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I-73 proponents meet at dinner reception

About 25 proponents of the Interstate 73 corridor from Michigan to South Carolina met in person for the first time at a dinner reception in Myrtle Beach on Thursday night, said Brad Dean, Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce president.

Dean said the delegation, made up of representatives from Michigan, Ohio, N.C., S.C., Virginia and West Virginia, made its first steps at the dinner toward becoming a true association. Members plan to name an executive director and 18 board members today.

He said the last recorded meeting of the delegation was in 1988.

"For the very first time in many, many years, they sat down and met as a group," Dean said. "We were just excited with participation from all six states."

Ohio and Michigan had not shown interest in the project for years, but Dean said it has been renewed as they see other pieces of the road coming together.

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