

Land to be purchased for I-73

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The State Department of Transportation Commission has given the go-ahead to start buying land for I- 73.

The commission voted Wednesday night to use remaining funds available for the I-73 project for the production of right-of-way plans and purchasing right-of-way.

The funds stand right now at about \$80 million.

State Transportation Secretary Buck Limehouse praised the commission's decision, saying property values are increasing every day, so it's better to start buying the land now.

Interstate 73 will run from Myrtle Beach to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.