at any time, under any circumstances -- use any toll lane. We will simply refuse to travel to uptown Charlotte, or any Charlotte businesses, Matthews/Pineville businesses, Ballantyne businesses, etc., and will limit our travel south on I-77 to the fewest possible trips.

We are in FULL SUPPORT of the State of North Carolina buying out the private contract, and returning control of a critical infrastructure element to the state and the people of this area.

Thank you for hearing our voices. If this toll project continues, we are fully convinced that Mobility Partners will go bankrupt, and leave the state of North Carolina in worse condition than if we have to pass a special bond issue, raise taxes temporarily, or otherwise find funds for the buy out.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mooresville, NC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:14 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Complete and Delete

Complete and I-77 project and delete the contract with Cintra. It is not the tolls that make this contract so offensive. The public understands roads must be paid for by taxpayers in one way or another.

What makes this plan so dangerous and ineffective is that some form of congestion must be maintained in order for the tolls to pay for the roads. Cintra has established that with a non-compete clause. Further congestion is promised and affirmed. I-77 is the primary artery for travel between the towns of Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson and Mooresville. These short trips will not be helped by the toll roads at all. Delete the contract with Cintra now.

██████████ Mooresville

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:55 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Complete and Delete i77 toll roads

Please complete the i77 expansion project and delete the contract for the tolls. I spend 2 hours a day on i77 in traffic and the tolls will not fix the issue.

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-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:56 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I77 Complete and Delete

Please complete the i77 expansion project and delete the contract for the tolls. I spend 2 hours a day on i77 in traffic and the tolls will not fix the issue.

Sincerely,

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From: ██████████
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:58 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Complete and Delete i77 toll roads

Please complete the i77 expansion project and delete the contract for the tolls. My family spends 2 hours a day on i77 in traffic and the tolls will not fix the issue.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:46 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Complete and Delete

Please consider complete and delete option - toll lanes will hold me hostage to my exit.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:24 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Toll lanes wont' solve our areas congestion

To Whom It May Concern:

Having lived in the Mooresville area for the past 9 years, I have seen this area grow. I am well aware that the planning for growth was not anticipated to this level. Roads that are congested daily, including traffic jams that extend for miles along Hwy 150, I-77 and many others, lets me know that the population explosion around the lake was not planned for and frankly, I'm sure not in anyone's budget. But, here we are with a plan to expand the I-77 corridor from Mooresville to Charlotte and it's not going to relieve the congestion. Some people who travel the freeway to Charlotte may do so for jobs and may not be willing or able to pay for the tolls on a daily basis.

What we need are lanes that everyone can utilize. I know that I would never consider taking a job in Charlotte related to my inability to predict whether the lanes would be clear and that I would be able to get to work on time. Think of the increased job market for those people who are moving here if they were able to have consistent, reliable access to the big city of Charlotte. I would even encourage my son to attend a local college, if we knew that he could make the trip round trip without being stuck on the interstate for hours at a time.

Please be aware that many people feel the same way that I do. Many people do not want toll lanes... We do not want a 50 year contract that will limit other options to expand...We do not want a 50 year contract that will cost this area billions in tolls...We do not want North Carolina to be at risk for loan default when the contracted company leaves us high and dry...We do not want lanes that are designed to exclude the "regular guy".

We do want the lanes to be completed. We do want to have access to the lanes without paying a toll. We do want leadership and our congestion problems solved!!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 7:45 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: Cancel the i77 toll road

I am sending this email to share my opinion that I am very much against the planned managed i77 toll roads.

Please cancel the i77 toll road and make them general purpose lanes.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:25 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Lanes Feedback

NCDOT

I have been a supporter of this project since it was first announced. It is encouraging each day I travel to Charlotte or north to Mooresville and can easily identify the progress and new work being done. My wife and I both travel this highway almost daily and have never experienced an unreasonable backup or delay during construction. In fact the delays do not seem any longer or more frustrating than we experienced before construction with no hope of a solution to improve the traffic nightmare.

It is frustrating to no end to read or listen to those who still oppose toll lanes and their absurdity about canceling the contract. It will be exciting when the lanes are completed and operational. The improvement in traffic and commute times will be humbling to those who have opposed the toll lanes. I have used such toll lanes and experienced the benefits in virtually every major city and state where these lanes have been built.

