



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY due to bridge damage being hit by an equipment in Hamilton County at Spring Mill Road over I-465 WB (I465-131-07719). The bridge is being monitored and the roadway clear width has been reduced. Additional damage could occur to the state highway system if the bridge 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 July 18th, 2024, INDOT staff inspected the bridge that carries Spring Mill Road over I-465 (I-465-131-07719) that was hit by a truck carrying large equipment that damaged the bridge beams (hereinafter, the "Event").

WHEREAS, the Event presents an imminent risk of significant damage to the traveling public on I-465.

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 Hamilton 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 Spring Mill Road to reopen as soon as possible to traffic and safe for use by the traveling public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of July 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Smith".

Michael Smith
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation