It's Time to Work Together!

It's Time to Build I-73 in SC!

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Surfside Beach Town Council Meeting
Surfside Beach, SC

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# **Build I-73 in SC Now!**







Build I-73 in South Carolina Now!
People and Products
Must Move Safely and Efficiently!
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#### Good evening,

- My name is Donna Kaloz and I love Surfside.
- Even though I don't live here your decisions do affect me. LER'S
- I'm here today in support of the majority voice the voice not being heard for I-73.
- Biased, deceiving media, individuals with personal vendettas posing as tourism sites, and others, have been given a license for years to run amok in our area and state.
- They personally attack leaders and others who work hard for the people, and work against their very own homeland as they suppress facts.
- It's hurricane season and we do not have a safe, efficient evacuation route.
- A small percentage evacuated when Dorian came.
- Why? Because 501 just adds stress.
- 501 is not enough and delaying I-73 construction <u>is</u> an injustice to the people, and it <u>is</u> dangerous!
- Conway and businesses on 501 will <u>not</u> fall off the map when I-73 is built contrary to fake media.
- Not when 14 million visitors come our way.
- You can't convert 501 to an interstate, built to the highest safety standards, with continuous flow.
- The safety of people is paramount!
- Lives hang in the balance while lawsuits and bickering over money takes place.

- All municipalities benefit from Grand Strand tourism so every municipality should work together.
- It is time priorities are priorities.
- Common-sense spending is just that.
- Needs first Wishes last.
- The Coastal Conservation League won a prize in the I-73 mitigation.
- They <u>don't</u> tell you that.
- I-73 construction involves <u>324.1</u> acres of other waters including wetlands.
- The conservationists got <u>4,583</u> protected acres of waters including wetlands.
- They file lawsuits, waste time, and tax dollars.
- It's time they take their prize and go home.
- Their job is to distract and halt every road project.
- They tout the fantasy Grand Strand Expressway.
- There is nothing grand or express about just widening 38 and 501.
- Decades of thorough planning and research went into the I-73 project, public input time-and-time again, and it has overwhelming support.
- I-73 is part of a 6-state corridor going all the way to Canada.
- It does exist in our sister state of North Carolina contrary to fake media.
- We <u>must</u> move people and products quickly and efficiently.

- I-73 is also about job creation and new industry.
- The SC Dept. of Commerce made 88 announcements in the last year about large companies who started new operations and/or expanded operations in our state.
- Almost 9,000 jobs came to, or will be coming to our state,
   with almost 2 billion in investment dollars.
- Conway got exactly one project and our county got exactly one.
- This has been the pattern for years without I-73.
- Large companies locate near Interstates, Ports and Rails.
- Working people deserve full-time, year-round jobs with decent pay and benefits.
- They should not have to move away or work multiple jobs to provide for their families.
- All we have is tourism.
- Without I-73 working people <u>are</u> doomed.
- We also know interstates aren't cheap.
- Tourists will use I-73 the most, so their dollars should pay for it.
- I-73 can be tolled with fees waived during evacuations
- I'll leave the funding up to the experts.
- Whatever happens, I-73 must remain a priority.
- Any money already designated for it must be protected.
- The permit has been issued and it's time the construction begins.
- Thank you for your time and continued support!

# **Hurricanes Do Kill**





Only a Small Percentage Evacuated From The Coast During the Last Mandatory Evacuation

U.S. Route 501 Only Adds More Stress To An Already Stressful Situation.

# IT'S HURRICANE SEASON ONCE AGAIN and We Still Don't Have I-73!

### HURRICANES <u>WILL</u> COME AND HURRICANES <u>WILL</u> GO!

I-73 will be an Efficient Emergency Evacuation Route.

I-73 will relieve U.S. Route 501's congestion.

I-73 will be built to the Highest-Safety Standards, Free From Traffic Lights and Other Interruptions.

The Loss of One Life is One Too Many.

We <u>must</u> be able to move Grand Strand Residents and Visitors quickly and efficiently!

