

I-73 Route Prospects Said Good After Federal Hearing

BY SUSAN USHER

Area backers of a proposed Interstate 73 are optimistic about chances of the route becoming reality following a March 15 Congressional hearing in Washington, D.C.

North Carolina is one of six states involved in the Detroit-to-Charleston corridor. Others are West Virginia, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio and South Carolina. All six made five-minute presentations last week to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation. The committee is expected to recommend a routing plan and to create a priority list for interstate funding.

"A decision could come as early as May determining a route," said Richard Wright, a Tabor City attorney and former chairman of the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce. "We have a feeling some route will be at least memorialized in a resolution."

Wright said backers are "optimistic" about the proposed route, especially through North Carolina. Last year he and other Tabor City business leaders helped initiate a change of route through North Carolina that, with the enthusiastic support of state Board of Transportation member Odell Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach, won that board's unanimous backing.

"North Carolina is united and South Carolina is not," said Wright. "I think that bodes well for North Carolina's plan."

North Carolina originally intended for I-73 to run into the central section of South Carolina from U.S. 220 at Rockingham. Now the route turns east at Rockingham along U.S. 74 by Whiteville and into Brunswick County, connecting with U.S. 17 in the Grissetown-Calabash

sector and then emptying into the Myrtle Beach, S.C. area. It would be the first interstate to serve the Grand Strand. The North Carolina plan also offers an I-95 connector for south-bound travelers coming from the North.

Ninety-five percent of the proposed North Carolina route is already scheduled for upgrading with federal highway funds, including U.S. 74. The segment from Whiteville to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County is the only stretch of that has not been settled, Williamson said.

South Carolina has three I-73 routing factions. One group supports the original plan that would run I-73 through Florence. Another group wants the interstate run through Bennettsville then on to Myrtle Beach, while a third likes the North Carolina plan.

This past week Williamson said the Tar Heel plan gained the upfront support of a coalition of about 20 South Carolina legislators representing the Grand Strand area. Their resolution in support of the route was entered into the Congressional record last Tuesday.

According to Wright, the 20 realize North Carolina's plan is the only way to bring interstate service to the Grand Strand area within the near future.

Virginia's plan for connecting I-73 with North Carolina doesn't match the Tar Heel plan, but Wright said he thinks that will not be a problem. Virginia had proposed I-73 entering North Carolina on U.S. 220 near Greensboro, though a previous federal route resolution called for a corridor serving Winston-Salem.

Should I-73 follow Interstate 77 into North Carolina, it would pick up U.S. 220 south of Greensboro, he said.

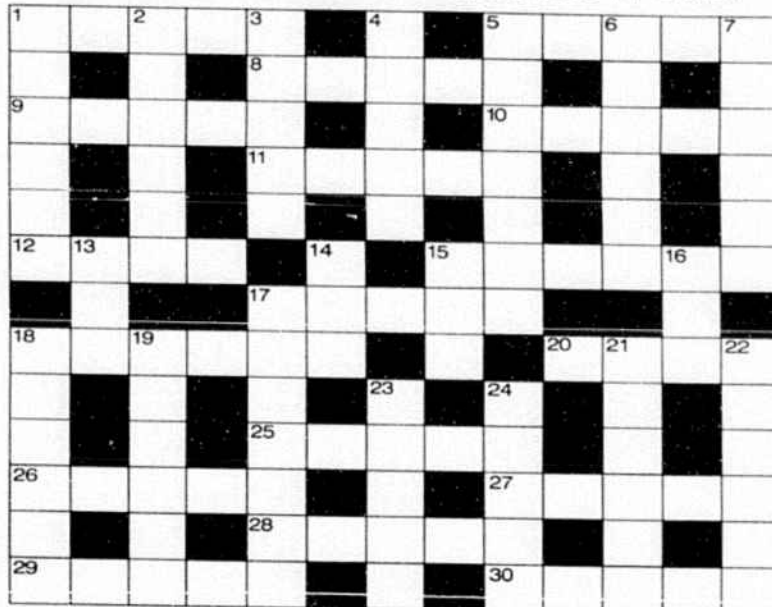


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Friends Of Friends

NationsBank's Cheryl Woodard (right) presents a \$500 check to Emily Laughlin of the Friends of West Brunswick Library. The Friends' efforts will result in establishment of a temporary library site at Resort Plaza while the Shallotte facility is being renovated and expanded beginning later this month.

