

New interstate to Myrtle Beach?

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South Carolina is now clear to start buying land for a new interstate to the Grand Strand.

State and federal highway officials signed papers Wednesday in Columbia for the northern stretch of Interstate 73. The action 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.

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