

I73 trip to push for funding

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Local business, tourism and political leaders will head to Washington, DC Tuesday to again push for Interstate 73 money. But this time around, all six states along the proposed I-73 corridor will be together.

It will be the first time in 20 years that the National Corridor Association will be represented. That means the Carolinas, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan will all push for more I-73 funding.

Local chamber officials are also laying the groundwork for the next transportation bill that comes up in 2009. Brad Dean, President of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "That's the reason we're going up so early, to get in front of these decision makers, members of Congress as well as staff who will write the bill and try to persuade them to make I-73 a funded priority in the next bill."

NewsChannel 15's Jim Heath is going to Washington, DC to cover the trip and will report live Tuesday on NewsChannel 15 at 6 and NewsChannel 15 at 7.

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