BEACON WEEKLY CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Fundamental
5. Humorist
8. Haul
9. Stage play
10. Extemporize freely
11. Opponent
12. Nincompoop
15. Hug
17. Infection
18. Supplicated
20. Yell
25. Acquire
26. Iron
27. Presses
28. Animal waste
29. Mature
30. Not now

CLUES DOWN

1. Spending plan
2. Fried prawns
3. Allure
4. Slice
5. Envious
6. Slaughtered
7. Discount 1
13. Armed conflict
14. Offer
15. Hint
16. Depressed
17. Deer meat
18. Mollycoddle
19. Dormant
21. Skillful
22. Fewer
23. Deride
24. Broil

(Answers are on Page 7-C)

Concert Band To Perform For 'Day At The Docks' Fest

The Brunswick County Concert Band will play at the Holden Beach Marina from 11 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 26, as part of the town's annual "Day at the Docks" celebration.

Selections will include light classical, pop music and show tunes.

The band is a nonprofit organization which originated with six to 10 members in the mid-1980s, expanding to 30, said spokesman Donna Massingale.

Under the direction of Paul Pittenger, the band rehearses on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Southport's Trinity Methodist Church. Membership is open to anyone who can read music and play wind, string or per-

ussion instruments. Members range from 12 to 80 years old and include students, workers and retired persons, among others. Each year the band gives two concerts, at Christmas and in the spring. Its next performance will be its annual Spring Concert Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at the Centennial Center in Southport.

In April, a small ensemble from the group will be the pit orchestra for the musical "Kismet," being performed by the Brunswick Little Theatre in the Odell Williamson Auditorium.

New members are welcome, Massingale said. For more information about joining, call her at 253-4441 or 842-3233.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTIONS OF ANNEXATION

The public will take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Sunset Beach will hold a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the 4th day of April, 1994, on the question of annexation of the territory described below, pursuant to Part 2, Article 4A, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, at which time the plans for extending municipal services to said territory will be explained and all persons resident or owning property in said territory and all residents of the Town of Sunset Beach, will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The full report of plans for extending services to said territory will be available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

The area to be considered for annexation is described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the existing southern city limit line of Sunset Beach intersects the western right-of-way of S.R. 1162 and run thence in an easterly direction crossing the right-of-way of S. R. 1162 and along the northern line of Lot 89 to the northeastern corner of Lot 89 in the Seaside Heights Trailer Section as recorded in Map Book 13 at page 31 of the Brunswick County Registry; run thence with the eastern line of Lot 89, south 13 degrees 8 minutes east 75 feet to the northern line of Lot 88, this being the southeast corner of Lot 89; run thence with the northern line of Lot 88 in an easterly direction 100 feet to the western line of Lot 81; run thence north thirteen degrees 8 minutes west along the western lines of Lots 81, 80, 79, 78, 77, and 76, and across N. C. 179/904 to the northern right-of-way line thereof; run thence with said right-of-way line north 70 degrees 1 minute east to the southeastern corner of Lot 39 in Seaside Heights according to a map thereof recorded in Map Book 12 at Page 48 of the Brunswick County registry; run thence along the eastern lines of Lot 39 and 41 northward to the northeastern corner of Lot 41; run thence from the northeastern corner of Lot 41 diagonally across Brooks Drive to the southeastern corner of Lot 119 and the southwestern corner of Lot 118; run thence along the eastern lines of Lot 119 and 124 to the northeastern corner of Lot 124 located on Dale Drive; thence continue the same course to the northern line of Dale Drive; run thence with the northern line of Dale Drive south seventy-six degrees 1 minute west to the western right-of-way line of N. C. 904, run thence with the western line of N. C. 904; thence in a southerly direction crossing N. C. 179 and continuing along the western right-of-way of S. R. 1162 to the point and place of beginning

Linda Fluegel, Administrator

Pig Picking To Raise Cash For School Library Books

A pig-picking Friday, March 25, at the Supply Volunteer Fire Department will raise money to buy books for the Supply Elementary School Media Center.

Plates of home-cooked barbecue with fixings will be sold from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$4 each at the station on N.C. 211 just south of U.S. 17.

Delivery will be available for orders of 15 plates or more by calling the station Saturday at 754-8259.

