

VDOT: Construction on I-73 on hold, despite 2011 listing

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Construction on Interstate 73 won't begin in 2011, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation, despite a listing in VDOT's Six Year Plan.

A news release from JobLink, a group promoting the interstate and its economic benefits in Virginia and North Carolina, touted the 2011 date.

However, VDOT spokeswoman Heidi Coy said the 2011 designation was only included as an "estimate" in a preliminary plan. In the final version, it will be listed as "on hold indefinitely" pending the outcome of a lawsuit by opponents of the project.