I would be happy to answer questions or support this project in any way that I might. Hopefully, these positive comments are helpful to your review.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC 28031

Thursday, August 31, 2017

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 6:54 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Stop this insane project before it is too late. Mcrory should be investigated for taking a bribe. There is no other good reason he continued with this project.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 6:47 AM
To: Trogdon, James H <jhtrogdon@ncdot.gov>
Subject: I-77 Toll Roads Charlotte
Importance: High

Mr Trogdon,

Please know I make a painful drive in heavy traffic to and from Uptown Charlotte (from Exit 25 in Huntersville, NC) at least five days a week. I cannot understand how we got to the point of where we are with this terrible I-77 widening project. Why would the state agree to tolls in the first place? Why is the state electing to install what I will term "rich man lanes" when general purpose lanes **for all** would help alleviate this terrible traffic each day? Why would the state of North Carolina choose a company whose business model is based on filing bankruptcy once their principle payment becomes due? Why would the state sign a tolling contract which clearly limits competitive development to widen in the future? Why pretend this awful toll expansion will improve the Lake Norman area when it clearly contributes to the traffic problem and chokes our region's economic development?

This current contract is terrible, but now is the time to make it right for the people of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County **and all of North Carolina** - because even if certain tax payers of North Carolina don't drive I-77 weekly like I do, this decision still major impacts them financially. Please fix this terrible decision. I ask that you **COMPLETE the expansion project, but DELETE the tolls** and allow **all drivers** to travel I-77 **without tolls**.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Huntersville & Mecklenburg resident for 32 years

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 9:26 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I77 Tolls

Please complete and delete this "tollway" that is a complete scam on the residents of LKN

[REDACTED]

Mooreville

-----Original Message-----

From: PK [mailto:pk8121@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 10:07 AM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Toll Lane report feedback-

WASTE OF MONEY!

After much review of the Mercator report I can firmly agree with the one strong point- that not only did NCDOT fail to involve the public with the decision process on a P3 toll lane contract but it wholly IGNORED the public and the ensuing outcry. I travel for work quite frequently and my travels take me to Texas and SH130. My (3) 15-pass vans to transport guests to and from an event facility rack up a nice \$200 toll bill each and every time. The only way to avoid that road for this project is to travel approximately 40 miles out of the way.

Now let's look at I-77, the main thoroughfare through the Lake Norman area. I love the lake- we all love the lake. The traffic is ridiculous- almost as ridiculous as Vi Lyles statement that "You people at Lake Norman are just going to have to find another way around."

Please- just give us the roads we need and pay for. Perhaps one day we will also get light rail which would definitely alleviate road congestion. Cancel the contract as the report states is one suggestion and build the roads with the tax dollars we pay in. Quit holding us hostage over fake "bonus allocation funds" which do not exist. Your fake bonus allocation funds have cost us the available funds to bury our utility lines during Cornelius' next phase of growth.

And quit wasting the taxpayer dollars for a report that substantiates nothing.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cornelius, NC 28031

ph (704) [REDACTED]

fax 877 [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:41 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Find a better solution

As a business owner and resident of the area, I agree that the current 50 year deal with Cintra is a bad one and a better solution is needed.

Thank you for your time.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:43 AM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Tolls

I am writing to urge you to cancel the existing contract and take over the project as a widening project. This thing has been flawed since the beginning, it has divided communities, it cause a sitting governor to loose a reelection bid and adversely affect countless businesses and people's lives. This is not how North Carolina operates.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Candidate for Mayor of Davidson

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:11 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject:

As a business owner conducting business from Mooresville since 2005 I had no problem reaching my customers to the south of exit 35 prior to the construction beginning. Yes the road had bottle necks at times but those times were very predictable and I could manage my commute. When we researched this area to relocate one of the primary reasons we chose this location was because widening of I-77 was already planned to occur. Since the construction began and the Jersey walls put in place it has become impossible to do business South of exit 30 and I have been forced to turn away all business South of exit 28. The conditions will not be alleviated by the addition of the toll from exit 36 to exit 28 due to it's proximity to Lake Norman. The road is just not wide enough to accommodate the volume of truck traffic. The construction period has been a clear indication of what to expect in the future every time there is an accident that causes a lane closure.

This was intended to be where I would eventually retire. Unfortunately the conditions of the I-77 roadway have negatively impacted my business financially to the point that I am in the process to relocate out of the region.