#### U.S. ROUTE 501 IS NOT AN INTERSTATE (I-73 IN SC) AND NEVER WILL BE!

Our most direct route to and from Myrtle Beach is currently 501. There is no way that just widening U.S. Routes 38 and 501 will ever compare to I-73! On a rainy weekday, December 20, 2017, my father and I drove the entire U.S. Route 501 route from Bypass 17 in Myrtle Beach, SC to Interstate 95, in Latta, SC. We returned using the exact same route.

#### We started at Bypass 17 in Myrtle Beach and drove the entire route to Interstate 95 which included:

24 Speed Limit Changes

103 Oncoming Roads

20 Roads with Traffic Lights

137 Business Driveways

109 Residential Driveways

#### We returned using the same route which included:

25 Speed Limit Changes

99 Oncoming Roads

16 Roads with Traffic Lights

137 Business Driveways, including two driveways for a school in Conway.

101 Residential Driveways

Not much has changed since then. The actual count of oncoming roadways which impede traffic flow is understated as driveways where produce stands, and farms were located, were not included. Conway will NOT fall off the map, contrary to what some think - not with the number of people coming to the Grand Strand, and those numbers are only going to climb! 501 is not enough! We must have both! 3

by the Coastal Conservation League and Southern Euriconmental Law Center

Conservationists Peddling Fantasy to create distractions. projects Remember Who They Are. That's Their Job!

Lifeboat Syndrome "I'm here, nobody else should come here and who cares about everyone else."

# Why Has I-73 Construction Been Delayed?

The Majority's Voice Still Isn't Being Heard!

So-Called News Media Work against The People! Biased Media suppress facts and work against The People!

> Fear Tax Increases

Squabbles Over \$

# **Compensatory Mitigation Summary**

For The I-73 Project in South Carolina.

#### **Environmental Statistics**

I-73 in S.C. (75.3 Miles)

"Gunter's Island"

Permanent Placement of Fill in

4,643 Linear Feet of Stream

324.1 Acres of Other Waters including Wetlands

6,134 Acres

89,836 Linear Feet of

**Tributaries** 

#### Impact to Wetlands:

- 254.28 Acres From Fill
- 48.67 Acres From Temporary Clearing
- 16.75 Acres From Permanent Clearing
- 4.4 Acres From Excavation

#### 4,583 Acres of Wetlands

and includes 11 Mile Corridor Along the Little Pee Dee

#### Looks to Me Like Everyone Wins!

Source: <a href="https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Portals/43/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/July16">https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Portals/43/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/July16</a> PN/SAC-2008-1333 REVISED SCDOT %201-73.pdf?ver=2016-07-08-094659-290

# New Industry = Jobs and

Oct 1, 2018 - Sept 30, 2019





8,922 Jobs 1,924,780,000
Almost 2 Billion in Investment \$

Source: www.sccommerce.com/news

County	Company	Jobs	Investment Dollars
Abbeville	Stoll Industries	30	\$ 1,100,000
Aiken	Green Energy Biofuel	40	\$ 4,300,000
Allendale	AKPA Kimya Organic Peroxides and Intiators	13	\$ 2,600,000
	EOC Naturals	76	\$ 3,300,000
		89	\$ 5,900,000
Anderson	Ortec	18	20,000,000
	Bosch		\$ 45,000,000
Bamberg		18	\$ 65,000,000
Barnwell			
Beaufort	Salt Marsh Brewing	43	\$ 4,500,000
	Burnt Church Distillery	27	\$ 7,700,000
	Blue Sky Processing LLC	16	\$ 2,500,000
		86	\$ 14,700,000
Berkeley	VTL Precision	10	\$ 8,200,000
	W International	600	\$ 35,200,000
		610	\$ 43,400,000
Calhoun			

