



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY due to the steel bridge beams being hit and damaged on I-65 South bound over US 231 in White County, and the imminent risk of potential damage to the traveling public if the bridge beams are not fixed immediately.

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 8-23-11-1 provides that the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation shall declare a roadway disaster emergency involving widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of disaster is imminent.

WHEREAS, beginning on March 14th, 2023, INDOT staff inspected the bridge (SB I65-193-05422 CSB) and found several bridged beams damaged due to a bridge hit on the I-65 over US 231 in White County, Indiana (hereinafter, the "Event").

WHEREAS, the Event presents an imminent risk of significant damage to the traveling public on I-65 and US 231.

WHEREAS, if conditions are not immediately remedied, the imminent potential damage that may be caused by the Event could require additional restriction or closure of the Highway to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Smith, by virtue of my authority as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation, do hereby declare that an emergency exists due to the Event described above in White County, Indiana. This declaration of emergency shall be effective immediately and shall continue until the Highways are repaired and reopened to the traveling public.

FURTHER, I HEREBY ORDER the Department of Transportation to proceed with due diligence in accordance with Indiana Code 8-23-11-1 and all other applicable laws to ensure that the I-65 and US 231 to reopen as soon as possible to traffic and safe for use by the traveling public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 14th day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Smith
Commissioner

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