I am not opposed to tolls. I am opposed to tolls designed specifically for the purpose to create a traffic back up to force people to use the tolls. I could go on forever about the contract and that a foreign company is in charge of the project; the loss of the toll revenue for our state. The project has and will continue to negatively impact the economy of the region! What a shame for our children and grandchildren.

[REDACTED]
President, [REDACTED]

Cell - 704-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Office - 704-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 2:52 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>

Subject: I-77 Comments

NCDOT,

My wife, [REDACTED], and I have lived off of I-77, exit 33 since 2003. I am retired now but worked in Charlotte and commuted on I-77 daily. It is the only reasonable way to get to Charlotte from the Lake Norman area. Even back in 2003 I had to get on I-77 before 6:30 am to be assured of getting to work on time.

Improving I-77 is critical to the lively hood of the northern communities and the citizens that live here. Improving it with toll lanes is a colossal mistake that will set back the economy in this area forever.

Toll lanes have their use, but not here. Toll lanes should be used where there are alternatives for the traveler to determine if they would want to pay the toll and increase their convenience or avoid the toll. Citizens in this area are being forced to use the toll road as it is the only reasonable access to Charlotte.

I won't repeat all the safety and other issues people raise as I do not want to take to much of your time. However, as an executive that has negotiated many contracts in my lifetime I can say with certainty that the contract terms and condition that the NCDOT signed to get this toll road done show a complete misunderstanding off the issues here and a complete disregard for the citizens of this community.

Thank you for your time. Please do the right thing and void the toll lane contract.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mooresville, NC 28117

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 3:43 PM
To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Feedback Re: I-77 in Lake Norman

I don't often write to elected officials and government agencies, but this issue affects me personally. I'm typically an optimistic person, but this toll-lane implementation has me dumbfounded and angry. You see, I live right next to I-77, in between two streets that are affectionately called "alternate routes" (Statesville and Old Statesville). The problem I have is that these "alternate routes" are my ONLY routes. The congestion on I-77, particularly in the Lake Norman area, has driven traffic up on these alternate routes, both of which are narrow two lane roads and run through quaint downtown areas of our small towns.

We don't need toll lanes to help relieve the traffic nightmare, we need additional lanes on I-77 AND "alternate routes". I-77 is a major trucking interstate - and trucks won't even be able to use these toll lanes. That's insane - they're probably the ones who would most likely pay for a toll to get to their destination faster. I can also envision road rage and accidents galore as drivers using the toll lane try to exit to the general purpose lanes. There is so much anger about this toll lane already that once it's implemented, anyone that does use it will be outcast. It must NOT come to that!

North Mecklenburg County continues to grow - in population, in housing, in retail, etc. Lake Norman is a great place to live and visit. That is, if you can get there.

Thanks for allowing residents to give feedback regarding this debacle. Please do the right thing, COMPLETE AND DELETE!

