

## **Breaking News: News conference set on I-73**

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The state Department of Transportation has called a news conference for Friday morning in Myrtle Beach to discuss what it calls an "important update" on Interstate 73.

DOT officials have told Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce officials that the Record of Decision, the final approval document for the southern leg of I-73, will be signed Friday.

The document must be signed by the Federal Highway Administration, and a district representative of the agency is scheduled to be at the news conference.

However, state and federal highway officials have refused for two days to answer both telephoned and emailed questions on whether the final document will be signed Friday.

The Record of Decision will allow the DOT to start work such as acquiring rights of way for the route.

The news conference will be at 11:30 a.m. at 3736 Renee Drive at the Pizza Hut parking lot. In the event of rain, the news conference will be held in the board room of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, 1200 North Oak St.