County	Company	Jobs	<b>Investment Dollars</b>
Charleston	Smithey Ironware, Co.	22	\$ 2,000,000
	eGroup	35	\$ 6,300,000
	High Wire Distilling Co.	45	\$ 3,000,000
	Victor Hoppenstein's Brewlab	16	\$ 1,100,000
	LAB Medical Manufacturing, Inc.	30	\$ 5,000,000
	Charleston Distilling	29	\$ 4,200,000
	Charles River Labs	180	\$ 10,900,000
	DeepBD	30	\$ 1,600,000
	Bintelli LLC	20	\$ 2,900,000
	MAHLE Behr	115	\$ 36,000,000
		522	\$ 73,000,000
Cherokee			
Chester	Faddis Concrete Products	60	\$ 6,700,000
	Boise Cascade, Co.		\$ 17,500,000
	Carolina Poly, Inc.	75	\$ 25,000,000
		135	\$ 49,200,000
Chesterfield			
Clarendon	Bicycle Corporation of America	65	\$ 5,000,000
Colleton	Colonial Precast Concrete of Carolina, LLC	55	\$ 2,500,000
	Evanesce Packaging Solutions, Inc.	368	\$ 70,000,000
		423	\$ 72,500,000
Darlington	Southern Current (6 Projects)		\$ 141,000,000

County	Company	Jobs	Investment Dollars
Dillon	Perdue Farms	100	\$ 25,000,000
	Spectrum Quartz	150	\$ 22,500,000
		250	\$ 47,500,000
Dorchester	DC Machine	63	\$ 9,500,000
	Atlantic Packaging	10	\$ 4,500,000
	DHL Supply Chain	450	\$ 100,000,000
	Sundaram-Clayton Limited	100	\$ 40,000,000
		623	\$ 154,000,000
Edgefield	a2b Fulfillment (4th Facility in Edgefield)	21	
Fairfield	Healthcare US Co., Ltd.	250	\$ 45,000,000
Florence			
Georgetown			
Greenville	T&S Brass and Bronze Works, Inc.	22	\$ 10,300,000
	Accurate Brazing	8	\$ 13,000,000
	Alo	44	\$ 6,000,000
	Kimura, Inc.	25	\$ 4,000,000
	Getronics	500	\$ 1,630,000
	Lucideon M+P	28	\$ 7,500,000
	Multi-Pack	72	\$ 16,300,000
	valantic SCE (USA) Inc.	15	
	Fuyao North America Inc.	70	\$ 16,100,000
		784	\$ 74,830,000

County	Company	Jobs	<b>Investment Dollars</b>
Greenwood	Greenwood Fabricating and Plating	31	17,100,000
	Central Packaging and Crating, Inc.	37	\$ 6,000,000
	Ascend Performance Materials	30	\$ 35,200,000
	Caterpillar	85	\$ 13,500,000
		183	\$ 71,800,000
Hampton	Southern Current		\$ 14,000,000
	World Energy	30	\$ 5,400,000
	Nupi Americas Inc.		\$ 6,200,000
		30	\$ 25,600,000
Horry	CRP Industries Inc. (Conway, SC)	115	\$ 2,500,000
Jasper			
Kershaw	GE Appliances		\$ 60,000,000
Lancaster	Adornus Cabinetry, LLC	210	\$ 10,000,000
	ServiceMac	1000	\$ 24,000,000
	Nutramax Laboratories	225	\$ 20,000,000
		1435	\$ 54,000,000
Laurens	The Muffin Mam, Inc.	114	\$ 18,800,000
Lee	Agtruss, Inc.	25	\$ 2,800,000

County	Company	Jobs	Investment Dollars
Lexington	JUUL Labs, Inc.	500	\$ 125,000,000
	Domino's	75	
	Nucor Building Systems	60	\$ 7,000,000
		635	\$ 132,000,000
McCormick			
Marion	NARENCO		\$ 8,750,000
	SOPAKCO		\$ 12,500,000
	MobileFleet Inc.	64	
	Maxwood Furniture, Inc.	21	\$ 1,800,000
	Southern Current		\$ 16,000,000
		110	\$ 45,350,000
Marlboro			
Newberry	Big Gun Robotics LLC	16	\$ 3,600,000
Oconee	Horton Holding, Inc.	125	10.00
Orangeburg	The QM Group	37	\$ 9,500,000
	Gnotec Group	78	\$ 5,900,000
		115	\$ 15,400,000
Pickens	KP Components Inc.	47	\$ 16,000,000
	U.S. Waffle Company	114	
	IPSUM Technologies, LLC	55	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
		216	

