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Progress Continues On I-73

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Work to make Interstate 73 a reality continues not only in South Carolina, but in other states as well, where progress has been seen so far in 2014.

On Feb. 24, 2014, the Virginia State Senate unanimously passed a resolution to approve funding for the creation of a two-year transportation subcommittee to study the construction of I-73. This committee will be made up of senators from the committees on transportation and local government, as well as citizens from the region. Legislative and business representatives from the states of North Carolina and South Carolina will also be invited to participate.

In North Carolina, work started on the construction of a new freeway and the upgrading of N.C. 68 to an I-73 corridor.

Over in West Virginia, work continues on a 3-mile section of the King Coal Highway, which is an I-73 corridor. The ultimate goal is to hook the section to the 12-mile portion from Red Jacket to Horsepen Mountain that was finished in 2010.

“The progress we have seen so far in 2014 in making I-73 a reality is very encouraging and we want that momentum to continue into 2015 and beyond,” said Brad Dean, president and CEO of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. “Obviously, there is still much that needs to be done, and we will continue to collaborate with these other states to ensure this pathway to progress does come to pass.”

The building of I-73 would bring 29,000 new jobs to the Myrtle Beach area. Additionally, interstate access will help attract new industries to the Grand Strand, grow tourism and provide an alternative evacuation route in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster.

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Since 1938, the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has stood as the unified voice of the Grand Strand's business community. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the MBACC its five-star accreditation, one of only several chambers in South Carolina to earn this distinction. The MBACC serves Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach, Little River, Atlantic Beach, Garden City Beach, Loris, Conway, Aynor, Murrells Inlet, Litchfield Beach and Pawleys Island. For more information, visit MyrtleBeachAreaChamber.com.