The fundraising event is being

sponsored by the Supply Elementary School PTA with the support of the Supply, Tri-Beach, Civietown and Sunset Harbor-Zion Hill volunteer fire departments.

Supply school's media center needs more books if it is to meet Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation standards, said Pat Hewett, PTA vice president and event chairman. Any extra money raised will go toward purchase of classroom books and materials.



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NOTICE OF BIDS

The Town of Calabash solicits bids to construct an addition to the present Town Hall. Copies of drawing and specifications are available at the Town Hall. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 1994.

George Anderson, Mayor
Town of Calabash

PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIMARY ELECTION—MAY 3, 1994

Pursuant to GS 163-33(8), notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in Brunswick County May 3, 1994. The registration books are open each day for registration of new voters, affiliation changes, precinct transfers, or other transactions through April 11, 1994, at which time they will close for the purposes of the May 3, 1994 Primary Election.

Eligible persons may register at the Board of Elections Office, County Complex each weekday (Monday-Friday) from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's License Examiner, County Libraries, or with a local precinct official.

The Board of Elections will begin accepting absentee ballot applications March 24, 1994. The deadline for issuance of absentee ballot applications pursuant to GS 163-227 is April 26, 1994, at five (5) o'clock p.m. One-stop absentee voting will continue through April 29, 1994 at five (5) o'clock p.m.

The Board of Elections will meet the following days at 10:00 a.m. to consider absentee ballot applications: March 29, April 4, 8, 15, 19, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and May 2.

The polls will open on election day at 6:30 a.m. and remain open through 7:30 p.m. Listed are the polling places and local precinct officials.

PRECINCT	REGISTRAR	JUDGES OF ELECTION
HOOD CREEK	Ernestine Bryant	Lucille Perkins
Hood Creek Comm Bldg		Glenda Walker
LELAND	Helen Best	Helen Mapson
Leland Comm Bldg		Mickey Bullock
WOODBURN	Minnie Brown	Deborah Thomas
Leland Town Hall		Lynn Hall
BELVILLE	Lynn Atkinson	Pearl Brummel
DOT Maintenance Bldg		Marie Jones
TOWNCREEK	Betty Johnson	Donna Shaw
Town Creek Park		Teresa Mercer
BOLIVIA	Nell Holden	Mamie Hankins
Bolivia Town Hall		Elizabeth Willetts
BOILING SPRING LAKES	Anna N. Smith	Hazel Hart
BSL Rescue Squad		Donna H. Williamson
SOUTHPORT 1	Joyce Splawn	Mary White
Jaycee Building		Glenda Caylor
SOUTHPORT 2	Irene Hankins	George F. Davis
American Legion Bldg		Ellen Dorsett
OAK ISLAND 1	Ann Hines	Carlton Stigh
Caswell Beach Town Hall		Martha Wiggs
OAK ISLAND 2	Glenda Dennis	Allen Brown
Long Bch Rec. Bldg		Helen Buchman
MOSQUITO	Virginia Gilbert	Kathleen Mullins
Sunset Harbor Fire Dept.		Henry Alexander
SUPPLY	Maxine Bellamy	Janet Brown
Supply Fire Dept		Annie V. Sellers
SECESSION 1	Joseph L. Herring	Marlene Varnam
Lockwood Folly Comm Bldg.		Roberta Mumford
SECESSION 2	Jimmy Johnson	Eloise Gibson
Bellamy's Nat Shop		Sheila Ward
SHALLOTTE	Teresa D. Hewett	Marilyn Reeves
Shallotte Fire Dept		Randy Sullivan
FRYING PAN	Patricia Cobb	Dorothy Suggs
National Guard Armory		Celia R. Winters
GRISSETTOWN	Louise Gause	Felicia Stanley
Sea Trails Bldg		Faye Todd
SHINGLETREE	Myrtle Trest	Margie Crocker
Calabash Fire Dept		Elizabeth Christy
LONGWOOD	Lora Ann Daniels	Peggy Daniels
Roland Gore Store		Winnie Norris
ASH	Jacqueline Smith	Carolyn Ward
Waccamaw Comm Bldg.		Betty Warren
FREELAND	Waddell Evans	Cynthia King
Myrtle King Bldg		Wilma King

This the 16th day of March, 1994.

Brunswick County Board of Elections
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