

Document signing will allow purchase of land for I-73

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COLUMBIA — State and federal highway officials are gathering to sign papers clearing the way to buy land for the entire length of Interstate 73 in South Carolina.

Those papers are to be signed Wednesday in Columbia. Signing the record of decision for the northern route clears the way for buying land for the interstate between I-95 and the North Carolina state line.

Documents signed last winter allowed the purchase of right of way for the southern end of the new interstate between I-95 and the western end of the Conway Bypass.

Interstate 73 will one day link Myrtle Beach and Michigan. It will provide the first interstate connection to the beach, which is the heart of South Carolina's \$16 billion tourism industry.