County	Company	Jobs	Ir	nvestment Dollars
Richland	Eastover Solar		\$	80,000,000
	Miwon Specialty Chemical Co. USA	25	\$	19,500,000
	Owens Corning	16	\$	13,600,000
		41	\$	113,100,000
Saluda				
Spartanburg	Polydeck Screen Corporation	45	\$	8,700,000
	R&E Automated Systems	176	\$	12,000,000
	Keurig Green Mountain	500	\$	350,000,000
	Renewable Properties		\$	22,700,000
	KV Final	50	\$	2,500,000
	The DRAXLMAIER Group	460	\$	42,700,000
	Huvis Indorama Advanced Materials	50	\$	48,000,000
		1281	\$	486,600,000
Sumter				
Union				
Williamsburg				
York	Eclipse Automation	90	\$	4,600,000
	QEMS, Inc.	110	\$	7,600,000
	Linde Hydraulics Corporation	60	\$	13,400,000
	Wheel Pros, LLC	275		13,900,000
		535	\$	39,500,000

Number or Amount Was Not in The Project Announcement – Totals are most-likely understated.

# SC Department of Commerce October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

**124 Project Announcements** 

Dillon – 4 (The Port Must Be Working)
Horry 2 (1 in Conway and 1 in Loris)
Marion 1
Marlboro 0

#### **May and June 2016 Created from the SCDOC Projected Announcments**



# Population Growth Since 2010

- "Horry County, the 4th most populated county in South Carolina, has experienced the most rapid growth since the census at 23.23% to a population of 333,268. Two other counties topped 20% growth: Berkeley County (21.77%) and Lancaster County (20.24%). Only five other counties experienced growth above 12%: York County (17.44%), Beaufort County (14.74%), Charleston County (14.36%), Jasper County (14.15%), and Dorchester County (13.81%)."
- http://worldpopulationreview.com/us-counties/sc/
- It is only going to go up because the Grand Strand is just that... Grand!

# The Interstate Highway System The Greatest Public Works Project in History

"The Interstate System has been called the Greatest Public Works Project in History. From the day President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, the Interstate System has been a part of our culture as construction projects, as transportation in our daily lives, and as an integral part of the American way of life. Every citizen has been touched by it, if not directly as motorists, then indirectly because every item we buy has been on the Interstate System at some point."

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstate/history.cfm

The Bottom Line: Widening U.S. Route 501 can't compare to I-73!

# I-73 Isn't Just About Us!

Interstate 73 (I-73) is an Interstate Highway, located already in North Carolina. They are working on their roads and waiting for us to get our part built here in South Carolina. I just drove on it! It's a REAL project, unlike the not-so-grand or express Grand Strand Expressway (GSX) the Conservationists are peddling to the public. (Remember – they do not want <u>any</u> roads built, and their job is to halt and distract any and all road projects.)

People and products <u>must</u> move safely, quickly and efficiently on roadway built to the highest safety standards. US Route 501 will never do what I-73 will do.

I-73 is part of a 6-state corridor which, when complete, will run from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, through North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

# My Thoughts On Funding I-73

- Any money already designated to I-73 at every level must be protected!
- Every municipality benefits from Grand Strand Tourism so every municipality should work as a team.
- Tourists and business will use I-73 the most. Tourism dollars should pay for it.
- Another option is tolling, with tolls being waived during evacuations and during designated reentry days.
- Private Funding may be another option.
- I'm not a funding expert, but what I do know is every day I-73 is delayed, safety and quality of life hangs in the balance, while lawsuits and squabbling over money takes place. It is time priorities are priorities when it to spending on every level, not only locally, but nationally.
- It's time you work together and it's time I-73 is built -- and fast! For The People!

# The Permit Was Issued! It's Time to Build I-73!

"After 26 years, two environmental impact statements, several re-evaluations, thousands of public comments and countless hours of analysis and deliberation,

The South Carolina portion of Interstate 73 can now be constructed."

Published Aug. 16, 2017 by Sean McBride U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/DesktopModules/ArticleCS/Print.aspx?PortalId=43&ModuleId=15425&Article=1280504