

Everyone wants I-77 widened, but at what cost?

The NCDOT solution is privately controlled toll lanes from Mooresville to uptown Charlotte.

- Constructing toll lanes will cost \$655 million, including \$88 million paid by NCDOT, while untolled lanes in Lake Norman where the congestion exists would only cost around \$100 million.
- NCDOT's own study predicted tolls could cost commuters \$10 or more each way, and a foreign company will control the toll prices for the next 50 years.
- To keep toll lanes moving as congestion increases, toll prices will continue to go up to discourage too many drivers from using it. There is no limit to how high they can go.
- I-77 will get no additional free lanes for <u>50 years</u>. Their own study shows that congestion in the free lanes will get increasingly worse, doubling our commute time by the year 2035.
- I-77 South is next for tolling. This non-solution to addressing congestion will adversely affect the economy of our region.
- Tolling promotes a class system. Those who can afford it and those who can't.

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