

I-73 resolution to be considered at meeting

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The Commonwealth Transportation Board is expected to consider a resolution on the alignment of Interstate 73 at its meeting today in Richmond.

The board's meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Central Auditorium in Richmond.

According to a VDOT release issued Wednesday, the CTB was scheduled to hear an update on the development of I-73 from Salem District Administrator Richard Caywood on Wednesday.

Today, the CTB will consider the resolution related to the interstate's proposed alignment, the release added.

In November, the Henry County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution asking the CTB and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to reopen consideration of the route. It also asked them to incorporate a proposed Patriot Centre connector road, which would connect the Patriot Centre industrial park to the U.S. 58/U.S. 220 Bypass, into I-73 and change the I-73 route to provide better access to the Martinsville Speedway and Martinsville Industrial Park.

Henry County Administrator Benny Summerlin said Wednesday VDOT then prepared a resolution based on the county's request "but more global" due to a lawsuit on the interstate project.

The VDOT resolution asks that the route be reconsidered "at the appropriate time," Summerlin said.