



INTERSTATE 73 CORRIDOR & HENRY COUNTY ALTERNATIVE

Location Decisions Review

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CTB Location Decision Policy

- In September 2022, CTB adopted a policy to review all location decisions three years after approval
- The I-73 Corridor and Henry County Alternative (HCA) Location Decisions meet the criteria to be reviewed under this policy
 - I-73 Corridor decision, dated May 17, 2001
 - HCA decision, dated June 15, 2011

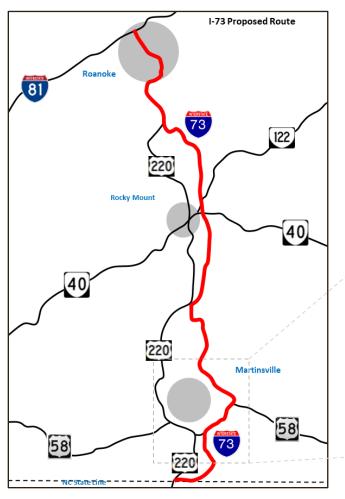


I-73 Background

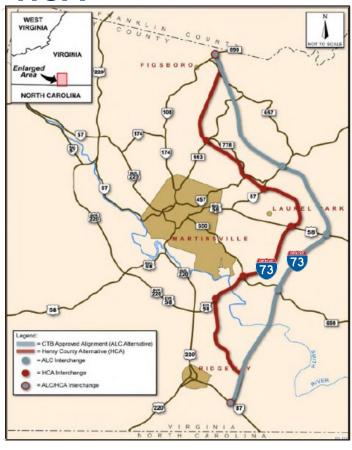
- May 2001: CTB identifies location for I-73
- March 2007: FHWA issues Record of Decision (ROD) for the I-73 project
- June 2008: Henry County requests and CTB directs VDOT to evaluate an alternate alignment for that portion of the project within Henry County (HCA)
- December 2009: CTB directs VDOT to complete NEPA for HCA
- June 2011: CTB amends location approval to adopt HCA
- December 2012: FHWA issues Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the HCA

I-73 and HCA Locations

I-73 Corridor



HCA



Purpose and Need

- Improve the safe movement of goods and people in the U.S. Route 220 corridor;
- Provide for the economic growth, economic vitality, and maintenance of existing economic competitiveness in the study area;
- Improve operations, access, and capacity for vehicular and freight movement in the study area and to other locations between Michigan and South Carolina;
- Enhance general mobility and transportation linkage in the study area and through the broader Michigan to South Carolina travel shed; and,
- Address Congressional intent for the high priority corridor.



Estimated Impacts

Comparison of Impacts for I-73 Corridor and HCA Portion

Resource	I-73 Corridor	Henry County portion within I-73 Corridor	Henry County Alternative (HCA)
Length (miles)	71.7	19.6	21.3
Residential Relocations	249	106	169
Stream (miles)	11.8	4.3	4.4
Forested Impacts (acres)	3,370	91	120



Actions Taken Since CTB Location Decisions

No funding has been identified to advance since CTB decisions

- I-73 federal earmarks were repurposed in 2016
 - Access management projects along the corridor
 - Route 220 Arterial Management Plan (complete)
 - Martinsville Southern Connector Study



VDOT Recommendation

- Rescind the May 2001 decision for the I-73 Corridor and the June 2011 decision for HCA
 - Re-evaluation of Final EIS or a new EIS followed by an FHWA Record of Decision
 - Funding to demonstrate fiscal constraint