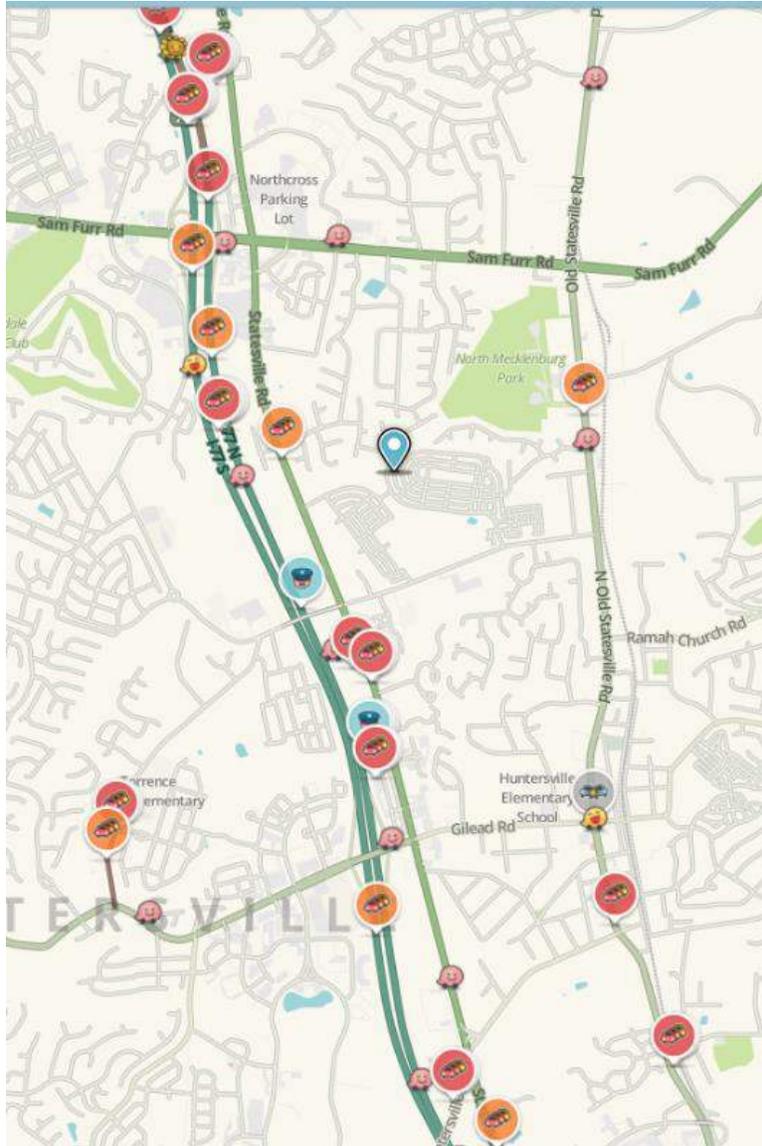
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[REDACTED]

Huntersville NC 28078

[REDACTED]

My house is right in the middle of this mess:



-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:33 PM

To: I77 Feedback <i77feedback@ncdot.gov>; i77-feedback@ncdot.gov

Subject: Cancel I77 Toll Contract

I live in Mooresville NC and commute to downtown Charlotte, via I77, each day to my job to work and provide for my family. I cannot afford to pay tolls to have the luxury not to set in traffic in order reduce my commute time to work. I like you have bills to pay Taxes, mortgage, insurance, education expenses, medical bills etc. I need every dollar I earn to support my family.

I like thousands of other taxpayers, for the last 3 years, have been protesting, emailing, attending meetings, voting to CANCEL the contract. How long and how many times, must we demand action? Northern Mecklenbury/Iredell county voted against Pat McCorry for his reluctance to fix this debacle.

I personally know several new coworkers that recently moved into the area. They wanted to live in Northern Meckenlenburg but once they saw the I77 congestion and the new toll roads decided to buy in Rock Hill SC. This is BAD for our region and our future.

I'm urging you once again to cancel the contract immediately.

Thank you for your support.



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N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



The Town of
Davidson

College Town. Lake Town. Your Town.

RESOLUTION 2016-23

**REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY JAMES H. TROGDON III ADDRESS TOWN OF DAVIDSON**

WHEREAS, Former NC Secretary of Transportation Tennyson asked the Town of Davidson and other jurisdictions to submit specific concerns and comments about the Comprehensive Agreement between the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation and I-77 Mobility Partners, LLC for I-77 Managed Lanes Project (I-3311C, I-5405, I-4750AA) and design in Spring 2016, which the Town did within the 30-day requested response time; and

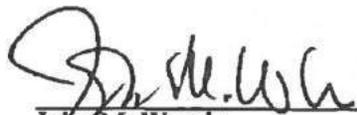
WHEREAS, Secretary of Transportation Trogdon presented at the March 2017 CRTPO, and stated that the Town's submitted comments would be part of the Mercator Advisors review of said contract; and

WHEREAS, at the time of that presentation, it was requested that the Secretary directly respond to the North Mecklenburg Towns' submitted comments/concerns, including those submitted by the Town of Davidson, with a "one-on-one" presentation with the Towns once the preliminary report was prepared, to which Secretary Trogdon stated "all comments will be addressed"; and

WHEREAS, the Mercator Advisors preliminary report is now available; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Davidson formally requests the NC Secretary of Transportation Trogdon and appropriate representatives to address the Town's concerns and comments regarding the Comprehensive Agreement between the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation and I-77 Mobility Partners, LLC for I-77 Managed Lanes Project (I-3311C, I-5405, I-4750AA) and design at a forum held in Davidson before the Mercator Advisors report is final, to assure each and every concern has been sufficiently addressed as the Secretary had previously agreed.

