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Virginia group fights S.C. I-73 project

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A Virginia group opposing Interstate 73 — which has been named S.C.'s top new highway project — has filed a lawsuit to block the road's construction, according to the Roanoke Times.

The lawsuit, filed by Virginians for Appropriate Roads, says Virginia's proposed \$4 billion portion of I-73 would cause "significant, irreversible adverse effects on natural scenic and ecological resources." The group also claims that "there's little likelihood the entire project will be built," making the proposed Roanoke to North Carolina segment less important than other road projects.

The suit was filed in federal court in Richmond.

South Carolina leaders in the Pee Dee and Myrtle Beach have worked hard to build support for the \$2.3 billion project. Environmentalists, local officials and residents have questioned where and how the proposed route will run.