

State gets approval to buy key piece of land for I-73

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COLUMBIA, S.C. --State transportation officials have been given permission to buy a key piece of land for the southern leg of Interstate 73.

The Department of Transportation will pay the Little Pee Dee River Heritage Preserve \$750,000 for the 30 acres of land.

The property is needed to build a bridge over the Little Pee Dee River for the section of I-73 to run from Interstate 95 near Latta to state Highway 22 between Aynor and Conway.

The parcel of land is the last property needed to be bought before federal officials give their approval to build the highway.

Plans are for I-73 to one day connect Michigan to the South Carolina beach.