Adopted this 22nd day of August, 2017



John M. Woods
Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Clemisic
Town Clerk



MAYOR

CHUCK TRAVIS

August 15, 2017

MAYOR PRO-TEM

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Secretary James H. Trogdon, III
North Carolina Dept. of Transportation
1 South Wilmington St.
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Re: NC Turnpike Authority review of I-77 Managed Lanes Project Comprehensive Agreement

TOWN MANAGER

ANTHONY ROBERTS

Dear Secretary Trogdon:

In 2016, at the department's request, the Town submitted to former Secretary Nicholas Tennyson a list of suggested revisions to the Comprehensive Agreement between the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation and I-77 Mobility Partners, LLC for I-77 Managed Lanes Project (I-3311C, I-5405, I-4750AA). In 2017, the NC Turnpike Authority's contractual review (via Mercator) was announced, and a similar request for comments and/or revisions was issued. The Town subsequently submitted a revised list of suggested revisions to your office in April 2017. Our neighboring jurisdictions of Davidson, Huntersville, and Mooresville may also have submitted their own lists of suggested revisions and/or comments.

The Town acknowledges that Mercator has released a draft report, and understands that a final report will be submitted to your office in September for your consideration. The Town recognizes that you will need time to evaluate and consider the public comments and final report, and that you may want to additionally consider the four towns' submissions before making decisions relative to the comprehensive agreement. The Town respectfully requests that during your consideration phase, you meet with the four towns such that each of the towns' individual suggested revisions and/or comments are addressed and that dialogue can occur in a public forum that all of the elected officials can participate.

Thanks for considering this request. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Travis, III
Mayor

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N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary of Transportation
Jim Trogdon
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Secretary Trogdon,

August 25, 2017

I am sending this memo to you to express my concerns about the I77 tollroad since I understand a decision regarding the tollroad construction will be made in the near future.

I have lived in Mooresville for 19 years and have seen this major artery from the North into Charlotte become one massive traffic jam on a daily basis, strangling our economy and making it miserable to commute to Charlotte or anywhere else along this corridor. New corporate headquarters and housing developments have been built in our community but the corresponding needed infrastructure did not come along to support that growth. Adding toll lanes will not solve the problem but rather just add costs for both individual personal use and for those using the road for needed business travel. We pay gasoline tax for our roads every time we purchase gasoline and the additional lanes should be supported from non-toll sources. Having our local money going to Spain, while at the same time putting an unnecessary burden on our community makes no sense.

The people of NC have been against this project's framework from the start, with it's 50 year obligations, its questionable foreign contractor and the way our state officials forced this toll program on our community. We were deceived by our government officials regarding the cost of getting out of the construction contract and Governor McCrory was voted out of office as a result of his support for this project as a toll road with this contractor. The people in our community will continue to reject anyone in government who does not work to make the additional lanes general purpose lanes without tolls, since the attitude of the citizens is "extremely" negative. Many citizens feel the only reason anyone would agree to such an incredibly bad contract is if they have something personal to gain from it.

With the huge push into self driving vehicles, and the unknown effect that will have on traffic patterns in the relatively near future, it does not make sense to put a 50 year obligation into all the mechanisms needed for toll collection. Don't put this burden on the citizens in our community and this albatross on the backs of our economy and on the backs of the next generation of young people who will live in this community. Eliminate all the toll collecting infrastructure and those costs, finish the lanes as general purpose and finance the project from other sources.

Mooresville, NC 28117

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N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

August 29, 2017

Mr. Jim Trogdon
Secretary of Transportation
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Dear Secretary Trogdon:

People in our area are begging you to do everything you can to complete the I-77 project between Charlotte and Mooresville without tolls and cancel the contract.

Tolls are not the answer. Sure, there's a toll road in Raleigh – and it's an alternate route. I-77 through our area is the ONLY route, and choking traffic has been a problem for a long time. While we've been waiting for less than 20 miles of improvement, miles and miles of new roads are in place and under construction in the eastern part of the state.

Please use your power to even things out and allow all people (not just the wealthy) to travel a highway that benefits business and commerce rather than stifles it. This is a North Carolina issue, not just a local one.

Thank you!

Mooresville, NC
28117

Mr. Angdon,

We very much look forward to
your response and assistance.

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Huntersville, NC 28078
August 15, 2017

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N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Roy Cooper
Governor, State of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301.

