

# CLTs Upper Level Roadway Traffic Shift Begins Next Week

**March 27, 2019** – Charlotte Douglas International Airport is opening five new upper lanes of the Elevated Roadway and Terminal Curb Front beginning 4 a.m. Wednesday, April 3.

Vehicles will reroute from the current three lane upper roadway to the newly constructed five lane upper roadway, marking the completion of Phase II and signaling a major milestone for the project. Barricades will be in place and additional traffic officers on site to assist drivers. Lower level roadway traffic (Arrivals/Baggage Claim) will remain the same.

When completed in fall 2019, the Elevated Roadway and Terminal Curb Front will be unveiled in phases starting with the debut of eight new lanes on the lower level roadway by the end of the year. Visitors to CLT will notice a change in traffic patterns. Commercial vehicles (shuttles, buses, taxis, TNCs and limousines) will shift to the three inside lanes near the terminal and personal vehicles will occupy the five outside lanes near the Hourly Deck.

The last phase of the roadway will involve opening the three upper lanes near the terminal to commercial vehicles. Those lanes will stage equipment for the Terminal Lobby Expansion and will welcome drivers once that project is complete in four to five years.

Four temporary pedestrian walkways recently built will allow the public access to and from the new roadway and terminal without impeding vehicular traffic.

Once the upper level traffic shift is complete next week, crews will move quickly to Phase III, the final stage of the project, which includes demolishing the existing entrance and exit ramps to complete the west and east ends of the roadway.

Currently, the Elevated Roadway and Terminal Curb Front is 90 percent complete. The \$50 million project is part of [Destination CLT](#), a \$2.5-\$3.1 billion capital investment program to renovate the concourses and expand CLT's roadways, curb front, airfield and terminal.

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