

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Notice of Intent to Advertise
I-5718, I-77 South Express Lanes in Mecklenburg County
Public Private Partnership Project
August 4, 2025

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) intends to seek the services of a Developer for a Public Private Partnership (P3) for the development and implementation of I-77 South Express Lanes in Mecklenburg County (the “Project”).

This notice provides information regarding the anticipated scope of work for the Project and NCDOT’s anticipated plan for procurement of the Project. The publication of this notice does not constitute the start of any procurement process for the Project by NCDOT. No procurement process for the Project will commence unless and until NCDOT issues a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Project.

Project Description:

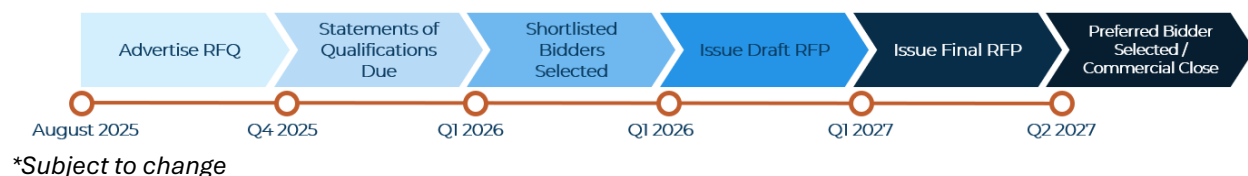
The Project is located in the Charlotte Metropolitan area and consists of widening eleven miles of I-77 in Mecklenburg County. The Project includes the addition of two express lanes in each direction (with shoulders) from the South Carolina State Line to I-277 (Belk Freeway)/NC 16 (Brookshire Freeway). There are thirteen interchanges, four grade separations (including one greenway crossing), and four railroad bridges on I-77 within the project limits.

Per state law, toll projects in North Carolina must be requested and approved by the local planning organization. This project was submitted to state prioritization by Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) in 2014. Additionally, the proposed I-77 South Express Lanes Project was included in the CRTPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and in NCDOT’s 2026-2035 STIP.

Procurement Overview:

NCDOT’s anticipated schedule for the release of the RFQ is set forth below and is subject to change as deemed necessary by NCDOT.

Procurement Event	Date
Release of RFQ	August 15, 2025
Industry Pre-Bid Event	September 2, 2025



Upon release, details regarding the RFQ will be posted on the Department's [Consultant Advertisements](#) website. NCDOT will evaluate statements of qualifications submitted in response to the RFQ and in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ.

Industry Forum:

NCDOT invites all parties interested in responding to the RFQ to attend an industry forum on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Raleigh Convention Center at 500 S Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, beginning at 1:00 PM (EDT) in room 302 A/B. Attendance is not mandatory. All interested parties must register for the event, either upon entry to the event at the time and location noted above, or through pre-registration: [I-77 South Industry Forum Registration](#). The event will provide information to potential developers and contractors about the project.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs):

NCDOT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of USDOT, 49 CFR Part 26. It is the policy of NCDOT that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, and other small businesses, be able to compete fairly in contracts financed in whole or in part with public funds.

Consistent with this policy, NCDOT does not allow any person or business to be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any federal-aid contract because of sex, race, religion, or national origin.

In this regard, Respondents are to take all necessary and reasonable steps (in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26) to ensure that DBEs have ample opportunities to compete for, and participate in, work associated with the Comprehensive Agreement.

Any assigned DBE goal will be provided in the RFP.

For information on DBE certification, please contact DBEOpportunity@ncdot.gov or call (984) 236-1245. Details regarding DBE certification can be found at the following NCDOT website: [NCDOT Online Certification Application Portal](#).

Procurement Points of Contact:

For specific questions regarding this project, please contact:

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More information about the project may be found here:

[NCDOT: I-77 South Express Lanes](#)