

Ceremony marks step forward for northern route of I-73

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SCDOT plans to hold a ceremony for the signing of the Record of Decision for the northern route of Interstate 73.

The ceremony will be October 22 at 2 p.m. in room 306 of the Silas Pearman Building in Columbia.

SCDOT Secretary of Transportation H.B. "Buck" Limehouse and U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary Tyler Duvall plan to update everyone on the project.

The ROD represents the final approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, completing the environmental review process, and permits SCDOT to begin expending currently available federal funding in the acquisition of right-of-way for the northern route.

The northern route ties to I-73/74 in the Rockingham/Hamlet, NC, region and runs south across the North Carolina/South Carolina state line through Marlboro and Dillon counties.

The ROD for the southern route was signed February 8. The southern route continues from I-95 and runs to State Route 22 (Conway Bypass).