



Rest area Expansion for Safe Transportation

Rest area Expansion for Safe Transportation (REST) will reconstruct and modernize the I-77 North Welcome Center in Surry County, NC to expand freight truck parking by 300% and add 8 bus and RV parking spaces while creating a more context-sensitive site design that improves accessibility and wayfinding. REST will also implement technology solutions to monitor and communicate truck parking availability as well as weather and traffic hazards. These improvements will enhance the experience of freight truck drivers, families and the traveling public and significantly improve safety outcomes along one of NC's most heavily traveled interstate corridors.

Application + Supplemental Materials:

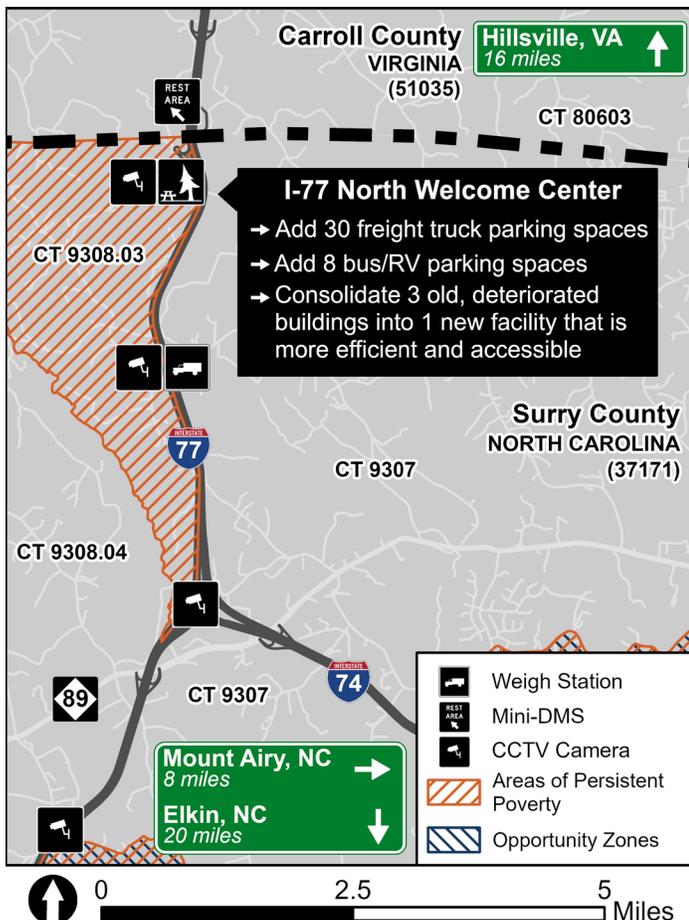
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/BUILD2026-I77Surry/Pages/default.aspx>

Project Budget



Project Schedule

Anticipated Completion Date:
Quarter 1 2031



Project Benefits



Safety

Expands freight truck parking to reduce the risk of crashes from driver fatigue, parking on shoulders and exit ramps, and vehicle miles traveled while improving NCDOT's ability to monitor the I-77 corridor for crashes and dangerous weather conditions.



Environmental Sustainability

Invests in resilient solutions by constructing stormwater control measures to protect regional water quality and installing standby power generators to protect public safety and continuity of operations.



Quality of Life

Creates a modernized Welcome Center that improves user experience by consolidating functions into a more operationally efficient building; implementing a shorter and safer walk from bus, RV, and freight truck parking, and improves the travel experience for the disabled and traveling families with improved restroom facilities and stroller accommodations.



Mobility and Community Connectivity

Enhances mobility and accessibility by incorporating Universal Design elements, shortening walking distances between parking areas and reducing conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles to better serve families and disabled travelers.



Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity

Promotes economic growth and supports tourism by expanding access to safe truck parking and restoring one of NC's most heavily traveled welcome centers.



State of Good Repair

Restores a core infrastructure asset in a remote part of NC and reduces maintenance burdens by constructing a more efficient building, expanding heavy-duty vehicle parking, and reconstructing shoulders to support future emergency parking.



Partnership and Collaboration

Partners with the NC Department of Commerce and stakeholder groups to engage local residents, regional travelers, and freight truck drivers with both in-person and virtual opportunities.



Innovation

Implements a Truck Parking Information Management System and expands NC's network of traffic cameras to monitor real-time conditions and support more efficient freight operations.

Streamlines project delivery through the use of a Programmatic Agreement and business practices that promote timely decision-making and accountability.