

# NCDOT Maintenance Notice - I-85 at Rowan/Davidson County Line

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N.C. Department of Transportation

Lanes on three Interstate 85 bridges in Davidson County will be closed today and tomorrow so the bridges can be inspected, the N.C. Department of Transportation said.

And the state agency will close a 6-mile section of northbound Interstate 85 near the Yadkin River between midnight and 6 a.m. Wednesday to demolish the N.C. 150 bridge over the interstate. Traffic will be detoured through Spencer during that time.

For the inspections:

\* Today, crews will close the right lane of the I-85 South bridge over U.S. 29/70 and N.C. 150, as well as the right lane of the I-85 South bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. Both closures will start at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

\* On Wednesday, DOT will close the right lane of the I-85 North bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks from 9 a.m. until noon, weather permitting.

The Department of Transportation encourages drivers in the area to slow down, stay alert and allow extra time to reach their destinations.

During the bridge demolition:

The I-85 northbound closure will extend from Old Union Church Road (Exit 79) to Clark Road (Exit 85). It will start at midnight and end at 6 a.m., weather permitting.

During the closure, motorists traveling on I-85 North must take the following detour route:

- \* Take Exit 79 and turn left onto Old Union Church Road. Follow it into Spencer;
- \* Turn right onto U.S. 29/70 (Main Street) and take it across the Yadkin River;
- \* Turn left onto Old Salisbury Road;
- \* Turn right onto Clark Road and follow it back to I-85 North.

Law enforcement officers will be stationed along the detour to help traffic move safely through the area. While traveling in the work zone, motorists are advised to slow down, pay attention and follow the posted construction signs. The Transportation Department scheduled the closure for the overnight hours to minimize the impact to traffic.

The demolition work is part of the I-85 Corridor Improvement Project, the state's top mobility project. Crews will demolish the N.C. 150 bridge over I-85 North on Wednesday. In the coming days, they will tear down the N.C. 150 bridge over I-85 South. Contractor Flatiron-Lane will build a reconfigured, more efficient interchange. The first phase of the project, which includes this work, is scheduled to be complete by January 2013.

For more information on the I-85 Corridor Improvement Project, visit [www.i-85yadkinriver.com](http://www.i-85yadkinriver.com). To receive instant updates on traffic pattern changes, construction-related congestion and project milestones, follow DOT's I-85 Twitter feed, [www.twitter.com/NCDOT\\_I85](http://www.twitter.com/NCDOT_I85)

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