



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** due to the concrete pavement dropping and failing on I-65 South bound at mile marker 85.7 south of Sugar Creek in Johnson County, and the imminent risk of potential damage to the traveling public if the pavement is 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 30th, 2023, INDOT staff inspected the pavement in this area and found the pavement issue that is causing traffic issues and hard breaking on the I-65 at mile marker 85.7 in Johnson County, Indiana (hereinafter, the "Event").

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

**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 Johnson 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 to reopen as soon as possible to traffic and safe for use by the traveling public.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 30th 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  
Indiana Department of Transportation