

Northern section of I-73 gets key approval

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COLUMBIA, SC (AP) - A section of a planned \$2 billion expressway in South Carolina has gained key approval.

State and federal officials signed the final environmental impact statement for the northern leg of the proposed Interstate-73 on Wednesday. The southern leg of the highway has already gained final approval.

State Transportation Department spokesman Pete Poore says Wednesday's approval locks in the planned route for the northern section of I-73. Poore says officials expect to clear a final step in October.

The entire expressway will run about 90 miles in South Carolina and eventually link Myrtle Beach with Michigan.