Re: Cintra I-77 Contract

Dear Governor Cooper:

My family and I are 16-year residents of Huntersville, and I've lived in the Charlotte area since 1993. As residents, commuters, taxpayers, and voters, we are writing to ask your support in doing all in your power to address the ill-conceived, poorly-vetted contract with Cintra for the I-77 toll road project.

The Mercator report, released last week, touches on the many reasons that this contract and project need to be addressed. That said, there are many *additional* reasons why this was a poorly conceived and executed deal from the start, not just for the state of North Carolina and its citizens, but particularly for the residents of the area who are forced to use I-77 frequently, if not daily. Among them:

- The admission by many in local governments, since opposition began, that they either did not read or understand the contract and its many restrictions...or...the admission that the promised funds for town road enhancements (i.e. *hush money* or *payoffs*) caused a contract to be signed that had not been fully vetted with all stakeholders.
- The absence of usable parallel roads, due to the geography of the lake area, does not allow us to find alternate routes as I-77 stays congested. Vi Lyles erroneously stated last year that if residents don't like or don't want to pay the tolls, we can instead take other routes. What she and many others fail to understand is that highways 21 and 115 (Statesville Road and Old Statesville Road) are, for the most part, two-lane country roads that simply cannot handle increased traffic and overflow from I-77, and are already near or above capacity most daytime hours.
- The contract's 50-year prohibition of newly constructed parallel roads, or enhancements to the existing parallel roads, without "compensation" to Cintra, is simply idiotic. This provision all but guarantees gridlock in the Lake Norman area through the lives of our children's children!
- I-77 is a primary feeder corridor to the intermodal station near Charlotte Douglas Airport, yet this contract does not allow trucks to use the toll lanes. The result is that the very trucking companies being solicited to use the intermodal facilities are being forced to place their shipments on roads that are *designed to remain congested*, costing them additional money. This makes absolutely no sense!

Yes, as the report states, the tremendous opposition to the project and in particular, the toll aspects, is enough to cancel the contract and assume the financial responsibility now, rather than waiting until Cintra fails and the state is forced to do so anyway. It's not a matter of "if" Cintra will fail, but "when" they will fail.

My wife teaches in Mooresville, so I-77 is her means to work each day. On a teacher's salary, there is no way that we can afford to pay the tolls. The proposed tolls may take as much as an hour's pay each day. Having lived and paid fuel taxes and state income tax annually, only to watch most other areas of the state have their roads needs addressed without the toll component, we are crying "foul" and asking you, and others, to do the right thing and cancel the toll aspects of the contract.

Let the construction be finished, and then have the state assume responsibility for maintenance and operation. As others have already identified, it would be an interesting court challenge if Cintra tries to sue for damages – I'd like to see the truth behind how the contract was let come out in court.

Former governor McCrory failed to respond to my – and most others' – correspondence regarding this matter and his utter disregard for the Lake Norman area's residents and our concerns was demonstrated to be a major factor in his defeat. We're offering today's leaders, including you, the opportunity to take a different tack, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

cc:

Jennifer Roberts, Mayor, City of Charlotte
John Anarella, Mayor, Town of Huntersville
Chuck Travis, Mayor, Town of Cornelius
Vi Lyles, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Charlotte
✓ James Trogdon, Secretary of Transportation, North Carolina
I-77 Feedback, NCDOT

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8/29/17

Mr. Trogdon
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Trogdon:

I make the painful drive to Uptown Charlotte from exit 25 in Huntersville at least 5 days a week. I simply cannot understand how we got to the point we are at with this terrible I-77 widening project. I could go on and on ... why would we agree to tolls in the first place? Why pick a company that makes a business practice of filing bankruptcy when principle is due? Why sign a tolling contract that clearly limits competitive development to widen in the future? Why pretend this awful toll expansion will improve the Lake Norman area when it clearly contributes to the traffic problem and chokes our region's economic development?

I'm just baffled at the stupidity of this contract, but now is the time to make it right for the people of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County and all of North Carolina - because even if these people don't all drive I-77 weekly like I do, this will impact them, yet they may not even realize it. Please fix this terrible decision. I ask that you **complete the expansion project as it is too far along, but delete the tolls** and allow all drivers to travel I-77 without tolls.

Thank you,

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Huntersville & Cornelius resident of 23+ years